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From The Executive Secretary's Desk

Raleigh - (Editor's Note: This article concerning State Missions is the seventh (7) in a continuing series. Articles in this series emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the lack Baptists and friends of Baptists of our state and every where become familiar with the work of our State Convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders and pastors are asked to secure financial support for "That Objective" during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, reached about, prayed about, and as much support as possible should be given through the UNIFIED PROGRAM.

The schedule of MONTHLY STATE-WIDE EMPHASIS is: January and July - STATE MISSIONS; February and August - CENTRAL ORPHANAGE; March and September - SHAW UNIVERSITY; April and October - FOREIGN MISSIONS; May and November - THE J. J. OHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY; June and December - THE SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL. DON'T FORGET THAT FEBRUARY IS THE CENTRAL ORPHANAGE EMPHASIS.

The Unified Dollar For The Unified Program

There is a need for the General Baptist State Convention to commit itself to the Unified Program. The motto of our convention is: "The multitude which does not reduce itself to unity is confusion." The General Baptist State Convention, which is a strong statewide fellowship of Christian brothers and sisters, exists for the purpose of giving financial support to Shaw University and the Divinity School, State Missions, Foreign Missions and the Central Orphanage. The Unified Program, which is the adopted

Another Year, Another Chance

The new year is now in its reality, 1979 has made its debut. It belongs to each of us, and whether it is a good year or bad year depends on how we use it. The following selections offer insights and suggestions that can be helpful in molding the proper attitudes:

A NEW YEAR WISH

May you have enough happiness to keep you sweet;

Enough trials to keep you strong;

Enough sorrow to keep you human;

Enough hope to make your heart sing;

Enough of labor to keep you from rust;

Enough leisure to make you broad;

Enough religion to make you value the best;

Enough of the love of Christ in your soul to make you glad to serve.

THE NEW LIFE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Life is a Journey.

I will live it trustingly.

"Though I walk through the valley

of the shadow...I will fear no

evil, Thou art with me."

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DR. C.C. CRAIG

program of the Convention, is a plan designed to unify, to make one, to bring together the undesignated financial support of the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention on a percentage basis.

Each dollar contributed to the Convention through the Unified Program is divided in this manner: 44 percent is used for Shaw University and 10 percent of the 44 percent is used for the Divinity School; 30 percent is used for State Missions; 20 percent is used for Foreign Missions and 6 percent is used for the Central Orphanage. We can strengthen our united efforts by giving the "Unified dollar for

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DR. JOHN R. MANLEY

A New Thrust For A New Year

By J.R. Manley

For 111 years, we have been privileged to be in fellowship with kindred minds organized into what we know as the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. The emotional support, the inspiration and the guidance supplied by this fellowship has been superb and helpful beyond words. We have rightly been concerned with higher education (Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School), Foreign Mission (Lott Carey), care for orphans (Central Orphanage at Oxford, N.C.), State Missions (Institutes, workshops,

From The President's Desk

programs of renewal of our Churches).

But as I look at 1979 at a time when as Paul Tillich said, "the very foundations are being shaken," a time that tries the soul's of men, the institutions that traffic in the affairs of the soul must not only survive, they must thrive by serving well a dynamic present in order to build a future with hope.

As I see it, such hope must be translated into a program that will add strength to strength for our local Churches, the foundation of all we do as a convention. This, to me, means a crash Christian Educational Program in each local Church that will be motivated, argued, and supported by our convention with both material and manpower. It also means building a sound basis for our school of higher education, namely Shaw University and The Shaw Divinity School.

Fortunately we have begun a real program of Christian Education with such material available as: "The Church Study Course 1979". (See article this issue of the Baptist Informer) sponsored by The Christian Education Department of G.B.S.C. We have begun but we must continue at a much more rapid rate.

The time has also come for Shaw University to recapture both her heritage and her glory and move from creativity to creativity rather than from crisis to crisis. This, to me, means establishing an endowment for Shaw University. The committee on higher education has been charged with the responsibility of recommending the details of such a program to be reported at our next executive meeting January 8, 1979 at 8:00 p.m.

But it is clear that an endowment is a must for Shaw University. These are very minimal goals and yet if we are to obtain our budget and realize these goals, it means that we must be full time Christians in work, prayer and work. Let us make the year 1979 a Christmas year.



YOUR "UNIFIED PROGRAM—MISSION DOLLAR" AT WORK. In the photo above, The Baptist Informer is shown coming off the press at an unbelievable speed - thousands of copies are printed in a matter of minutes. The printing is done by The News Reporter Company, Whiteville. Left to right, Robert Singletary, Ronnie Smith and Ulysses Williams are regular press men. The Unified dollar supplements the work of the Baptist Informer - subscription rates do not bring in enough revenue to pay the cost of production.

Martin Luther King Banquet

On January 12, 1979, all roads, from the four corners of our state, will lead to the Civic Center, 500 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, to a banquet honoring the late Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. at 7:00 p.m. Tables will be reserved for eight persons per table for one hundred dollars. Individual tickets can be secured for a donation of twelve dollars and fifty cents.

The theme for this event is: "The Spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Freedom's Road." Banquet Speakers will address themselves to the following aspects of the theme: "The Spirit of Martin L. King, Jr. in Community Projects." "The Spirit of Martin L. King, Jr. in Municipal Matters." "The Spirit of Martin L. King, Jr. in Housing Projects." "The Spirit of Martin L. King, Jr. in Political Affairs."

The Convention is counting on the Moderators, Pastors and Churches to help make this banquet a memorial to Dr. M.L. King, Jr. a memorable occasion. Since this banquet will be held on Friday night, January 12, 1979

prior to the One Day Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, I have reserved one hundred rooms at the Holiday Inn, Downtown Raleigh for persons who desire overnight lodging. The rates are:

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Double - \$23.00
Twins - \$25.00

Please confirm your reservation for lodging on January 12, 1979 or before January 5, 1979.

Thank you in advance for the cooperation that I know you will give.

Rich Live Simply So Poor May Simply Live

By Norman Jameson
RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) — The drastic division between rich and poor has perched the world's population on the brink of catastrophe, claimed an advocate of simpler lifestyle at a national hunger conference.

Ron Sider, author of "Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger," said the world "desperately needs sweeping structural changes."

"We must demand a foreign policy that unequivocally sides with the poor," Sider told 250 participants at the Southern Baptist Convocation on World Hunger. "If we truly believe that all people are created equal, then our foreign policy must be redesigned to promote the interests of all people and not just the wealthy elites in developing countries or our own multinational corporations."

Sider said the U.S. should wield its economic and diplomatic strength to push for change in dictatorship where there is common sense. He also advocated sending foreign aid only to countries committed to improving the lot of their poor.

"We should openly encourage nonviolent movements working for structural change in developing countries," Sider said. "U.S. foreign policy ought to encourage justice rather than injustice."

But Sider, associate professor of theology at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, put the largest burden of example on the Christian community, saying, "It's a farce to ask Washington to legislate what Christians refuse to live."

Christians in the United States spent \$3.7 billion on new church construction alone in the six years from 1967-72," he said. "Would we go on building lavishly furnished, expensive church plants and adding air conditioning and new pipe organs if members of our own congregations were starving?"

"By the lifestyles we live, the church buildings we construct and the politicians we elect, we demonstrate clearly that we are on the side of the rich," Sider said. "Right at the center of biblical teaching is the explosive message that God is at work in history to pull down the unjust

Christian Education Presents Church Study Course For 1979

Reverend Leo Williams,

Jr., Director

The New Testament Church has a teaching mission. Jesus charged his followers to make disciples of all nations, to observe all things he had commanded. This commission of the risen Lord places teaching and training at the heart of the church's witness and work. The true concept of the church must always embrace its educational task.

In keeping with this fact, the Department of Christian Education of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is charged by the Convention with responsibility for formulating, developing, supervising, and coordinating an educational program for the ministry of teaching and training in the churches and on the state level.

The following recommended church study Course represents one phase of the Departments program of work.

Courses are grouped into three major categories: 1) General Leadership Courses. These courses are designed to introduce leaders to some of the basics of church organization and leadership and acquaint them with the tools and techniques available for church leaders. They provide the basics in developing leadership skills, and the understanding for work with age levels and special groups in a church; 2) Specialized Leadership Courses. These courses are designed to aid leaders in the administration of various aspects of Bible teaching in a church; designed to provide information for understanding, planning, conducting, and evaluating the church music program; courses to aid pastors in understanding their specific duties, preparing them to function more effectively; courses to help deacons in the performance of their work; courses to aid ushers in rendering effective service; and courses to aid the church staff members in their various functions; 3) Growth and Development Courses. These courses are designed to aid youth and adults in Christian growth and development.

INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

1. The courses may be held at any time and place under the direction of a church, an association, a region, a state auxiliary, or the State Department of Christian Education.

2. Five lessons are required at two hours per lesson in each course making a total of ten hours. Other arrangements are permitted as long as ten hours are invested in each course.

3. Any person twelve years of age or older is eligible for enrollment in a course for credit, but the Leadership Courses are specifically designed for adults (18 years of age and older).

4. No written tests are required. However, the teacher

should strive to help each student to receive an applied knowledge from the course.

5. Teachers will be selected by the sponsoring organization. It is recommended that a teacher possess a high standard Christian Education awareness, be a devout supporter of the church program, and have the equivalent of a Bachelor's degree in training. The Christian Education Committee of a sponsoring organization is expected to use wise judgment in this decision.

6. Each sponsoring organization should provide facilities for meeting honorarium for instruction, materials and texts, and other expenses.

7. When in the process of planning an institute, the sponsoring organization should first contact the Director, Department of Christian Education, General Baptist State Convention, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh 27601, for directions, enrollment forms, awards and certificate.

8. A certificate is awarded to each student for each course completed (10 hours).

9. The Grand certificate awarded any student who completes any eight courses (8 hours).

10. The Master Certificate awarded any student who completes sixteen (16) courses with at least three (3) courses taken from each major category (160).

11. All applications for credit should be made to the Department of Christian Education, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, 27601.

12. Make preparation well advance, including the order of your literature.

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Today's god is the standard of living and the ad man is its prophet. Sider maintained, "It is not possible for isolated believers to resist the isolated Christian values which pour forth from our radios, TVs and billboards." Sider said.

Sider proposed a 10-year plan to his predominantly Southern Baptist audience that would focus denominational leadership on the structural causes of world hunger and would promote widespread constituency involvement in change.

He advised a strategy that would put new emphasis on prayer; put new educational curriculum which focuses on justice; multi-media programs to expose systemic injustice; and hundreds of teams to give justice workshops in colleges, churches and seminaries.

"But many of our people do not want to hear the prophets' call against systemic injustice," Sider declared. "They are more willing to hear the call for Christmas baskets."

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and no necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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Black Pastors Leading Churches To Tithe For Unified Program



Reverend Charles Bullock, Pastor of St. James Baptist Church, Rocky Mount — A tithing Church for the Unified Program.

Raleigh — The Unified Program has been the cutting-edge of the progress of the Black Baptists of North Carolina since 1955. Over the forty-three year period during which the Unified Program has been in operation, it has been implemented in various ways, but the basic principles have always remained the same. It is a plan by which the Baptist Churches of the state of North Carolina can give and have given support to the General Baptist State Convention's objectives in a systematic way. The Unified Program has enabled the

G.B.S.C. of N.C. to develop one of the strongest programs of support for Christian Missions found anywhere in the United States today among Black Christians. It is a living demonstration of what can be accomplished when the followers of Christ take Him seriously through His words found in Mark 3:24-25, "And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand."

In recent years, an ever-increasing number of Baptist

Pastors have led their congregations to "Tithe for the Unified Program." These Churches have been led to give the G.B.S.C. of N.C. an amount equal to one-tenth of their annual budget. Tithing has been one of the more difficult aspects of Christianity to establish as part and parcel of the life-style of Church members. The larger portion of Church members have resisted this teaching of Jesus (Matthew 23:23) even to this day — more vigorously, perhaps, than any other teaching. Yet there have been courageous Pastors who have led in the struggle to establish this vital Christian tenet.

Among the forerunners in this vital struggle are men like The Reverend S.A. Raper of Shelby and The Reverend Charles Bullock of Rocky Mount. Reverend Raper was one of the first ministers to challenge the G.B.S.C. Pastors to lead their Churches to tithe. He has been more than a twenty-year struggle, during which he has led at least two congregations into extensive tithing activity. Outstanding among the congregations that tithe for the Unified Program are the St. James Baptist Church, Rocky



Reverend S. A. Raper, Pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Shelby — A Tithing Church for the Unified Program.

100th Birthday Highlights Of First Baptist, Clinton

By Blonnie B. Carr
Theme: A Century of
Christian Growth and
Development

Clinton — First Baptist Church, Clinton, celebrated its centennial November 6-12, with services each evening.

On Monday evening the group met in the Conference room for a Bible workshop with Pastor Jones instructing. We studied two of the Gospel writers; Matthews and Mark. This was a very informative and enjoyable session.

On Tuesday evening the members of First Baptist Church were in charge of the service. They brought to us a message and music that thrilled our souls and gave food for our spiritual enrichment.

The Centennial Choir of our church was in concert on Wednesday evening. The music was superb. Persons in charge of the music were: Mrs. Lottie Underwood, Mrs. Josie Moore,

Mr. C. Moore and Mrs. Elizabeth E. Simmons. Mrs. C. Brenda Jones was director.

Thursday night The Freewill Baptist Church, pastor and congregation were in charge. Rev. Leifridge, Pastor, chose for the subject: "If Your Shoes Are Hurting Your Feet, Pull Them Off." He compared our hurting physical condition with what is hurting our spiritual life. He stated that we should pull off all sinful acts and put on the Whole Armor of God which will guide us in all the ways of truth.

On Friday evening we were favored with a beautiful skit pointing up the Social Fellowship and Family Life of today as related to family living long ago. Sponsors were: Mrs. Blanch Chappelle, Mrs. Eloise Smith and Mrs. Janes Felton.

On Saturday afternoon, the Laymen's League held a pick-picking in the dining hall for members and friends. This was greatly enjoyed.

Sunday, Nov. 12th, the regular morning worship service was held at 11 o'clock with the centennial choir, under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth E. Simmons and Mr. Cornelius Moore, in charge of the music and Mrs. C. Brenda Jones, Director. Rev. Jones brought the morning message. He took his text from I King 6:22 and Matthew 16:17, using as a subject, "The Temple Fell But The Church Still Stood." A banquet was held at 2:30 p.m. in the Clinton High School cafeteria. At 4:30, the Centennial services ended with a program in the gymnasium. Dr. Martin Luther King Sr., of Atlanta Ga. was the guest speaker. Mrs. Lois Wortham of Durham was guests soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Janet Spaulding. The welcome was given by Mrs. Marian J. Phillips and the history by Mrs. A.B. Chappelle. The services were a success. The Rev. Clifford Jones is pastor.



First Baptist Church, Clinton 1878-1978

Looking Ahead

By Priscilla A. Brodie,
Executive Secretary-
Treasurer

As your newly elected Executive Secretary-Treasurer, I appreciate the best wishes and pledges of support which many of you have extended to me, and I anticipate great challenging plans for the rest of this new

year. We are now beginning a new year as Christian Missionaries. For the year, 1978, is now history, and 1979 is a challenge upon us. We trust that we shall benefit from the past, praise God for His victories, and seek to serve Him in our daily activities. Thus it is imperative that we

keep prayerfully and supportively before us our major objectives: State Missions, Foreign Missions, Shaw University, The Shaw Divinity School, The Central Orphanage, and J.J. Johnson Assembly. Let us strive to make this a banner year.

Of major significance for this month is our Mid-Year Session which will convene on the thirteenth in the Civic Center here in Raleigh. We anticipate greeting all persons to whom this meeting addresses itself. I join President Turner in asking that you bring a very liberal sacrificial offering for State Missions.

Let us please be reminded that the proposed budget for the 1978-79 year is \$275,000.00. Let us summon all of our energies to reach this goal, and if possible, surpass it. We are thankful for the unspeakable and indelible cooperation exemplified thus far in this 1978-79 year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thus as we look ahead, we envision no less, for where there is a vision the people will not perish; where there is a voice the message of Christ will be spoken, and where there is a venture the life of Christ will be embodied by His emissaries ministering to the poor, to the broken-hearted, to the captives, to the blind, and to the bruised — the disinherited.



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S. Delight, Waltonsburg, R. Taylor	650.00
Shady Grove, La Grange, C.W. Pate	350.00
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Zion Hill	250.00
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Yanceyville	200.00
Yongs Chapel, Roxboro, Cephus Lea	250.00
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COUNTY LINE — U.R. Booker, Moderator

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Hunter Valley, Oxford, R.E. Page	300.00
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Sixth Avenue, First, Siler City, J.E. Brown	800.00
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V.A. White, Moderator

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Cameron Grove, Durham, H.L. Bridges	250.00
Oedar Grove, Roxboro, C.H. Cobb	300.00
Clegg's Chapel, Timberlake, A. Chavis	250.00
First, Creedmont, T.F. Griswell	300.00
Greater St. Paul, Durham, W.T. Bigelow	3,500.00
First Calvary, Durham, A.L. Thompson	1,000.00
Hendon Chapel, Durham	200.00
James Chapel, Person Co.	200.00
Lattimore Grove, Hurdle Mills	250.00
Lawson Chapel, Roxboro, A. Wright, Jr.	1,200.00

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The Executive Secretary's Desk

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the Unified Program."

Our adopted budget for the fiscal year 1978-79 is \$1,941,960.00. In an effort to reach this challenging goal the name of Him who is our Lord and Master, the pastors and leaders are asked to do one of three things:

1. Lead their church to give ten per cent of its budget.

2. Lead their church to give an increase for the fiscal year 1978-79 of not less than fifteen per cent over the amount that the church gave for the fiscal year 1977-78, or

3. Lead their church to accept the suggested quota from the Baptist Headquarters.

The Convention is counting on the pastors to lead their churches to meet their quotas for the fiscal year 1978-79 by sending monthly or quarterly contributions to the Baptist Headquarters for the Unified Program. Our gift to missions and Christian Education is our Christian commitment to advance the Kingdom of God.

There are several plans that Baptist Churches have used

traditionally in an effort to realize their missions and Christian Education financial objective. Some of these plans are:

1. Ten percent or a percentage of the church budget designated for missions and Education
2. Provide an opportunity in each worship service for a mission offering to be given.
3. A designated Sunday in each month or quarter for a special offering for missions
4. A designated annual day for missions and Christian Education
5. A designated contribution from the church's budget.

In light of God's goodness and blessings, we are capable of doing much more than we are doing in our outreach ministry for others. We believe that we are held accountable to God according to our capabilities.

Some people debate the idea of what a Baptist can do or cannot do. In working with churches across the state, I have come to realize that a Baptist can do anything that he or she has the ability and desire to do.

Christian missions is the heartbeat of the Missionary Baptist Church. Jesus Commissioned the church in Matthew 28:19-20 to: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo I am with you with always even unto the end of the world."

The church has a far-reaching worldwide concern. According to the teaching of the New Testament, the Church was born on the Day of Pentecost when the power of the Holy Spirit descended upon the waiting congregation and united people without reservation. In this new fellowship, young and old lived together without friction, rich and poor were united without differences to what they possessed, and there was a new kinship among the people of God which transcended misunderstanding.

The church must be involved in the task of its own maintenance and existence. It must

be involved with its own local obligations and community projects, but more than this, the Church must have a statewide and a worldwide concern. The church must be concerned with everybody from everywhere even those we sometime call the "good for nothing nobody from nowhere."

It is said that the ministers of the Gospel should never take lightly their high calling. They should keep open the channels of divine and human fellowship and keep the cleansing stream of Grace flowing full and free.

As gospel preachers, one must be faithful to the task and proclaim the gospel of Christ in this hour of chaos and corruption. The truth is, if gospel ministers hold their peace and the tongues of the people of God are hushed, God through nature will find a way to in-tune the message of salvation. The rocks will preach and lend their supports to missions, sleeping stones will proclaim the eternal gospel, and floods will clap their hands for joy.

As we move forward in the New Year, let us commit our-

selves anew to:

1. The Cause of Missions and Christian Education
2. The Unified Program of the General Baptist State Convention The Unified dollar for the Unified Plan will do four things:
 1. Give an answer to the Macedonian Call For Shaw University and the Divinity School for help.
 2. Extend a longer arm of outreach to Foreign Missions through the Lott Carey Convention.
 3. Promote a stronger state program through the channel of State Missions.
 4. Share and care more for homeless and parentless children through the channel of the Central Orphanage.

The General Baptist State Convention is counting on you in this New Year to give "the Unified dollar for the Unified Program."

Sincerely,
C.C. Craig
The following list constitutes the quotas for the associations and the churches.

The Unified Dollar For The Unified Program

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Continued from page 4		Bethel, Landis, L.A. Reid	200.00	Betholie, Duplin Co.	200.00
Age Rock, Granville Co., B.V. Alston	250.00	Friendship, Cooleme	200.00	Central, Wilmington, Hosea Murray	350.00
Calvary, Bahamas, O.L. Sherrill	\$1,000.00	S. Joseph, Statesville	200.00	Daisy's Chapel, E.L. Daniels	200.00
Level, Durham, C.L. Dunston	1,200.00	TOTAL	\$1,600.00	First, Calypso	200.00
Vernon, Creedmore, W. McNeal	300.00	GUILFORD — W.M. Harris, Moderator			
unt Zoar, Durham, A. Parker	300.00	Guilford Association	\$3,500.00	First, Chincupin, R.L. Lassiter, Sr.	500.00
St. James, Timberlake, J. Raye	250.00	Antioch, Winston-Salem, R.C. Williams	200.00	First, Kenansville, C.W. Wright	1,000.00
ve Grove, Oxford, M.T. Timberlake	600.00	Bethlehem, Winston-Salem, E.L. Clark	300.00	First, Magnolia	250.00
ve Grove, Creedmore	200.00	East White Oak, Greensboro, G.H. Brooks	500.00	First, Warsaw, R.A. Morris	300.00
d Mountain, Rougemont, N.M. Harvey	250.00	Elm Grove, Reidsville, J. Glover	400.00	First, Wilmington, Clario Dickens	1,500.00
ck Spring, Creedmore, L.M. Gooch	900.00	Foster Grove, Jamestown, B.D. Curtis	500.00	Friendship, Rocky Point, J.D. Morrissey	200.00
gers Grove, Durham, P.R. Jones	250.00	Friendship, High Point, T.E. Logan	200.00	Halls Chapel, Burgaw, H.C. Dixon	400.00
John, Durham, J.M. Gooch	300.00	Gethsemane Hope, Winston-Salem, W.M. Harris	500.00	Hills Chapel, Faison, J. Taylor	200.00
Matthews, Granville Co.	200.00	Greater Bethlehem, High Point	500.00	Manholy, Hamstead, B.W. Pugh	200.00
ady Hill, Roxboro, H.O. Edwards	300.00	Locust Grove, Brown Summit	300.00	Mt. Gilead, Mt. Olive, C.W. Wright	800.00
am, Rougemont	250.00	Mt. Zion, Greensboro	200.00	Mt. Holly, W.C. Jackson	200.00
namo, Stem	200.00	New Calvary, Greensboro	200.00	Peters Tabernacle, Wallace, C.W. Wright	200.00
lly Ho, Durham, N.M. Harvey	250.00	New Hope, Greensboro, W.M. Richmond	200.00	Pilgrim Rest, Tomahawk, W.D. Frink	250.00
ton, Durham, G.D. Davis	2,000.00	New Light, Greensboro, C. Brown, Jr.	1,200.00	Poplar Grove, Clinton, R.W. Lowe	200.00
st Durham, Durham, Harold J. Cobb	250.00	Second Calvary, Winston-Salem, Donald Stowe	200.00	Roseville, Willard, H.D. Jones	1,500.00
TOTAL	\$20,450.00	White Oak Grove, Winston-Salem, Albert Graves	250.00	S. Luke, Duplin Co., F.L. Daniel	300.00
EBENEZER — R.E. Devoe, Moderator		TOTAL	\$8,850.00	St. John, Rocky Point, L.R. Jones	400.00
enezer Association	500.00	HAMMONDS CREEK — C.T. Bowen, Moderator		Six Runs, Turkey, Isaac Johnson	600.00
ter Baptist, Gastonia, H.B. Washington	400.00	Hammonds Creek Association	\$700.00	Willard Chapel, Willard	200.00
enezer, Kings Mountain, D.C. Wilson	1,000.00	Baldwin Branch, Elizabethtown, B.L. Smith	200.00	Wilson Chapel, Turkey, Isaac Johnson	400.00
keridge Grove, Shelby, Kermit Searlett	2,000.00	First, Elbertown, Sam Moss	350.00	TOTAL	\$12,700.00
ridge, Cherryville, Marvin Connolly	500.00	Jerusalem, Council, C.T. Bowen	300.00	LANE CREEK — L.D. Parker, Moderator	
st, Earl, R.F. Kilgore	800.00	Kitchen Branch, Clarkton, F. Leathers	200.00	Lane Creek Association	\$1,800.00
st, Lawndale, R.D. Lucas	1,800.00	Pilgrim Hill, Clarkton, J. Godfrey	250.00	Antioch, Charlotte, Preston Pendergrass	2,500.00
en Bethel, Bolling Spring, R.B. Blanton	1,600.00	Piney Grove, Council, B.L. Smith	250.00	Belmont, Monroe, D.P. Miller	300.00
ewell, Shelby, J.L. Moore	2,500.00	Pleasant Hill, Clarkton, C.T. Bowens	450.00	East First, Kannapolis	3,000.00
ppers Chapel, Shelby, Wade Wallace	1,800.00	Peaceful Union, Elberton, C.D. Murphy	450.00	Elizabeth, Marshville, H.L. Nicholson	800.00
ght Oak, Shelby, J.H. Littlejohn	900.00	Whites Creek, Lisbon, J.R. Godfrey	450.00	Liberty Hill, Waxhaw, David Cook, Jr.	500.00
the Mt. Pisgah, Bessemer City, J.H. Wats	900.00	Sandhill, Clarkton, B.L. Gattison	350.00	Macedonia, Midland, H.L. Nicholson	800.00
cedonia, Waco, B. Glover	200.00	TOTAL	\$4,300.00	Mt. Mariah, Marshville, J. Coble	500.00
ple Springs, Shelby	250.00	HIGH POINT — W.L. Wilson, Moderator		Mt. Pisgah, Waxhaw, W.T. Richardson	250.00
Calvary, Shelby, S.A. Raper	1,100.00	High Point Association	\$1,000.00	Oak Grove, Harrisburg, H.E. Johnson	400.00
Olive, Kings Mountain, Willie Maddox	1,200.00	First, Gibsonville	200.00	Piney Grove, Marshville	2,500.00
Pleasant, Bessemer City, R.L. Garvin	300.00	First Calvary, Winston-Salem, W.L. Wilson	500.00	Red Level, Monroe	200.00
Sinai, Mt. Holly	200.00	Gethsemane, Greensboro, J.W. Reed	1,000.00	S. Davie, Wingate, J.B. Crowder	300.00
L Zion, Kings Mountain, E.E. Harris	300.00	Mt. Olive, High Point	200.00	S. Luke, Charlotte, L.D. Parker	4,000.00
Ellis Chapel, Shelby, A.A. Ponder	1,100.00	New Jerusalem	250.00	Wats Grove, Baker, J.W. Wallace	400.00
ell Chapel, Patterson Springs, W.B. Ellis	1,500.00	S. James, Greensboro, P.E. Graves	1,500.00	TOTAL:	\$18,380.00
Imers Grove, Polkville, L.C. Knuckles	500.00	Second Calvary, Winston-Salem	200.00	LUMBER RIVER — E.B. Turner, Moderator	
vidence, Lincoln	300.00	Sligh, Mt. Airy, B.H. Bonham	600.00	Lumber River Association	\$1,800.00
msure, Shelby, R.L. Garvin	1,000.00	TOTAL	\$5,450.00	Anron Swamp, Fairmont, C.C. Baxter	250.00
James, Bessemer City, Eugene Early	2,000.00	HYDE COUNTY — N.L. Barrow, Moderator		Antioch, Proctorville, J.T. Gilchrist	300.00
Peter, Grover, D.A. Costner	2,000.00	Hyde County Association	\$100.00	Bryant Swamp, Bladenboro, C. Johnson	700.00
end Lincoln, Johnny Browner	1,200.00	Raithy Hannah, Engelhard, E.D. Alexander	200.00	Oedar Grove, St. Paul, James A. Raye, Sr.	750.00
ady Grove, Kings Mountain, R.F. Kilgore	900.00	Mt. Pilgrim, Engelhard, B.F. Melton	200.00	Ebenezer, Marietta, C. Hurst	550.00
ikh, Shelby, R.E. Devoe	4,000.00	Old Richmond, Swanquarter	200.00	First, Bladenboro, A.C. Jones	500.00
oal Creek, Shelby, J.M. Alexander	1,000.00	Pleasant Grove, Engelhard, C.R. Anthony	300.00	First, Chadbourne, J.E. Barber, Jr.	1,000.00
lid Rock, Greensboro, Lonnie Walker	200.00	S. John, Scranton, E.D. Alexander	200.00	First, Fairmont, J.J. Johnson	1,100.00
ale Memorial, Shelby, R. Carpenter	300.00	S. Miller, Belhaven, N.L. Barrow	200.00	First, Lumberton, L.D. Killens	7,000.00
ashington, Kings Mountain, H.L. Rhedrick	2,000.00	Show Hill, Fairfield, N.L. Barrow	200.00	First, McDonald, T.W. Betea	300.00
on Hill, Cherryville	450.00	TOTAL	\$1,800.00	First, Orum, E. Roundtree	300.00
TOTAL	\$30,700.00	JOHNSTON DISTRICT — A.A. Crum, Moderator		Greenville, Lumberton, T.C. Tart	600.00
GASTON COUNTY — T.M. Walker, Moderator		Johnston District Association	\$1,800.00	Hester Chapel, Lumberton, F.L. LeSane	1,000.00
ston County Association	\$3,000.00	First, Clayton, L.E. Simpson	600.00	Hilly Branch, Lumberton, J.H. Dunham	1,200.00
nt, Mount Holly	200.00	First, Selma, L.E. Simpson	600.00	Hilly Swamp, Lumberton, Frank Wooten	200.00
nter Grove, Gastonia	300.00	First, Smithfield, E. Allen	500.00	Horse Grove, Boardman, T.D. Killens	1,000.00
nnamuel, Gastonia, S.H. Barber, Jr.	1,200.00	St. Wilson Mills	200.00	Mill Branch, Fairmont, Marvin Ford	600.00
day Memorial, Dallas, P.W. Anderson	400.00	Galilee, Smithfield, W.H. Lucas	350.00	Mt. Mariah, Chadbourne, S. Stanley	300.00
endship, Gastonia, T.M. Walker	1,800.00	Good Samaritan, Garner, L.J. Penny	900.00	Mt. Tabor, Cerro Gordo, Daniel Lee	300.00
t Hebron, Gastonia, Brevon Antrum	1,000.00	Halifax, Raleigh, Sterling J. Burt	200.00	Mt. Zion, Lumberton, B.D. Smith	200.00
t Mariah, Belmont	600.00	Johnston Piney Grove, Clayton, L. Coppedge	1,500.00	New Hope, Clarkton, T.D. Killens	200.00
t Pisgah, Gastonia, F.G. Lowry	300.00	Lee's Cross Road	200.00	Oak Grove, Robeson Co., Marvin Ford	250.00
t Pleasant, Belmont, R.A. Maye	3,000.00	Milchener Memorial, Smithfield	400.00	Piney Grove, Columbus Co., A. Nichols	550.00
John, Gastonia, T. Armstrong	300.00	Mt. Mary, Eugene Mason	200.00	Pleasant Meadow, F.C. Baxter	500.00
Paul, Gastonia, H.J. Campbell	1,800.00	New Bethel	200.00	Round Branch, Bladenboro, Paul Addoe	250.00
t Sinai, Mt. Holly, W.E. Garrison	600.00	New Hill, Selma, W.M. Giles	250.00	Rose Hill, Robeson Co., C.C. Baxter	200.00
ringfield Memorial, Gastonia, J.F. Wingate	1,000.00	New Hope, Raymond Mills	200.00	S. Mary, Evergreen, Paul Ford	250.00
bernalce, Gastonia	1,000.00	New Vester, Sims, S.L. Ballentine	300.00	Sandy Grove, Lumberton, Sidney Locks	2,500.00
TOTAL	\$16,900.00	Oakey Grove, Smithfield, Roger Brodie	250.00	Spring Branch, Orrum, L.B. Boykin	250.00
GOLD HILL — H.T. Dodd, Moderator		S. Amanda, Garner, S.L. Ballentine	200.00	Star of Bethlehem, C. McDowell	500.00
old Hill, Spindale	300.00	Spring Hill, Middlesex	200.00	Stone Grove, Lumberton, J.A. Thompson	200.00
rusaleim, Forest City, Gowan Ross	400.00	Strickland Grove, Four Oaks, W.H. Lucas	300.00	TOTAL:	\$22,600.00
acedonia, Golden Ridge, Bennue Glover	200.00	Union, Raleigh, Leonard Williams	200.00	MECKLENBURG GENERAL — J.B. Humphrey, Moderator	
lt. Nebo, Lake Lure, J.H. Smith	300.00	Watts Chapel, Raleigh, Frank Weaver	1,500.00	Mecklenburg General Association	\$1,400.00
ew Vernon, Bostic, R.C. Carpenter	200.00	White Oak Hill, Middlesex	200.00	Ambassador for Christ, V.W. Jackson	250.00
ew Zion, Spindale, J.H. Bailey	200.00	TOTAL	\$11,250.00	Batties Ford, Charlotte, Robert Miller	350.00
ak Springs, Spindale City, H.T. Dodd	1,200.00	KENANSVILLE EASTERN — S.M. White, Moderator		Bible Baptist, Charlotte, I. Milledge	250.00
John, Lake Lure	200.00	Kenansville Eastern Association	\$1,600.00	Ebenezer, Charlotte, A.B. Sutton	4,000.00
ebbs First, Ellenboro, Dewey Whittingham	300.00	Continued on page 6		First, Charlotte, J.B. Humphrey	6,000.00
hite Oak Spring, Ellenboro, Eugene Early	300.00			First Mt. Calvary, Charlotte	500.00
TOTAL	\$3,600.00			First Mt. Zion, Charlotte, C.V. Owens	3,000.00
GUIDING LIGHT — L.A. Reid, Moderator				Friendship, Charlotte, C. Kerry	5,000.00
Guiding Light Association	\$1,000.00			Galilee, Charlotte, Rev. Griffin	300.00

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Greater Mt. Sinai, Charlotte, N.E. Kerry	1,800.00
Greater Providence, Charlotte, J.W. Wallace	350.00
Macedonia, Concord, Sampson Long, Jr.	700.00
Morning Star, Charlotte	250.00
Rose Hill, Kannapolis, J.W. Wallace	350.00
S. Johns, Newell, R.H. Leal	350.00
Second Calvary, Charlotte, Lemar Foster	2,500.00
Silver Mount, Pineville, William Lee, Jr.	2,000.00
Temple, Charlotte	200.00
United, Kannapolis	200.00
TOTAL:	\$29,700.00

MIDDLE BAPTIST — J.G. McKnight, Moderator

Middle Baptist Association	\$1,400.00
Allen Chapel, Louisburg, N.E. Spruill	250.00
Ashley Grove, Henderson	200.00
Big Ruin Creek, Dabney, J.L. Davis	350.00
Bunn Chapel, Bunn	200.00
Oscar Road, Franklin County	350.00
Davis Chapel, Henderson	200.00
First, Kittrell	200.00
First, Louisburg, W.D. Johnson	250.00
Flat Creek, Henderson	200.00
Gethsemane, Bunn, A.L. Daye	600.00
Hawkins Chapel, Franklinton, W.S. Taylor	900.00
Manassah, Franklinton, O.H. Brodie	400.00
Seaboard Chapel, Clinton, E.L. Izzi	400.00
New Bethel, Henderson, J.H. Bryant	450.00
New Zion, Youngsville, S.T. Harris	200.00
Natush, Henderson, O'Lee Lewis	200.00
Red Bud, Henderson, J.E. Hall	800.00
Shady Grove, Louisburg, J. Melton	400.00
S. Main Street, Louisburg, J.G. McKnight	1,000.00
TOTAL:	\$9,450.00

MIDDLE DISTRICT — B.L. Rich, Moderator

Middle District	\$6,600.00
Adamsville	200.00
Adoram, Wallace, J.L. Ezell	500.00
Andrews Chapel, Clinton	500.00
Antioch, Goldsboro, W.C. Butts	1,400.00
Bethlehem, Winnabow, E. Pelham	200.00
Caneuck, Currie, G.P. House	200.00
Eastern Chapel, Goldsboro, D. Howell	650.00
Ebenezer, Wilmington	3,500.00
Falling Run, Fayetteville, J.D. McDonald	1,000.00
First, Amour	200.00
First, Garland, Samuel McDonald	450.00
First, Rose Hill, W.K. Raynor	1,800.00
First, Stedman, R.P. Farrior	500.00
First, Teachey, R.L. Carr	350.00
Hawes Chapel, Atkinson	250.00
Hoppers Chapel, Leland, J. Simpson	400.00
Kearney, Harrells, O.A. Howard	300.00
Lake's Chapel, R. Farrior	200.00
Lee's Chapel, Maple Hill, G.P. House	200.00
Little Piney Grove	200.00
Macedonia, Wilmington, A.A. McCrae	1,200.00
Moore Creek	450.00
Mt. Calvary, Wilmington, F.R. Devane	1,800.00
Mt. Pisgah, Brevard, A. McRae	300.00
Mt. Sinai, Rose Hill, J. Simpson	350.00
Mt. Zion, Rose Hill, R.L. Carr	500.00
New Christian Chapel, W.E. Beamon	200.00
Newkirk Chapel, Willard, M. Avery	250.00
Pleasant Hill, Kelly	200.00
Royal Chapel, Harrells, S.M. White	300.00
S. John, Maple Hill, R.L. Carr	300.00
S. John No. 3, Bolivia, Freeman Gause	300.00
S. John No. 3, Rose Hill	300.00
S. Louis, Chiquapien, W.E. Martin	350.00
S. Mary, Winnabow, Raymond Smith	1,500.00
Second, Fayetteville, W.E. Beamon	100.00
Shiloh, Wilmington	2,000.00
Swan Hill, Ivanhoe	300.00
Union Hill, Autryville, L.W. Westbrook	200.00
Union Hill Shaw Club	200.00
Wilson	200.00
TOTAL:	\$32,200.00

MIDDLE GROUND — G.E. Brown, Moderator

Middle Ground Association	\$500.00
Fellowship Union, G.E. Brown	150.00
Antioch, Everett, H.H. Moore	150.00
Belmont, Robersonville, J.E. Williams	200.00
Oscar Hill, Williamson, E.L. Powell	200.00
Chapel Hill, Williamson, T.R. Vines	250.00
Christ Temple, H.H. Hammond	300.00
Conecote Chapel, Conecote, T.R. Vines	400.00
Lily of the Valley, Plymouth, E.L. Powell	350.00
Long Ridge, H. Hammond	350.00
Macedonia, Williamson, H.H. Moore	150.00

Mayo Chapel, Tarboro, Walter Cherry	350.00
Oliver Branch, Parnelle, J.H. Williams	150.00
Pine Chapel, Pinetops, E.L. Powell	1,000.00
Piney Grove, Robersonville, L. Purvis	150.00
Poplar Point, H. Hammond	350.00
Reids Chapel, Fountain, J.L. Farmer	250.00
Rock Hill, Williamson, H.H. Moore	200.00
S. James, Williamson	250.00
S. John, Stokes, J.H. Chance	250.00
S. Mark, Oak City, F.W. Davis	250.00
S. Mathew, Walter Cherry	250.00
S. Paul, Oak City, J.E. James	250.00
Sandy Point, Williamson, R.L. Cumming	350.00
Second Zion Grove, Plymouth, W.V. Pritchett	450.00
Sycamore Hill, Hamilton, K.P. Fisher	200.00
Weeping Mary, Hassell	200.00
Willow Chapel, Gold Point, G.E. Brown	250.00
Wynn Chapel, Robersonville, J.H. Chance	350.00
Zion Hill, Plymouth, G.E. Brown	200.00
TOTAL:	\$8,850.00

MT. PEACE — R.M. Young, Moderator

Mt. Peace Association	\$1,000.00
Bethel, Mt. Holly, N.T. Boyd	200.00
Chapel Hill, Huntersville, K.R. Gambee	200.00
Faith Memorial, Charlotte, W. Caldwell	1,000.00
Gethsemane, Charlotte, C.E. Dewberry	2,000.00
Gethsemane, Davidson, C. Morris	350.00
Gold Hill, Stanley, W. Wallace	350.00
Greater Galilee, Charlotte, W. McKissick	3,000.00
Green Oaks, Charlotte, J.W. Gwin	300.00
Macedonia, Lucia, I.G. Johnson	1,000.00
Mayfield Memorial, Charlotte, H.S. Diggs	4,000.00
Mt. Calvary, Gastonia, J.O. Neely	1,000.00
Mt. Carmel, Charlotte, L.C. Riddick	2,000.00
Mt. Olive, Huntersville, M.B. McIlwaine	350.00
Mt. Vernon, Iron Station, L. Seegars	250.00
Mt. Zion, Charlotte, U. Elder	450.00
Nazarine, Charlotte	200.00
New Hope, Charlotte	600.00
New Providence, Mt. Holly, J.D. Ponder	2,000.00
New Zion, Charlotte, E.R. Robinson	650.00
Pleasant Hill, Charlotte, J.A. Cuthbertson	\$1,500.00
S. Mark, Charlotte, A.G. Coley	650.00
S. Paul, Charlotte, Paul Drummond	(TTTIE)
S. Paul Community, Charlotte, R.M. Young	2,000.00
S. Phillip, Huntersville	200.00
Salem, Charlotte, M.H. Bostic, Jr.	1,200.00
Shiloh, Huntersville, J.T. Davis	2,000.00
Tabernacle, Charlotte, W.A. Rorie	1,000.00
TOTAL:	\$23,800.00

MT. & CATAWBA ASSOCIATION — D.U. Cooper, Moderator

Mt. & Catawba Association	\$2,600.00
Antioch, Troutman	250.00
Chambers Chapel, Morganton	200.00
Chestnut Grove, Statesville, J. Coleman	550.00
Clarks Chapel, Statesville, V. Thompson	550.00
Davidson, Statesville, L. McCaskie	300.00
Dula Chapel, Lenoir, A. Harshaw	350.00
First, Harmony, W.J. LeGrant	500.00
First, N. Wilkesboro, J.A. Speak	600.00
Friendship, Hickory, D.U. Cooper	1,800.00
Jones Chapel, Mooresville, M. Walker	200.00
Knox Grove	225.00
Liberty Hill, Claremont, E. Wilkerson	1,200.00
Lady Love, Lenoir, W.L. Connor	200.00
Maiden Chapel, Maiden	1,000.00
Moore Chapel, Lincolnton, J. Norwood	200.00
Morning Star, Hickory, W.E. Lytle	2,800.00
Mt. Carmel, Taylorsville	350.00
Mt. Moriah, Marion, D.L. McGuire	350.00
Mt. Olive, Newton, B.F. Corpening	350.00
Mt. Pilgrim, Lenoir	500.00
Mt. Sinai, Catawba, M.C. Rosenboro	500.00
Mt. Zion, Brevard, E. Millapp	350.00
New Bethel, Morganton	200.00
New Light, Lenoir, R.L. Ferguson	200.00
New Prospect, Long Island, C.E. Rowe	2,200.00
New Zion, Taylorsville, C.D. Poole	300.00
S. James, Troutman, Leroy Wilson	800.00
S. John, Statesville, Wilson Lee	300.00
Third Creek, Storey Point, J. Thomas	1,600.00
University Park, Charlotte, J.E. Palmer	3,000.00
TOTAL:	\$24,275.00

MUD CREEK ASSOCIATION — H.B. Ferguson

Mud Creek Association	\$1,400.00
Bethel "A", Brevard, F.H. Goldsmith	2,000.00
Bud Ridge, Eldersville	200.00
Catawba View, Old Fort, J.H. Sullivan	1,000.00
First Nazareth, Asheville, C.R. Mooley	6,000.00

French Broad, Pisgah Forest, R.J. Young	800.00
Glade Creek, Pisgah Forest, R.J. Young	350.00
Greater New Zion, Fletcher, L.C. Ray	300.00
Hill Street, Asheville, N.M. Avery	7,800.00
Mills Chapel, Black Mountain, F.L. Gordon	2,000.00
Mt. Carmel, Arden, J.H. Sullivan	200.00
Mt. Zion, Asheville, J.W. White	6,000.00
Mt. Zion, Murphy, Lewis Grant	500.00
New Bethel, Asheville, A.L. Smith	200.00
New Mt. Olive, Asheville, O.T. Tomes	3,000.00
New Salem, Asanoma, W.E. Simpson	350.00
Rock Hill, Asheville, H.B. Ferguson	2,000.00
S. John "A", Asheville, J.H. Sullivan	350.00
S. Paul, Asheville, J.E. Peden	300.00
Shiloh, Hendersonville, J.C. Moore	1,500.00
Tabernacle, Asheville, C. Johnson	350.00
Texana, Murphy, Louis Grant	450.00
Union Grove, Hendersonville, Q.E. Owens	400.00
Worldwide Tabernacle, Asheville, W. Grant	1,200.00
TOTAL:	\$39,250.00

NEUSE RIVER ASSOCIATION — F.L. Bullock, Moderator

Neuse River Association	\$2,000.00
Allen Grove, Halifax, James Barham	650.00
Bethlehem, Seaboard, E.L. Fleming	650.00
Carters Chapel, Roanoke Rapids, D. Alston	200.00
East Grove, Roanoke Rapids, L. Michener	300.00
Oscar Grove, Roanoke Rapids, J.O. Thorne	350.00
Cherry's Chapel, Elm City, J.N. Hunter	350.00
Cool Spring, Garysburg, F.L. Bullock	350.00
Crowell, Halifax, Mck. Nicholson	450.00
Daniel Chapel, Enfield, F.L. Bullock	450.00
East End, Rocky Mount, J.H. Staton	250.00
Eastern Star, L.R. Morris	800.00
Ebenezer, Rocky Mount, T.L. Walker	2,500.00
First, Battleboro, Nelson Johnson	400.00
First, Enfield	600.00
First, Halifax	250.00
First, Roanoke Rapids, R.H. Kidd	350.00
First, Weldon, J.B. Moore	2,500.00
First, Antioch, Goldsboro, L.B. Horton	4,500.00
Foster Memorial, Rocky Mount, J. Jerimiah Webb	2,500.00
Friendship, Rocky Mount, D.D. Williams	600.00
Galilee, Tillery, Nelson Johnson	250.00
Galilee, Henrico	850.00
Greater Chapel, Tarboro, J.H. Staton	450.00
Harts Chapel, Rocky Mount, J.H. Dixon	250.00
Hillsdale, Rocky Mount	200.00
Leggett Chapel, Leggett, Willie Taylor	600.00
Long Island, Roanoke Rapids, G.A. Gilchrist	200.00
Longs Chapel, Hogobog	200.00
Metropolitan, Rocky Mount, J.E. Arnette	(TTTIE)
Morning Star, Pinetops, George Cooper	600.00
Mt. Carmel, Rocky Mount, W.E. Battle	350.00
Mt. Olive, Rocky Mount, G.E. Battle	600.00
Mt. Zion, Seaboard, F.L. Bullock	450.00
New Bethel, Enfield	250.00
New Hope, Battleboro, Wilton Byrd	1,800.00
North End, Rocky Mount, Elbert Lee	1,800.00
Oak Grove, Garysburg, George Smith	500.00
Park Chapel, Jackson, Mck. Nicholson	350.00
Piney Grove, Halifax, C.E. McCollum	500.00
Piney Grove, Jackson, Mck. Nicholson	500.00
Pittman Grove, Rocky Mount, W.C. Cotton	200.00
Quakley, Roanoke Rapids, R.H. Kidd	200.00
Red Hill, Whitakers, J.O. Thorne	600.00
Righteous Grove, Enfield, R.L. Knight	250.00
Roanoke Rapids, Enfield, J.L. Farmer	300.00
Roanoke Salers, Garysburg, E.L. Fleming	1,000.00
Rosemary, Roanoke Rapids, M.B. Whitehurst	250.00
S. Chapel, Enfield	250.00
S. James, Rocky Mount, C.T. Bullock	(TTTIE)
S. John, Garysburg, W.R. Burston	350.00
S. John, Red Oak, Wilton Byrd	1,500.00
S. Paul, Enfield, F.L. Bullock	300.00
S. Peters, Weldon, G.A. Gilchrist	350.00
Shiloh, Rocky Mount, R.L. Battle	600.00
Shiloh, Scotland Neck, Waymon Walden	850.00
Simmons Grove, Roanoke Rapids, G.E. Battle	800.00
Smith Chapel, Halifax, F.L. Battle	350.00
Thornes Chapel, J.O. Thorne	750.00
Tillery Chapel, Halifax, E.L. Fleming	200.00
Twillard, Weldon, G.A. Gilchrist	200.00
Walnut Grove, Roanoke Rapids, G.E. Battle	200.00
Washington on Branch, Maclefield, W.R. Burston	500.00
White Oak, Enfield, E.R. Bynum	350.00
White's Chapel, Springfield	200.00
Zion Hill, Littleton, C.K. Whitaker	350.00
Zion Hill, Seaboard, Mck. Nicholson	350.00
TOTAL:	\$42,250.00

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NEW BERN — EASTERN, W.C. Horton, Moderator

New Bern Eastern Association	\$1,075.00
Bethel, Edward, F. James	450.00
Bethel, Merritt, C.C. Gray	250.00
Bethel, New Bern, I.M. Jordan	250.00
Clay Bottom, Blounts Creek	250.00
Green Hill, Bayboro	500.00
Guilford, New Bern, J.R. Jones	500.00
Maple Grove, Chocowinity, L. Adams	300.00
Memorial, W.L. Griffin	250.00
Mt. Olive, Bayboro, W.C. Horton	1,200.00
Mt. Pilgrim, Newport, J.A. Jones	200.00
Mt. Shiloh, Aurora, W.V. Pritchett	300.00
Mt. Shiloh, James City, F.C. Mitchell	200.00
Mt. Sinai, Stonecreek, W.M. McDavid	200.00
Mt. Zion, Arapahoe, J.B. Crandall	350.00
Pilgrim Chapel, Oriental, C.D. Bell	800.00
Queen Street, Beaufort, J. Pritchett	250.00
S. Anna, Blounts Creek, R.B. Brown	300.00
S. Antioch, Havelock, C.D. Bell	250.00
S. Francis, Blounts Creek, J.A. White	250.00
S. Galilee, Morehead City, L.A. Dillahan	250.00
S. Hooker, Aurora, J.H. Parker	250.00
S. John, Aurora, A.J. White	450.00
S. Luke, Edwards, J.H. Parker	300.00
S. Luke, Morehead City	450.00
S. Monica, Grimesland, A.J. White	350.00
S. Peter, Aurora, B. Smith	350.00
S. Peter, Vandemere, W.V. Pritchett	350.00
S. Stephen, Aurora, J.A. Gibbs	250.00
S. Stephen, Oriental, L.D. Bizzell	300.00
Spring Garden, Newport, W.M. McDavid	250.00
TOTAL:	\$11,675.00

NEW COVENANT — M.M. McMillan, Moderator

New Covenant Association	\$150.00
Ox Grove, Crumpler	200.00
Macedonia, Sparta	200.00
Pleasant Grove, Sparta	200.00
Pleasant Hill, Sparta	200.00
TOTAL:	\$950.00

NEW ERA — Samuel Stanley, Moderator

New Era Association	\$100.00
Butler Branch, Fair Bluff, W. Boykin	250.00
Center, Bladenboro, O.L. Anderson	400.00
Cherry Grove, Whiteville, S. Stanley	350.00
First, Tabot City, J.E. McCauley	300.00
Hickory Grove, Fair Bluff, R. Davis	250.00
Mt. Olive, Whiteville, G.H. Buck	500.00
Olive Grove, J.B. Manning	300.00
S. John, Chadbourn, Raymond Smith	200.00
Spring Green, Riegelwood	200.00
Sandy Grove, Fair Bluff, C.A. Leach	450.00
TOTAL:	\$3,390.00

NEW HOME & DURHAM — Rainey Enoch, Moderator

New Home & Durham Association	\$325.00
Lake View, Durham	225.00
North Side, Durham, C.R. Mitchell	400.00
Orange Grove Road, Cedar Grove	200.00
Orange Grove, Durham	250.00
Piney Grove, Orange County	200.00
TOTAL:	\$1,500.00

NEW HOPE — J.R. Manley, Moderator

New Hope Association	\$350.00
Barbess Chapel, Durham Co., T.R. Cole	200.00
Bazzell Creek, Fuquay-Varina, N.T. Davis	1,400.00
Community, Durham, Percy Chase	350.00
Ebenezer, Durham, T. Hairston	850.00
First, Apex, J.E. Perkins	1,200.00
First, Chapel Hill, J.R. Manley	6,000.00
First, Lillington, J.A. Raye	600.00
First, Mebane, J.E. Davis	200.00
First, New Hill	200.00
Getsemane, Durham	600.00
Haw River, Chatham Co., R.D. James	650.00
Hickory Grove, Carboro, J.R. Manley	1,000.00
Lincoln Memorial, Durham, N.P. Brodie	1,000.00
Morehead Avenue, Durham, B.A. Mack	1,000.00
Mt. Gilead, Durham, A.D. Moseley	1,000.00
Mt. Sinai, Orange Co., J.A. Alston	250.00
Mt. Vernon, Durham, Percy Hight	500.00
Mt. Zion, Chatham Co., J.R. Burt	1,500.00
Mt. Zion, Durham	500.00
New Bethel, Durham	325.00
New Hill First, J. Williams	300.00
New Hope, Chatham Co., M.V. Ingram	1,000.00

New Hope, Person Co.	200.00
Peace, Durham, W.E. Daye	1,000.00
Second, Chapel Hill	200.00
Shiloh, Morrisville, J. Leake	1,000.00
Terrell's Creek, Chapel Hill, T.J. Foster	800.00
White Oak, Apex, C. Tyner	1,000.00
White Rock, Durham, L.A. Lynch	800.00
TOTAL:	\$3,675.00

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY — L.J. Morris, Moderator

Northampton County Association	\$1,000.00
Antioch, Jackson, R.L. Knight	800.00
Branches Chapel, Rich Square, J.R. Webb	500.00
Chapel Hill, Rich Square, J.R. Higgins	400.00
Cumbo Chapel, Rich Square, Frank Lee, Jr.	300.00
Faithful Band, Pleasant Hill, W.R. Burton	500.00
First, Conway, R.L. Lassiter, Sr.	500.00
First, Rich Square, J.L. Higgins	1,000.00
First, Severn, E.C. Watson	450.00
Jerusalem, Woodland, A.C. Robinson, Jr.	600.00
Nebo, Murfreesboro, C.M. Creevey	1,000.00
Patillo Chapel, Henrico, E. Fleming	850.00
Second, Creeksville, Frank Lee, Jr.	400.00
Second, Potocasi, S.S. Edwards	1,200.00
Revelle Hill, Conway, L.J. Morris	500.00
Zoar, Pendleton, C.M. Creevey	1,200.00
TOTAL:	\$11,200.00

OCEAN VIEW — Freeman Gause, Moderator

Ocean View Association	\$300.00
Oedar Grove, Supply, W.H.D. Flowers	2,000.00
First, Riegelwood	200.00
Friendship, Southport, F. Gause	600.00
Hickory Grove, Fair Bluff, Rufus Davis	200.00
Little Macedonia, Supply, W.D. Frink	500.00
Mt. Zion, Beaufort	250.00
Mt. Zion, Longwood, M.C. Herring	1,800.00
Piney Grove, Nichols, S.C., R.L. Blue	250.00
Pleasant Grove, Thomasboro	250.00
Pleasant Hill, Shallotte, G.H. Buck	1,000.00
Pleasant Meadow, Mt. Beach, S.C., H.M. Daniel	200.00
Pleasant View, Shallotte	450.00
S. James, Bolivia, Raymond Smith	200.00
Spring Garden, Newport	200.00
Zion Hill, Bolivia	250.00
Zion Plains, Nakina, J.R. Keel	200.00
TOTAL:	\$9,750.00

OLD EASTERN — J.R. Person, Moderator

Old Eastern Association	\$5,000.00
Antioch, Scotland Neck, F.W. Davis	200.00
Batts Chapel, Tarboro, G.E. Brown	500.00
Oedar Grove, Greenville, K.R. Hammond	1,000.00
Cherry's Chapel, Hodgdon, S. Jones	500.00
Cornerstone, Greenville, O. Lawson	2,000.00
Cornerstone, Williamston	300.00
Craven Corner, Havelock, J.R. Person	2,000.00
David Chapel, Washington, C.B. Gray	500.00
End Street, Scotland Neck, G.E. Brown	550.00
First, New Bern	1,200.00
Free Union, Lawrence, F.E. Leathers	250.00
Green Chapel, Havelock, N.K. Dunn	500.00
Hayes Chapel, Pactious, J.B. Crandall	500.00
James Mt. Pilgrim, Oak City, C.H. Brown	300.00
Jones Chapel, Palmyra, Jesse Williams	250.00
Rehukie, Scotland Neck, Willie Taylor	250.00
Macedonia, Farmville, F.R. Peterson	350.00
Mary's Chapel, Scotland Neck, E. King	350.00
Moore's Chapel, Aurora, J.B. Crandall	250.00
Morris Chapel, Newport, C.E. Parker	250.00
Mt. Calvary, New Bern, W.J. Cox	500.00
Mt. Olive, Ayden, F.R. Peterson	400.00
Mt. Shiloh, Williamston	200.00
Mt. Zion, Beaufort, James Moore	1,000.00
Phillip, Simpson, W.C. Butts	450.00
Providence, Robersonville	325.00
Reddick Chapel, Bethel, J.L. Farmer	250.00
Roanoke Zion, Palmyra, W.E. Battle	300.00
S. James Temple, Tarboro, L.L. Lloyd	450.00
S. John, Falkland, J.R. Person	1,000.00
S. Mary, New Bern, George Edwards	250.00
S. Paul, Oak City	375.00
S. Stephen, Tarboro, W.O. Merritt	250.00
S. Williams Chapel, Moses Creek	200.00
Sandy Point, Oak City	200.00
Spring Garden, Washington, E.R. McNaair	1,000.00
Sycamore Hill, Greenville, B.B. Felder	1,500.00
Triumph, Washington, C.B. Gray	1,600.00
Union, Tarboro, R.A. Morris	1,200.00
Ware Creek, Blounts Creek, George Smith	450.00
Weeping Mary, Tarboro, George Smith	500.00
Whites Chapel, Speed, J.E. James	350.00
Wynn Chapel, Bethel	200.00

Zion Chapel, J.J. Carney	200.00
TOTAL:	\$31,700.00

ORIGINAL SHILOH — R.W. Perry, Moderator

Original Shiloh Association	\$400.00
Antioch, Oxford, F.C. Moody	600.00
Baptist Grove, Granville Co.	200.00
Belton Creek, Oxford, P.G. Davis	1,000.00
Hue Wing, Granville Co.	200.00
Brookston, Henderson, W. Bell	500.00
Coley Spring, Warrenton, L.G. Brown	300.00
Davis Chapel, Oxford	300.00
Dickies Grove, Henderson, A. Bass	300.00
First, Kittrell	300.00
First, Oxford, T.L. Steel	2,000.00
Guilford	1,500.00
Haywood, Louisburg, L. Coppedge	750.00
Long, Oxford, M.C. Bullock	750.00
Jones Chapel, Louisburg, R. Brodie	500.00
Jones Chapel, Norlina, J.R. Fogg	300.00
Jordan Chapel, James Barham	250.00
Jordan Hill, S.J. Melton	200.00
Mitchell, Louisburg, E.L. Brodie	1,500.00
Olive Grove, Littleton, P.G. Davis	800.00
Olive Grove, Oxford, M.T. Timberlake	250.00
Phelps Chapel, Louisburg, J.S. Spruill	250.00
Penn Avenue	250.00
Ridgeway, Norlina, W.T. Ramsey	275.00
S. John, Henderson, J. Fogg	600.00
Shiloh, Henderson, R.W. Perry	3,500.00
Snow Hill	300.00
Spring Garden, Warrenton, C.H. Brown	500.00
Swif Creek, Whitakers, W.A. Barnes	1,000.00
Union Grove, Warrenton, P.G. Davis	500.00
Warrenton, Walter Warborough	350.00
Woodworth, Henderson, A.A. Brown	300.00
TOTAL:	\$20,125.00

PEEDEE — J.H. Ferguson, Moderator

Pea Dee Association	\$2,500.00
Bethlehem, Laurinburg, R.L. Mihouse	3,000.00
Bright Hope, Laurinburg, A.L. Byrd	1,200.00
Center Grove, Red Springs, T.M. McDonald	1,000.00
Ovington, Troy, John Bratton	450.00
Emmanuel, Hamlet, Ronnie Tomlin	200.00
Fairley's Chapel, Laurinburg, L.A. Melvin	200.00
First, Southern Pine, W.J. Haire	1,500.00
Friendship, Hamlet, I.D. Ferguson	600.00
Galilee, Pinehurst, John Daniels	500.00
Henry Grove	200.00
Holly Grove, Rockingham, H. McLawin	300.00
Lewiston Chapel, Ghio, J.J. Covington	350.00
Lovely Hill, P.N. McKnight	300.00
Mt. Tabor, Rowland, John Foster	400.00
Mt. Zion, Candor	350.00
New Hope, Hamlet, W.H. Gatewood	1,200.00
Poplar Springs, Aberdeen, T.M. McDonald	300.00
Poplar Spring, Rockingham, J.H. Ferguson	1,800.00
Providence, Rockingham, R.T. Gilchrist	1,800.00
S. Luke, Laurinburg, H. Floyd	200.00
S. Paul, Pinehurst, W.M. Gay	300.00
Sandy Grove, Maxton, John Foster, Jr.	500.00
Shiloh, Maxton, H.E. Edwards	1,800.00
Spring Branch, Wagram, J.W. Swindell	700.00
Spring Hill, Red Springs	200.00
Union, Hamlet, H. McLaurin	200.00
TOTAL:	\$21,850.00

PEEDEE UNION —

Pea Dee Union Association	\$200.00
Belford, Jackson Springs, M. Isaac	300.00
Mechanics, Asheboro, A. Lewis	200.00
Pleasant Grove, Mt. Gilead, A.L. Evans	300.00
Providence, Mt. Gilead, A. Simpson	300.00
Saron, Elerbe, A. Simpson	250.00
Sidney Grove, Elerbe, A. Simpson	300.00
Thomas Chapel, Mt. Gilead, E. Jones	200.00
TOTAL:	\$2,050.00

PROGRESSIVE TAR RIVER —

G.W. Dudley, Moderator

Progressive Tar River Association	\$425.00
Bunn's Chapel, Nashville, L. Coppedge	200.00
Great Mt. Herman, Rocky Mount, J.O. Thorne	200.00
Mt. Zion First, Rocky Mount, G.W. Dudley	2,500.00
S. Stephens, Spring Hope, C. Barnes	600.00
Thomas Chapel, Rocky Mount	200.00
TOTAL:	4,375.00

REEDY CREEK — L. Edwards, Moderator

Reedy Creek Association	\$1,450.00
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Ashley Grove, U.F. Pence	200.00
Chapel Hill, Norlina, J.E. Hall	200.00
Enon, Littleton, W.C. Tabron	200.00
Greater Lovely Hill, Macon, M.R. Hedgpeh	1,500.00
Ivory Hill, J.H. Copeland	300.00
Le Chapel, Littleton, G.E. Battle	250.00
Locust Grove, Wise, A.L. Dye	250.00
Lovely Hill, Warrenton, M. Hedgpeh	250.00
Mt. Olive, Littleton, J.S. Spruill	200.00
Mt. Vernon, Nashville, L. Edwards	650.00
Oak Grove, Littleton, E.C. Collum	400.00
Pine Chapel, Hollister, Rev. Richardson	1,000.00
Pleasant Zion, Littleton, C.P. Harris	300.00
Rocky Chapel, Louisburg, J.M. Boone	300.00
S. John, Warrenton, N. Richardson	250.00
Second, Macon, J. Webb	300.00
Shiloh, Arcola, W.H. Lucas	250.00
Shocco, Warrenton, R. Brodie	250.00
Social Union, Nashville, W.H. Bruggers	200.00
South S., Littleton, G.E. Battle	500.00
Swift Creek, Whitakers	250.00
Union Hill, Nashville, J. Mangrum	250.00
Walnut Grove, Louisburg, J.S. Spruill	200.00
TOTAL:	\$11,600.00

RISING STAR — J.G. Gaston, Moderator

Rising Star Association	\$175.00
Antioch, Granite Quarry, Rufus Wright	350.00
Brown New Calvary, Thomasville	850.00
Emmanuel, Thomasville, S. McLendon	350.00
Fairview, Salisbury, R.N. Lockhart	1,800.00
First, Southmont, J.G. Gaston	1,500.00
S. John, Winston-Salem, W. McAdams	200.00
S. Mathew, Salisbury, D.J. Houston	300.00
Shiloh, Albemarle, W.C. Wilkerson	800.00
Union, Thomasville, William Fulp	250.00
TOTAL:	\$5,975.00

ROANOKE ASSOCIATION —
H.L. Mitchell, Moderator

Roanoke Association	\$550.00
Alligator Chapel, Columbia, L. Freeman	200.00
Baldards Grove, Eure, R. Smallwood	200.00
Chapel, Elizabeth City, S.L. Lawrence	200.00
Chapel Hill, Columbia, A.R. Winborne	550.00
Christian Advocate, Poplar Point, A. Winborne	200.00
Edenton Home, Edenton, G.W. Powell	500.00
Orangetown, Elizabeth City, J.R.R. McRay	200.00
Elis Temple, W.A. Davis	200.00
First, Gates, H.C. Saunders	200.00
First, Hertford, H.H. London	800.00
First Zion Grove, Plymouth, H. Hammond	250.00
Galatia, Hertford, George Powell	200.00
Gal Street, Edenton, J.C. W. Smith	200.00
Galilee, Elizabeth City, W.H. Troutman	200.00
Joppa, Hobberville, C.A. Proctor	250.00
Lebanon Grove, Gatesville	350.00
Melton Grove, Winalf, J.W. Law	200.00
Mt. Carmel, Elizabeth City, W.H. Davis	250.00
Mt. Delone, Moyock, L.C. Spruill	200.00
Mt. Epwre, Roper, D.S. Hammond	800.00
New Bethel, S.L. Lawrence	350.00
New Chapel, Plymouth, A.R. Winborne	450.00
New Hope, Gatesville, H.L. Mitchell	(TITHE)
New Middle Swamp, A.J. Cherry	600.00
New Oak Grove, Va. Beach, Va.	250.00
New Pine Grove, Gates, R. Smallwood	250.00
New Piney Wood Chapel, E.M. Lewis	250.00
New Providence, S.L. Lawrence	250.00
New Salem, Elizabeth City, R.E. Williams	250.00
New Sawyer Creek, Camden	200.00
New Shiloh, Shiloh, J.F. Smith	200.00
Oak Grove	200.00
Philadelphia, Shiloh, W.A. Davis	250.00
Piney Wood Chapel, Powellsville, W.H. Troutman	250.00
Pleasant Grove, Belhaven, D.C. Lamb	200.00
Pool's Grove, Hertford, J.L. Willis	250.00
Providence, Edenton, J.L. Fenner	600.00
Riddick Grove, Belvidere, W.A. Moore	300.00
Ryan's Grove, Edenton, M.A. Riddick	200.00
S. John, Columbia, George Smith	250.00
S. John, Edenton, J.E. Griffin	250.00
S. John, Sunbury	200.00
S. John, Washington Co., D.W. Lamb	300.00
S. Reddick, Belhaven, D.C. Morgan	600.00
S. Stephen, Elizabeth City, P.C. Holland, Jr.	650.00
Salem, Columbia, P.B. Heckstall	250.00
Samuel Chapel, Elizabeth City, John Johnson	250.00
Samuel Grove, Hertford, C.A. Proctor	200.00
St. John, Craspeake, H.L. Mitchell	(TITHE)
Warren Grove, Edenton, Wilbert Mills	600.00
Welches Chapel, Tyner, W.H. Davis	200.00

Zion Tabernacle, Sunbury, R.M. Watson	275.00
TOTAL:	\$15,775.00
ROWAN — J.C. Harris, Moderator	
Rowan Association	\$2,300.00
Anderson Grove, Greensboro, E.S. Anderson	300.00
Bethlehem, High Point, J.W. Reed	200.00
Beulah, Concord, B.M. Hamright	200.00
Beulah, Madison, C.E. Carter	650.00
Buncombe, Lexington, S.W. Mack	200.00
Calvary, High Point, J.E. Trotman	1,000.00
Canaan, Winston-Salem, W.E. Brannon	300.00
Center Grove, Mocksville, Rev. R.O.P. Goodwin	250.00
Clarks Memorial, Booneville, T. Orr	250.00
Dreamland Park, Winston-Salem, J.A. Floyd	800.00
Ebenezer, Greensboro, W.L. Gladney	800.00
Emmanuel, Winston-Salem, S.W. Mack	2,500.00
Fairfield, Mocksville, F.D. Betts	200.00
Files Chapel, Lexington, F.D. Betts	200.00
First, Basdin, L.R. Crawford	250.00
First, Burlington, R.W. Styles	3,000.00
First, Concord, V.M. Worthy	1,500.00
First, Graham, C.R. Trotter	300.00
First, Lexington, B.F. Daniels	1,000.00
First, New London, G.W. Lewis	250.00
First, Reddsville	1,200.00
First, Statesville, J.C. Harris	3,000.00
First, Thomasville, W.E. Banks	1,000.00
First, Trinity, John Mason	200.00
First, Winston-Salem, W.S. Epps	(TITHE)
First, Calvary, Salisbury, T.M. Walker	3,000.00
First, Emmanuel, High Point, L. Curtis	3,000.00
First Union, Winston-Salem	500.00
Friendship, Lexington, B. Walters	1,500.00
Friendship, Winston-Salem, S.E. Tyndall	2,500.00
Galilee, Winston-Salem, W.C. Hay	3,000.00
Getsemane, Salisbury, J.W. Reed	500.00
Goodwill, Madison, B.H. Bonham	800.00
Harshaw Grove, Randleman	250.00
Henderson Grove, Salisbury, Paul Mosely	300.00
Jerusalem, E. Spencer, Charles Blackney	500.00
Macedonia, Salisbury	2,500.00
Mars Hill, Winston-Salem, O.B. Cook	200.00
Morning Star, Winston-Salem	250.00
Mt. Carmel, Winston-Salem, H.L. Moore	300.00
Mt. Moriah, Pinnacle, L.R. Crawford	250.00
Mt. Olive, Winston-Salem	600.00
Mt. Pleasant, Winston-Salem	1,500.00
Mt. Sinai, Eden, E.S. Geiger	200.00
Mt. Vernon, High Point	2,000.00
Mt. Zion, Albemarle, J.C. Robinson	1,800.00
Mt. Zion, Concord, O.R. Hawkins	200.00
Mt. Zion, Salisbury, S.R. Johnson	2,000.00
Mt. Zion, Winston-Salem	8,000.00
New Bethel, Winston-Salem, J. Drayton	4,000.00
New Hope, Winston-Salem, J.S. Hodges	450.00
New Jerusalem, Winston-Salem, J.C. Mulens	4,000.00
New Light, Winston-Salem, A. McColl	250.00
New Shepherd, Cooleme, J.C. Harris	200.00
New Smith Grove, Lexington, J.E. Chambers	350.00
New Testament, Madison, Eli McEacher	200.00
New Zion, Greensboro, J.E. McCoy	250.00
New Zion, Lexington, Moses Caldwell	300.00
New Zion, Winston-Salem, I.L. Carter	350.00
Oak Grove, China Grove, I.L. Anthony	350.00
Phillip Chapel, Winston-Salem, C.W. Leak	350.00
Pine Hall, R.F. Lowry	250.00
Piney Fork, Eden, W.B. Lea	250.00
Piney Grove, Winston-Salem, T.J. Joyce	250.00
Providence, Greensboro, H.A. Chubb	3,500.00
Providence, Kernersville, D. Johnson	250.00
Red Bank, Winston-Salem, J.J. Clyburn	250.00
Rising Ebenezer, Winston-Salem, E.N. Hough	1,500.00
Rising Star, Walnut Cove, R.A. Hairston	1,200.00
S. John, Asheville, R.J. Gillian	600.00
S. Luke, Salisbury, C.W. Wilkerson	450.00
S. Mark, Winston-Salem, James Fulwood	200.00
S. Paul, Eden, R.J. Howard	500.00
S. Stephen, Winston-Salem, J.R. Samuels	4,500.00
Second New Bethel, Winston-Salem	250.00
Shady Grove, E. Spencer, J.G. Gaston	2,500.00
Sharon, Stoneville	250.00
Shiloh, Greensboro, O.L. Hairston	300.00
Shiloh, Mocksville, Howard Parker	300.00
Shiloh, Winston-Salem, J. Ray Butler	(TITHE)
Springfield, Eden, W.B. Lea	600.00
Temple Memorial, High Point, L. Macon	500.00
Union, Lexington, J.S. Skove	1,500.00
Union, Winston-Salem, A.H. McDaniel	4,000.00
Union Chapel, Winston-Salem, R.A. Anderson	700.00
United, Kannapolis, J. Jones	200.00
United Institutional, Greensboro,	200.00
C.W. Anderson	2,650.00
United Metropolitan, Winston-Salem,	

J.D. Ballard	(TITHE)
United Progressive, Winston-Salem, T. Caldwell	300.00
Wauhtont, Winston-Salem, E.L. Grant	600.00
West End, Reidsville, Alex Shaw	250.00
Yadkin Grove, Salisbury, J.L. Stowe	350.00
Zion, Reidsville, E.L. Kirby	(TITHE)
Zion Memorial, Winston-Salem, J.A. Williams	1,200.00
TOTAL:	\$101,450.00

ST. JOHN — J.J. Johnson, Moderator

S. John Association	\$1,300.00
Buffalo Spring, Raeford, N. Worley	300.00
Oschar Grove, S.C. Fairley	300.00
Christ Memorial, O'Neal Taylor	200.00
Ellerbe Grove, Rockingham, J.J. Covington	350.00
First, Carolina Park	200.00
First, Laurel Hill, W.M. Ford	700.00
First, Marston, S.M. Dixon	200.00
Fletchers Grove, S. Gilchrist	250.00
Green Grove, James Murphy	300.00
Jones Chapel, Laurinburg, G.W. Ware	800.00
Jones Chapel, Red Springs, W.G. McDuffie	800.00
Macedonia Chapel, J.B. Everett, Jr.	200.00
Macedonia, Hoffman, J.B. Everett, Jr.	200.00
Mt. Calvary, L. Stromer	200.00
Mt. Moriah, Biscoe, S. Ratcliff	300.00
Mt. Pisgah, Raeford	300.00
Nazareth, Marston, S.C. Fairley	300.00
Oak Hill, Wagram	450.00
Piney Grove, Raeford	200.00
Reedy Creek, Laurinburg, J.B. Everett, Jr.	425.00
Sandy Grove, Hamlet, O'Neal Taylor	250.00
Shady Grove, Wagram, J. Gorham	300.00
Silver Grove, Raeford, W.G. Mitchell	2,000.00
Solid Rock, Laurinburg, L. Davis	1,500.00
Timmons Grove, H. Morrison	200.00
Twilight, Aberdeen, D. Kelly	250.00
Union Grove, Laurinburg, R. Hugger	250.00
Unionville, Wagram, J.W. Briston	200.00
TOTAL:	\$15,235.00

SHILOH — Kermit Richardson, Moderator

Shiloh Association	600.00
Bethlehem, Wise, Frank Bullock, Jr.	(TITHE)
Ooke Chapel, Warren Plains, W.L. Barnes	300.00
Greenwood, Warrenton, K. Richardson	300.00
Jerusalem, Warrenton, C.V. Harris	200.00
Manson, James Melton	350.00
Mt. Olive, Henderson, J.S. Freeman	850.00
Mt. Pleasant, Manson, K. Richardson	350.00
Perrys Chapel, Louisburg, Elbert Lee	350.00
Phipps Chapel, Henderson, W.S. Taylor	350.00
Pine Chapel, Hollister, K. Richardson	200.00
Pine Grove, Macon, N.M. Johnson	325.00
S. James, Henderson, H. Fields	350.00
S. Stephen, Warrenton	200.00
Shiloh, Warrenton	250.00
Spring Street, Henderson	350.00
TOTAL:	\$5,225.00

TAR RIVER — Frank Bullock, Jr., Moderator

Tar River Association	\$1,800.00
Bethlehem, Rocky Mount, Rev. Wilton Byrd	350.00
Castalia, Castalia, L. Edwards	200.00
Hilldale, Rocky Mount, J.H. Hunter	250.00
Oak Level, Rocky Mount, J. Simpson	250.00
Olive Chapel, Sharpsburg, E. Barnes	325.00
Philadelphia, Nashville, J.H. Hunter	350.00
Pilot, Zebulon, F. Bullock, Jr.	(TITHE)
Red Oak, Stanhope, O.S. Williams	450.00
Rocky Point, Spring Hope, A.M. Wiggins	300.00
S. Delight, Castalia, J.H. Staton	350.00
S. Hope, Spring Hope, F. Bullock, Jr.	(TITHE)
Sandy Fork, Balsley, F. Bullock	(TITHE)
Shiloh, Whitakers, W.H. Burgess	250.00
White Oak, Enfield	200.00
TOTAL:	\$4,930.00

TRENT RIVER — Oakey Grove — E.W. Wooten,
Moderator

Trent River - Oakey Grove Association	\$1,200.00
Davis Chapel, Navassa, C. Gray	200.00
Dixon Chapel, Navassa, W.M. McDavid	250.00
Evening View, Jacksonville, David Allison	250.00
First, Jacksonville	600.00
First, Kellumtown, A.M. Kelly	500.00
First, Mayeville, L.A. Dilahant	250.00
Hills Chapel, Trenton, R. Taylor	250.00
Jenkins Chapel, Sneads Ferry, J.D. Jacobs	550.00
Macedonia, New Bern, D. Hammond	500.00
Marshall Chapel, Jacksonville, R. Kelsey	350.00

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Mt. Moriah, Cove City, C. Gray	200.00
Oskey Grove, Trenton, E.L. Batts	450.00
Reform Shiloh, James City, I. Farrior	250.00
S. Louis, Richland, J.A. James	325.00
S. Luke, Jacksonville, J.A. James	200.00
St. Philip, Pollockville, J.T. Parks	200.00
S. Stephens, Leo Chadwick	200.00
Sandy Run, Jacksonville, E.W. Wooten	1,000.00
Union, Jacksonville, K.P. Fisher	250.00
Union Chapel, Elizabeth City, J.E. Barnes	250.00
United Baptist, New Bern, S. David	200.00
Vernon Hill	200.00
Jill Hill, Jacksonville, W. Green	250.00
Washington Chapel, W.L. Griffin	350.00
White Oak, Maysville, L.A. Dillahunt	250.00
Zion Chapel, Pollockville, W. Green	250.00
TOTAL:	\$10,175.00

UNION — C.R. Edwards, Moderator

Union Association	\$1,800.00
Baptist Union, Hope Mills, M. Hayes	350.00
Beauty Spot, Fayetteville	325.00
China Grove, Fayetteville, E. Garrett	250.00
First, Fayetteville, C.R. Edwards	250.00
First, Bethel, L.A. Melvin	500.00
First, Red Springs, Lindsey Godwin	200.00
First, St. Paul, James Simpson	200.00
First, Stedman	200.00
Flat Swamp, Fayetteville	350.00
Friendship, Fayetteville, B.L. Rich	3,000.00
Good Hope, Fayetteville, S. McDonald	500.00
Grays Creek, Hope Mills, Lacy Jones	650.00
Laurel Hill, Lumber Bridge, S.V. Melvin	250.00
Leach Springs, Frank Wooten	250.00
Lewis Chapel, Fayetteville, J.D. Fuller	4,500.00
Mt. Calvary, Fayetteville, H. Melvin	500.00
Mt. Olive	350.00
Mt. Pisgah, Parkton, L. Westbrook	3,500.00
Mt. Sinai, Fayetteville, A.J. Johnson	4,500.00
New Bethel, Rex, J.L. Watson	450.00
New Hope, Autryville, H. Melvin	350.00
Oak Ridge	200.00
Olive Branch	200.00
Piney Grove, Raeford, R. Holmes	1,000.00
Pleasant Grove, St. Pauls, J.T. Gilchrist	325.00
Pleasant Hill, Lumberton, W.D. Holmes	200.00
Rock Hill, Raeford, S.V. Melvin	200.00
St. John, Lumberton, J.C. McTee	200.00
St. Mark, Marion Avery	200.00
St. Matthew, Shannon, T. Patterson	450.00
St. Paul, Fayetteville, M. Wade	250.00
S. Peter, Raeford, James Mills	250.00
Savannah, Fayetteville, C.C. McLaughlin	500.00
Second New Light, St. Pauls, F.D. King	800.00
Shiloh, Bladen, F.D. King	200.00
Shiloh, Fayetteville, Thomas Holmes	250.00
South End, Fayetteville	250.00
Spring Hill, Fayetteville, Harry Giles	250.00
Spring Lake Memorial	225.00
Swans Creek, Hope Mills, C.M. McLaughlin	1,000.00
Union Hill, Autryville	250.00
TOTAL:	\$30,925.00

WAKE BAPTIST — W.B. Lewis, Moderator

Wake Baptist Association	\$4,200.00
Elevation, Raleigh, N.A. Trice, Jr.	250.00
Faith, Raleigh, C.R. Trotter	250.00
First, Franklinton, O.H. Brodie	1,000.00
First, Fuquay Springs, R. Wright	1,500.00
First, Holly Springs, A.A. Crum	800.00
First, Raleigh, C.W. Ward	8,000.00
First, Wendell, P. Burt	200.00
First, Zebulon	200.00
First, Cosmopolitan, Raleigh, W.B. Lewis	4,500.00
Friendship Chapel	250.00
Gethsemane, Bunn	200.00
Good Hope, Shotwell, J.E. Daniel	600.00
Jones Chapel, Spring Hope, W.M. Giles	200.00
Jones Hill, Spring Hope, W.M. Giles	200.00
Juniper Level, Raleigh, G.A. Jones, Sr.	350.00
Martin Star, Raleigh, F.H. Johnson	7,000.00
Morning Star, Raleigh, S.R. Spencer	200.00
New Bethel, Roseville, W.A. Morgan	2,400.00
New Hope, Wendell	250.00
New Liberty, Louisburg, M.R. Hedgepeth	350.00
Oak City, Method, C.B. Walton	500.00
Oberlin, Raleigh, H.B. Pickett	500.00
Old Liberty, Franklin Co., M. Wiggins	500.00
Olive Branch, W. Forest, S.L. Suitt	200.00
Riley Hill, Wendell, H.C. Horton	800.00
S. Matthew, Raleigh, J.D. Lockley	300.00
Springfield, Auburn	700.00

Tupper Memorial, Raleigh, L. Debnam	1,000.00
Union, Raleigh, R. Loftin	350.00
Union Grove, Youngsville, J.C. Sherrod	500.00
Wake Chapel, Raleigh, G.A. Jones, Jr.	250.00
Wake Baptist Grove, Garner, C.P. Briley	1,500.00
Wakefield, Zebulon	650.00
Williams Grove, Raleigh	200.00
TOTAL:	\$41,400.00

WAYNESVILLE — J.H. Smith, Moderator

Waynesville Association	\$500.00
Liberty, Sylva, J.H. Smith	450.00
Morning Star, Bryson City, O.T. Tomes	250.00
Mt. Olive, L.B. Reid	900.00
Mt. Zion, Andrews	200.00
Pleasant Grove, Canton, I.J. Stafford	300.00
TOTAL:	\$2,600.00

WEST ROANOKE — J.A. Davis, Moderator

West Roanoke Association	\$2,500.00
Ashland, Merry Hill, R. Brown	450.00
Calvary, Ahoskie, H.H. Murrill	450.00
Oedar Landing, Lewiston, P. Cherry	500.00
Onocany, Aulander, C.C. Lawrence	500.00
Elm Grove, Aulander, R.L. Lassiter	600.00
First, Aulander, W. Moore	650.00
First, Colerain, J. Davis	700.00
First, Kelford, J.W. Law	200.00
First, Murfreesboro, A.M. Williams	1,000.00
First, Powellsville, A.J. Cherry	300.00
First, Winton, A.C. Robinson, Jr.	550.00
Harrellsville, Chapel, C.A. Hart	600.00
Indian Woods, Windsor, C.M. Creecy	4,000.00
Jordan Grove, Winton, E.R. White	200.00
Luella, Kelford	200.00
Menola, Woodland, J.A. Davis	800.00
Mill Branch, Aulander, F. Lee	350.00
Mill Neck, Como, H.L. Mitchell	(TTITHE)
Mt. Ararat, Windsor, N.C. McNaair	300.00
Mt. Moriah, Winton, E.C. Watson	200.00
Mt. Olive, Lewiston	650.00
Mt. Olive, Windsor, Moses Shearin	600.00
Mt. Pleasant, Harrellsville, J. Wiggins	350.00
Mt. Sinai, Como, Frank Lee	500.00
New Ahoskie, Ahoskie	1,500.00
New Bethany, Ahoskie, C.M. Creecy	1,000.00
New Haven, Murfreesboro, S.W. Edwards	900.00
New Holly Grove, W.D. Lassiter	200.00
Newsome Grove, Richard Smallwood	200.00
Oxley Hill, M. Hill, J.R. Wiggins	350.00
Parkers Grove, Mapleton, J.H. Dixon	500.00
Peterson Chapel, Windsor, W. Trotman	500.00
Phillipi, Cofield, C.A. Hart	650.00
Piney Wood Chapel, W. Trotman	300.00
Pleasant Oak, Windsor, B. Heckstall	200.00
S. Elmo, Windsor, E.C. Watson	1,500.00
S. Francis, Windsor, E.C. Watson	200.00
S. John, Murfreesboro, W. Lassiter	200.00
S. Luke, Windsor, W. Moore	250.00
S. Mark, Colerain, J. Chance, Sr.	200.00
S. Matthew, Windsor, James Vinson, Jr.	250.00
S. Paul, Windsor, L. Gilliam, Sr.	200.00
Sandy Branch, Roxobel, P.C. Holland	325.00
Sandy Point, Windsor, J. Law	450.00
Second, Creeksville, J.A. Davis	200.00
Second Baptist S.S., Potocasi	200.00
Second S. John, Ahoskie, W.D. Lassiter	200.00
Second Union, Ahoskie, E. Lewis	325.00
Spring Hill, Lewiston	450.00
Spring Hill, Woodland	250.00
Weep Mary, Lewiston, W. Lassiter	200.00
Woodville Plains, B. Heckstall	200.00
Wynn's Grove, Colerain, J. Law	300.00
Zion Bethlehem, Merry Hill, L. Gilliam	350.00
Zion Grove, Aulander, S. Lewis	450.00
Zion Hill, Colerain, C. Lawrence	800.00
TOTAL:	\$36,500.00

WESTERN UNION — J.B. Everett, Moderator

Western Union Association	800.00
Bear Skin, Sampson County	250.00
Big Piney Grove, Clinton, C.C. McLaughlin	250.00
Brown's Chapel, Clinton, L.A. Melvin	300.00
First, Clinton, C.A. Jones, Sr.	300.00
First, Roseboro, J. Haire	900.00
First, Tomahawk	250.00
Ingold First, Clinton, W.H. Brock	1,000.00
Lisbon Street, Clinton, H.R. Cogdell	3,100.00
Littletide, Newton Grove, J.D. Herring	650.00
Mt. Pleasant, Clinton, Lacy Jones	250.00
Mt. Zion, Dunn, L.J. Penny	250.00
Snow Hill, Roseboro, J.H. Everett	650.00
TOTAL:	\$8,950.00

WILSON — T.A. Watkins, Moderator

Wilson Association	\$500.00
Antioch, Wilson, George Cooper	\$200.00
Artis Grove, Walstonburg	200.00
Barnes Chapel, Wilson	250.00
Calvary, Wilson, D.D. Williams	200.00
Ebenezer, Wilson, W.B. Bowden	650.00
First, Bailey, E.D. Woodard	250.00
First, Elm City, Wilton Byrd	250.00
First, Lucama, Odele Fort	250.00
Jackson Chapel First, Wilson, T.A. Watkins	4,000.00
Johnson Chapel, Elm City, J. Barron	250.00
Mary Grove, Lucama, E.D. Woodard	450.00
Roundtree, Wilson, I.M. Jordan	550.00
Sandy Fork, Wilson, David Howell	275.00
Vaughn's Chapel, Wilson, E. Barnes	200.00
Williams Chapel, D.D. Williams	200.00
TOTAL:	\$8,725.00

YADKIN DAVIE — F.A. Leak, Moderator

Yadkin Davie Association	\$500.00
Oedar Creek, Mocksville, W.C. Hay	350.00
Mt. Nebo, Harmony, Ardeal Roseboro	1,000.00
Pleasant Grove, Yadkinville, F.A. Leak	250.00
Smith Grove, Hiddenite, Walter Tidline	250.00
TOTAL:	\$2,350.00

YADKIN VALLEY — M. Howell, Moderator

Yadkin Valley Association	\$400.00
Mt. Ararat, Mt. Airy, T. Howell	350.00
Mt. Pleasant, Jonesville, M. Howell	350.00
Mt. Valley, Ronda, C.L. Wilborn	400.00
New Damascus, N. Wilkesboro, W.N. Rowe	1,500.00
New Home, Elkin, E. Glenn	250.00
Patterson Grove, Wilkes Co.	200.00
Piney Grove, Moravian Falls, M. Millsap	250.00
Pleasant Hill, N. Wilkesboro, C. Gilreath	1,500.00
Popular Springs, Roaring River, F. Carlton	1,500.00
S. Home, Elkin, E. Glenn	300.00
S. John, Taylorsville, M. Millsap	650.00
Sandy Creek, Traphill, W. T. Tidline	250.00
Thankful, Boomer, H.P. Dalton	1,000.00
Union Grove, Roaring River, J.B. Hampton	265.00
TOTAL:	\$8,815.00

YADKIN PHILADELPHIA —

L.W. Walker, Moderator

Yadkin Philadelphia Association	\$900.00
Antioch, Monroe, E.H. Martin	(TTITHE)
First, Ansonville, R.E. Blount	(TTITHE)
First, Norwood, C.C. Clark	350.00
Flakes Chapel, Wadesboro, L.W. Walker	250.00
Garris Grove, Wadesboro, F.R. Butler	500.00
Henderson Grove, Wadesboro, J.N. Coble	(TTITHE)
Mt. Gilead, Thomasville, J.E. Harris	500.00
Mt. Pleasant, Wadesboro, E.H. Martin	200.00
Mt. Zion, Badin, David Thompson	650.00
Oliver Grove, Mt. Gilead, W.H. Sturdivant	500.00
Parson Grove, Mt. Gilead, W.H. Sturdivant	550.00
Philadelphia, Monroe, R.E. Blount	250.00
Piney Grove, Waxhaw, James C. McCoy	500.00
Peat Hill, Wadesboro, C.M. Huntley	250.00
Red Hill, Lilesville, C.C. Clark	250.00
Walker Grove, Wingate, L.W. Walker	650.00
TOTAL:	\$6,700.00

ZION — A.L. Bell, Moderator

Zion Association	\$1,200.00
Barringer Chapel, Norwood, J. Powe	350.00
Brown's Creek, Anson Co., R.E. Blount	350.00
East Rock Ford, Wadesboro	300.00
Ebenezer, Wadesboro	350.00
Elizabeth, Monroe, J.H. Ferguson	1,500.00
First, Hamlet, W.O. McCullough	1,600.00
First, Wadesboro, A.L. Bell	3,000.00
Flag Branch, E.H. Martin	500.00
Flint Ridge East, Marshville, A.L. Evans	500.00
Friendship, Monroe, J.B. Crowder	2,000.00
Galilee, Oxboro, J. Powe	400.00
Henry Grove, Anson Co.	650.00
Meltonville, Peachland, L. Pressley	650.00
Mt. Zion, Polkton, W.H. Gatewood	250.00
New Grove	250.00
New Zion, Peachland, E.H. Martin	400.00
Nicey Grove, Wingate, C.J. Evans	650.00
Olive Branch, Marshville, J.C. Robinson	(TTITHE)
Parson Grove, Lilesville, B.R. Robinson	250.00
Pee Dee, Anson Co.	200.00
Pee Dee, Lilesville, W.H. Gatewood	250.00
Poplar Hill, Polkton, H. Sturdivant	250.00

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Ramah Grove, Wadesboro, L. Blakney	550.00
Sandy Ridge, Monroe, W.H. Sturdivant	350.00
Sharon, Polkton	225.00
W. Deep Creek, Wadesboro, W.A. Sellers	650.00
W. Rocky Ford, Wadesboro, J.W. Parson	350.00
TOTAL:	\$23,975.00

Refugees Home Sought By Church Council

By Reverend Collins Kilburn
Boone — The North Carolina Council of Churches is seeking homes in North Carolina for refugees from Indochina and other parts of the world. The announcement of the program was made by Dr. R. Eugene Owens, president of the Council and pastor of Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte.

Dr. Owens said that "many people do not realize that the crisis of resettlement is as great now as it was in 1975 when the government of Vietnam collapsed. The plight of the boat people in Indochina as well as refugees from other parts of the world is one of the greatest tragedies of our time and demands a response from our churches. The need is immediate and we are hoping for an immediate and generous response from churches in North Carolina."

Owens said the Council is detecting denominational executives asking them to bring the need to the attention of their congregations urging local churches to become sponsors. The Council will also be appealing directly to local church-

es for assistance. The Director of Social Ministries at the Council Raleigh office, Reverend Collins Kilburn, will be available for consultation with local churches.

A spokesman for the Council said that many denominations have their own staff agencies which have been engaged for several years in refugee resettlement and that the Council will be cooperating with those agencies and with the Immigration and Refugee Program of Church World Service. "We see our role as one of providing information and references to professional personnel working with the denominations. These people provide a great deal of assistance to local churches interested in becoming sponsors," said the spokesman.

"The primary trust of our effort is to encourage local churches to become involved in this program. In the case of small congregations located in the same area we hope there might be a cooperative effort in sponsorship. It is a good economical project," the spokesman stated.

By I.B. Horton

A Theatrical-Topical Sermon:

Text: Romans 5:3-5

"And not only so, but glory in tribulations also, knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who is given unto us."

A Therapeutic Sermon:

"You are the man who used to boast that you'd achieve the uttermost, someday."

You merely wished a show, to demonstrate how much you know and prove the distance you can go...

Another year we've just passed through. What new ideas came to you? How many little things did you do? Time...left twice fresh month in your care. How many of them did you share with opportunity and dare. Again where you so often missed?

Introduction to The Problem:

Do tribulations and trials tend to destroy a Christian individual or do they tend to make one stronger? There are those who say that tribulation and trials will destroy the individual who has no faith in God. Others

believe that trouble will make any one, with or without faith, a stronger and better person.

Theme Rationale:

The people of God - who have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ - not only rejoice in the exuberance of the new birth in the Lord, but they rejoice and glory in tribulations also. Their rejoicing is based on the knowledge that tribulations worketh patience; and patience, hope; and hope increases faith which in the end will never disappoint you.

Evil has but one aim and that is to destroy the object toward which it is directed. The powers and forces of evil would destroy mankind off the face of the earth, if God did not, in His mercy, intervene.

I. God's Unquenchable Love

Protects From Evil
Satan, in his anger towards God, strikes out at mankind, whom God's so loved until He gave His only begotten Son that He should not perish. It is God's promise that that turns the evil trials that come upon the people of God into a victory song.

II. Glory in Tribulations Is

Evidence of God's Presence.

Those who glory only in the

good things that befall them plainly show that they have not tasted of the sweetness of God's salvation. It is only when the "lemon" is squeezed that the juice comes out. In the Christian warfare, it is only when we throw ourselves into the battle that we discover what a great God we serve. No Christian of the past has ever become famous by running away from responsibility.

III. Patience, The Fruit of Tribulation

Patience, the "Crown" of Christian virtues, is produced and grown in tribulations. With no patience, the man of God is like a soldier on the battle field without his armor (Ephesians 6:12-20).

Conclusion:

The testimony of Psalm 119:67 is: "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now have I kept thy word." The spirit of Satan and evil is the enticing force that leads men astray; with the intent of ultimate destruction after a moment of unlawful pleasure. But thanks be to God that His Holy Spirit intervenes to save the people making them to rejoice and glory in His salvation.

Conference Stresses Remedies For Stress

By Jim Lowry

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Rest, relaxation and exercise are recommended as three of the best remedies for ministers constantly under the pressure of stress.

Unheeded, stress soon will begin to affect the body physically, first in extremely sensitive areas such as the stomach and the heart, Jerry Day, clinical psychologist from Tucson, Ariz., told ministers and foreign missionaries at a conference on stress management at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

"Stress is virtually inescapable in today's society," Day claimed "but it's manageable."

Day told the pastors and missionaries that 20 minutes of good relaxation can make the body look and feel like it has had three hours sleep. "Relaxation gives you energy," he said, adding, "you can't worry and relax at the same time."

He suggested exercises, particularly rhythmic exercises such as walking or jogging, as ways to escape stress, as opposed to competitive sports. Isometric exercises also were recommended for relaxation.

"The four parts of man — intellectual, spiritual/emotional and physical — are interdependent and connected," Day told the conferees, "and stress management begins with establishing a balance between job demands and leisure time. People need to learn how to allow the body to rest between

bouts with stress."

"If you do nothing to deal with stress," he said, "eventually your body will be affected in all four parts of its makeup. Stress will attack you initially at your weakest point of the four."

Breakdown or improvement of any of the four interdependent body parts will affect all the others sooner or later, he commented, indicating improvement in any of the areas would result in overall help.

Numerous signals frequently warn individuals under stress to seek rest. Some of the early symptoms of stress include headache-backache, depression, alcoholism, insomnia-fatigue, or anxiety-indecisiveness.

Reactions of the stomach to stress can lead to ulcers, colitis, gastritis and other problems, Day said. Physical ailments

related to the heart include coronary disease, hypertension and angina.

Other stress-related physical problems include respiratory disorders, skin reactions, skeletal and muscle system pain (arthritis and rheumatism) and visual ailments like glaucoma.

"You must learn to deal with emotions," he said, "which will contribute a great deal to management of problems. Depression is an emotion that must be dealt with, along with anxiety, worry, fear, anger, frustration, love and happiness."

Christians have an extra resource in their faith for dealing with stress, he said. "Security is knowing that whatever stress brings, you have the strength to handle it."

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In Memory

By Mrs. Juanita Kornegay
Kinston — Mrs. Penina H. Patterson Suttton, the daughter of the late Thomas J. Patterson and Mrs. Lestie Patterson, recently departed this life at the Lenoir Memorial Hospital, Kinston, N.C.

Mrs. Sutton received her early training at Fayetteville State Normal where she earned the B.S. Degree. She did further studies at A&T University. Her teachings inspired the lives of many boys and girls, having taught 43 years in the Falling Creek Community before her retirement.

Mrs. Sutton was a life long member of Banks Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where she served as directress and a member of the choir, a Sunday School teacher, and worked with many Church and community organizations. Mrs. Sutton was directress of the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention Oratorical Contest and was an annual member of the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association. She was also financial secretary of the interdenominational church union for 13 years, and served as treasurer of Missionary Circle. Her affiliations in



The late Mrs. Penina H. Patterson Suttton.

education included the NCTA, NEA, NCAE, and NRTA both local and state.

Survivors are: her mother, Mrs. L.V. Patterson, five sisters, Mrs. Dazzarine Pearson of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Marie Mitchell, Mrs. Juanita Kornegay, Mrs. Mozella Sutton and Mrs. Mildred Frizzell all of Kinston, N.C. Three brothers Mr. Thomas A. Patterson of Wilmington, De., Mr. Usher and Ingram Patterson of Kinston, N.C.

"I've dreamed many dreams that never came true. I've seen them vanish at dawn, but enough of my dreams have come true, thank God, to make me keep dreaming on. I've prayed many prayers when no answer came. Though I've waited patiently and long but answers have come to enough of my prayers to make me want to pray on."

Chavis 'Released Time' Studies Go Well, Says State And School

DURHAM, N.C. (RNS) — The North Carolina Department of Correction and officials of Duke University Divinity School agree that allowing the Rev. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., leader of the Wilmington 10, to pursue graduate work at the school is working out well.

Stewart Shadolt, spokesman for the state department, said Mr. Chavis, the last member of the Wilmington 10 remaining in prison, is transported each weekday morning from the Orange County prison facility near Hillsborough to Duke and is picked up again and returned each afternoon.

He said Mr. Chavis is not under guard or supervision at any time while on campus, he said, being approved for the study-release program means he must have "shown by his behavior that he is acceptable to be put in a position of trust."

He added that so far

"everything is going beautifully."

B. Maurice Ritchie, director of admissions at the Divinity School, said Mr. Chavis, a representative of the United Church of Christ's Commission for Racial Justice, who enrolled in the school two months ago, has been treated "like any other student."

"Students," he said, "are aware that he is here, and they interact with him just like any other student."

"The Board of Corrections may have certain regulations, and we abide by them," he said. "But when we admitted Chavis it was on the same basis as any other student. The other students have reacted positively."

One of the Board of Corrections' provisions in approving the study-release program, and moving Mr. Chavis to the Hillsborough prison unit to make

transportation more feasible, was that Dr. Chavis make no public statements or appearances regarding his case.

Dr. Robert Cushman, research professor at the Divinity School and one of Mr. Chavis' instructors, said Mr. Chavis is "an earnest and attentive student."

"So far, as I can perceive," he said, "there is no special reaction (from the class). He goes in and out of a class and attends to his affairs without any special attention. Nothing has happened to indicate that he has had any eccentric effect on the class."

Mr. Chavis has been imprisoned since Feb. 2, 1976, serving an original sentence of 25 to 28 years for conviction in incidents during racial disturbances in Wilmington, N.C., in 1971. Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., of North Carolina, early this year reduced the sentence to make him become eligible for parole on Jan. 1, 1980.



Rev. Del Parkerson, (left) pastor, Temple Baptist Church, Wilmington - First Vice President; Reverend Mark Cortis, (center) pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem - President; Reverend William A. Wallace, pastor, Englewood Baptist Church, Rocky Mount - Second Vice President.

Baptist Convention Re-elects Officers

Raleigh — Baptist State Convention officers were re-elected during a very inspiring session last November when the 148 Annual Session convened in Raleigh. The Convention was

marked by inspirational and mission-challenging programming and preaching. A budget of \$15,307,450 was adopted by the messengers for the 1969 convention year.

A Test On 'Everyday' Morality: Man On Street vs. Theologians

By Religious News Service
CHICAGO (RNS) — John Jones, solid citizen, arrives in Los Angeles on a business trip. He grabs a phone, makes a person-to-person call to himself in New York, and his wife tells the operator that John Jones is not home. The operator says sorry, sir, try later. At little point Mary Jones has been informed that her husband is alive and well and the telephone company has been hooked again.

It is "sinful" to cheat the telephone company or take "souveniers from a hotel room? How about taking home office supplies or padding deductions to your income tax?

Moral responses of Catholics to questions such as these vary widely, according to writer and educator Edward Wakin in an article in U.S. Catholic, published here by the Claretian Fathers and Brothers.

Catholic laity and moral theologians have given a number of situations which require moral judgments. Mr. Wakin reports in his article, "Everyday Morality for Ordinary People."

He said the responses of laity "showed a variety of moral viewpoints. Some said, 'We were clear on what Catholics ought to do, but did not speak with one unequivocal voice on what was definitely wrong and sinful. There were shades of difference.'"

"What emerged was a winding trip through the world of right and wrong, should and would, ought to and have to," Mr. Wakin said of his research. "Clearly, one person's guilt is another's innocence when it comes to matter-of-fact morality."

He said "reactions of individual Catholics seemed to vary by temperament as well as

principle. There were those who allowed for exceptions, particularly against impersonal organizations, those who candidly admitted that they feel one way and act another, and those who allowed little or no leeway."

Among the theologians adhering to the "hard line" of little or no leeway was Claretian Father Gregory Kenny, who has pastoral experience with university students and faculty.

"There are a lot of grey areas involved in each case," he said. "I do believe, however, that once you become convinced that your stint in this world is a vital link in bringing about the kingdom of God, it is more and more difficult to take the easy way out."

On the question of taking such things as hotel ashtrays and towels, most participants in the study agreed with moral theologians that the practice is dishonest. One person said, "If people would stop stealing, maybe I could afford to travel again."

However, a number criticized the exorbitant price of hotel rooms, saying it leads consumers to take anything extra they can get.

Many Catholics apparently cheat on the telephone company without qualms. "Why pay?" The phone rates are high enough...Ma Bell needs to look at her justice..." Others who cheated Ma Bell felt guilty but justified their actions. "I feel I'm getting even for all the mistakes on the phone company has made."

Father Richard A. McCormick, S.J., professor of Christian ethics at Georgetown University, said he doesn't see a moral problem because the phone company could circumvent the problem if it wished.

Catholics who condemned the

practice had the following answer, Mr. Wakin said — "This is wrong because it is still using the services and equipment of the telephone company without paying." Prof. John Milhaven of Brown University, author of Toward a New Catholic Morality, said, "You're using the phone in a way contrary to the owner's rights."

Concerning the taking home of office or plant supplies for personal use, most people seemed to agree that an occasional pen, pencil or pad won't hurt — but anything more stealing and they wouldn't do it. One worker said, "The only thing I make a habit of taking home is my paycheck."

Mr. Wakin said the issue of income tax evasion, as expected, evoked expressions of outrage at the rising and unjust tax structure. Many people reasoned that because taxes are a "monumental rip-off" they were justified in "cheating on taxes. Others condemned the tax system but said individuals should work for reform rather than resort to lying and cheating on returns.

Moral theologians give little support to tax evaders and are quick to condemn Internal Revenue Service." Mrs. Wakin wrote, Father Charles E. Curran of Catholic University cited a "moral obligation to pay taxes."

On the issue of "telling the truth" when selling something, such as a used car, theologians are divided on the degree of truth which is morally required.

Some said the owner should reply to questions asked by the prospective buyer but wasn't obligated to volunteer negative information. Others said the owner must reveal substantial defects, even if the question isn't asked — such as the fact that a house is subject to regular flooding.

By Robert J. Hastings
ALTON, IL. (BP) — Donald Sharp, the first black in the 72-year history of Illinois Baptists to preach the convention's annual sermon, paid tribute to what Southern Baptists have meant to him and recalled some bitter-sweet memories.

The pastor of Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church, Chicago, warned his listeners that he might go overtime "since I've got 72 years of preaching to catch up."

Other blacks have been on the Illinois Baptist State Association program numerous times but not as preacher of the annual sermon.

Sharp, who grew up in Chicago and became a Southern Baptist in 1968, paid tribute to friends such as John M. Whitman, former managing editor of the "Illinois Baptist," who made him feel welcome from the start.

"On one of my first visits to Springfield (Ill.), Whitman embraced me and kept me in his home overnight," he said.

Sharp said a great deal about his own search for self-identity and feeling of worth. He described how it felt to grow up poor, in the ghetto of Chicago, a child born out of wedlock.

He told how he felt as an adolescent when his mother explained why his dad "had a different last name than you do," then with tears streaming down her face, "hugged me and said she loved me and that I was a somebody."

Statistically speaking, I should be an alcoholic, a drug addict, a victim of the garbage heap, he continued. "But God changed my life, not because of the circumstances of my birth, or who I was, but because he loved me."

Sharp warned about a pseudo interest in going overseas to

"win the natives amid all those crocodiles and alligators, but never being willing to serve in the inner city here in the States."

He said that he's sometimes called an "Oreo" in the black community, meaning, "You think just like the white folks." Then he said, "I believe in America, good or bad, and I'm not about to get on a boat and go back to Africa. One of the faults he sees in some American churches is 'starting Christian' day schools just because you don't want your children to sit in classes with other races" in the public schools.

Much of his message was punctuated by humor, and an effect to dispel myths about black people. "You think all black preachers drive around in Cadillacs," he said. "Well, I'll tell you, if I had the money, I'd buy me a Cadillac. But let me tell you something else, if I did have the money, and I did buy one, my deacons wouldn't fire me for doing so!"

"My Father (God) is rich in houses and lands," he said, "and I don't think it's wrong to enjoy a little prime rib once in a while."

Then, in a good-natured closing, he said, "I see you white pastors driving around in these limo's. I can't get it's safe to visit our churches? Let me ask you if it's safe for a black man to visit in some of your white communities?" he asked, recalling the time in some Illinois towns when signs were posted, warning all "Niggers" to be out by sundown.

He invited his listeners to visit the black churches in Chicago. "Some of you ask if it's safe to visit our churches? Let me ask you if it's safe for a black man to visit in some of your white communities?" he asked, recalling the time in some Illinois towns when signs were posted, warning all "Niggers" to be out by sundown.



Left to right, Reverend T.A. Watkins - instructor of Ministers (standing), Reverend W.R. Burston, instructor of Deacons and Laymen, Mrs. Lucy Gray - instructor of Missionary Department, Mr. Arthur Williams - instructor of Ushers, Mr. Walter Plummer - in-



structor of Choir members. (Standing at Podium), Reverend E. Lee, Jr., Pastor, North End Baptist Street - instructor of B.T.U. and Sunday School Department, and Reverend Johnnie O. Thorne - Moderator of the Ministers' and Deacons' Union.

Tar And Neuse River Assn. Sponsor Workshop

By Reverend J.O. Thorne
Rocky Mount — The Tar River
Ministers' and Deacons' and

Another Year

Continued from page 1

(Psa. 23:4)

Life is a Task.

I will live it obediently.

"We keep His com-
mandments,
and do those things that are
pleasing in His sight."

(1 John 3:22)

Life is a Mission.

I will live it helpfully.

"Be kind to one another,
tender-
hearted, forgiving one
another."

(Eph. 4:32)

Life is a Contest.

I will live it earnestly.

"Watch ye, stand fast in the
faith, quit ye like men, be
strong."

(Cor. 16:13)

Life is a Battle.

I will live it courageously.

"Be strong and of a good cour-
age,
do not afraid; for the
Lord
God is with thee."

(Josh. 1:9)

— Frank Ellsworth Bigelow

A WAY TO A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To leave the old with a burst of
song,

To recall the right and forgive
the wrong;

To forget the thing that binds
you fast

To the vain regrets of the year
that's past;

To have the strength to let go
your hold

Of the not worth while of the
days grown old,

AND

To dare go forth with a pur-
pose true,

To the unknown task of the
year that's new;

To help your brother along the
road

To do his work and lift his
load;

To add your gift to the world's
good cheer,

Is to have and to give a Happy
New Year.

R.B. Beattie

I HAVE ONLY JUST A MINUTE

"I have only just a minute,
Only thirty seconds in it,
Forced upon me, can't refuse
it.

Didn't seek it, didn't choose it,
But it's up to me to use it,
I must suffer if I lose it;
Just a tiny little minute,
But eternity is in it."

Laymen's Union, under the
banner of the Neuse River
Baptist Association held its
Fourth Annual Church Training
Workshop - Institute last
October 9-13 at the North End
Baptist Church, Rocky Mount.
The sessions were held each

evening at 7:30. The Reverend
E. Lee, Jr. is pastor.

The workshop-institute was
the best attended session ever
held and was spirit-filled
throughout the week. There was
instruction available to all
departments of the local Church.

By Glenn Igleheart
For Baptist Press

The People's Temple began as
a church and ended as a cult.
The church Jim Jones started
has been affiliated for the last 20
years with the Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ), a
respected, full fledged Christian
denomination. But press
coverage related to the mass
deaths of more than 300 people in
Jonestown, Guyana, reveals how
deviant the People's Temple
group became.

But even though shocked by
the mass murder-suicide, we
should not accept at face value
some of the overstatements
printed by media repre-
sentatives who have interviewed
everybody in sight.

Those overstatements include
quotes which imply that all cult
groups are like the People's
Temple in that they physically,
mentally and morally abuse
their members. Some do, but
few are as suicidal and sadistic
as Jones and his followers.

We also need to guard against
overreaction. Parents with
children in sect groups should
not panic and take extremist
measures to separate their
children from these groups.
They can use Jonestown as a
prod to seek leaders to let them

see and communicate with their
children, but be cautious not to
over-respond.

Another form of overreaction
includes the call for government
investigation of all religious
groups in this country. The need
for accurate information is
imperative, but we need to be
careful before we further ac-
celerate political intrusions not
religious life.

The events at Jonestown
should bring into our awareness
the dangers of this kind of cultish
thinking. Many groups exist
which began with a leader who
claimed a heavenly vision with
its derived authority, and who
gathered a group of committed
followers around him.

When he proclaims religious
beliefs or practices which
deviate from biblical patterns,
his followers either do not
recognize them as distortions of
biblical teaching or else choose
to accept them as a more valid
truth. History will condone
questionable practices like
faked healings or deceptive
fund-raising because of the end
it serves of getting new mem-
bers and new money.

Christians need to be aware of
the beliefs and practices of other
religious groups in their com-

munity. They need to stand for
the preservation of free religious
expression, but also should be
able to evaluate other religious
groups and to speak out against
deviant beliefs and abuses
against persons.

Every Christian should
examine religious groups in light
of biblical norms. These include
acceptance of the ultimate
authority of God, the
unquestioned lordship of Jesus
Christ, the unimpeded right of
each believer as a member of
the body of Christ to com-
municate with God, and use of
Bible as the norm against which
all religious doctrines and
practices should be verified.

Public pressure causes groups
to change. Public outcry was at
least one element which forced
changes in Mormon practices of
plural marriage and in opening
their church's priesthood to
blacks.

Churches of Southern Baptist
and other Christians are not
immune from the kinds of ego-
centered leadership and
unquestioning membership seen
in Jonestown. The potential for
disorder lies within any religious
group which depends on one
person for direction and does not
practice a healthy exchange of
viewpoints in seeking God's will.

Seminar To

Highlight

Social Issues

By Collins Kilburn

Raleigh — The North Carolina
Council of Churches in con-
junction with The State Council
for Social Legislation will
sponsor a two-day Legislative
Seminar focusing on social
issues coming before the 1979
General Assembly. The Seminar
will be held January 8 and 9 in
Raleigh.

The program will begin at 7:00
P.M. on January 8 with a panel
discussing the question "Where
Is North Carolina?" The panel
will include Dr. John R. Ball,
Chairperson of the Department
of Social Work and Correctional
Services at ECU; The Hon. Ruth
Coker, a member of the House of
Representatives from Wake
County; the Rev. Joy J. Johnson,
a former legislator now serving on
the N.C. Parole Commission; and
Vernon R. Jansen, General
Secretary of the N.C. Synod of
the Presbyterian Church, U.S.

Jonestown: What Does It Reveal About Cults?

But most Baptists have a
safeguard against the horrors of
Jonestown happening in their
church. It's called the priesthood
of all believers, a doctrine held
by a number of Christians. When
this doctrine is taken seriously,
it deters exalting the priesthood
of one believer above others.
God's leadership may come
through the pastor, but it is to be
confirmed by God's spirit in the
total membership of the church.

Mutual searching for truth and
direction, mutual criticism and
correction need to be built into
our church and denominational
life.

The horror of Jonestown should
prompt Baptists and other
Christian leaders to renewed
self-examination of their own
motives, methods, and style of
leadership. Even legitimate
Christian leaders may cause
cult-like devotion by
manipulating people into
following them blindly.

Resources for persons
desiring more expertise in un-
derstanding other religious
groups are available from
several sources, including
materials and conferences
sponsored by the department
interfaith witness at the
Southern Baptist Home Mission
Board, Atlanta.

National Humanities Center Sponsors Programs

By Jean Williams

Raleigh — Samuel Johnson,
himself the subject of one of
the world's great biographies,
believed that of the various kinds
of narrative writing biography was
most eagerly read. The National
Humanities Center will test the
validity of Johnson's belief by
sponsoring an institute on
biography for citizens of North
Carolina from June 18 to 29, 1979.
The program, entitled, "Lives
and Times," is made possible by
a grant from the North Carolina
Humanities Committee.

Any adult, North Carolinian
may apply for the institute, at
which scholars in the humanities
will present classes and lectures

on the historical, intellectual,
moral, and artistic significance
of a number of biographical
works. In addition to regular
biographies and
autobiographies, the curriculum
may include a novel or a play
based on the life of a real person.
Among the works that may be
included are Boswell's *Life of
Johnson*, Benjamin Franklin's
Autobiography, Lytton
Strachey's *Eminent Victorians*,
and Thomas Wolfe's *Look
Homeward Angel*.

The classes and lectures of the
institute will be held in the new
building of the National
Humanities Center in the
Research Triangle Park.

Participants and faculty will
also have lunch each day at the
recently opened institute for
advanced study, where scholars
from all parts of the United
States and overseas pursue
research in history, philosophy,
literature, and other humanistic
fields.

Dr. William J. Bennett,
Executive Director of the
National Humanities Center,
will direct the summer institute.
"Over the past year or two," he
commented, "people from all
walks of life have asked us how
those outside the academic
world might get together with
scholars at the Center. With the
help of the North Carolina

Humanities Committee, we are
responding to that welcome
interest in the humanities."

Dr. Bennett emphasized that
no special academic background
is required of applicants for the
summer institute. "We want a
diverse group of citizens who
would enjoy reading and
discussing some good books," he
stated.

North Carolinians who are
interested in the institute should
write to "Lives and Times,"
National Humanities Center,
P.O. Box 12256, Research
Triangle Park, NC 27709. The
deadline for applications will be
March 15, 1979.

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At G.B.S. Conv.'s Fourth Annual Memorial Banquet:

The "Spirit" Of Martin Luther King, Jr. Calls For Courageous Action

Freezing rain and hazardous driving conditions were no deterrents to the hundreds who braved the adverse weather to attend the G.B.S. Convention's fourth annual Memorial Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet last Jan. 15th at the Civic Center, Raleigh. The near capacity audience munched roasted chicken, string beans, broiled potatoes and hard rolls as they listened to a variety of speakers expound the theme: "The Spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Freedom Road." Personalities from every part of the state of North Carolina and many parts of the nation were in attendance. Among the outstanding visitors was: Roger Sharp, special assistant on higher education—delegation to the director for Civil Rights, U.S. Dept. of HEW, Washington, D.C., a former N.C. State Senator.

Dr. John R. Manley, president, G.B.S. Conv. of N.C., presiding over the banquet, stated that: "Some will ask the question, 'why are we here?' We are here because if anybody has cause to celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., has more cause." He pointed out that: "This is more than just an occasion to celebrate and have a good time. It is a solemn reminder of the struggle for freedom in behalf of all oppressed people. We learned from Martin Luther King, Jr. that the American institutions of government will not function to relieve oppressed people unless pressure is put upon them. We are also here because we have lost something in the 70s that we gained in the 60s."

Music for the festive and reverent assembly was directed by Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr., director of church music and secretary to laymen's work, G.B.S.C. of N.C., Inc. The banquet room took on a feeling of sacredness and togetherness as the banqueteers joined in singing the familiar tunes of "The Battle Hymn of Republic," "Blessed Assurance" and "We Shall Overcome." The invocation was given by Dr. Paul Johnson, pastor, Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. K. Mitchell, pastor, Silver Grove Baptist Church, Raeford.

Greetings from the General Baptist State Convention were extended by Dr. C. C. Craig,

executive secretary-treasurer who challenged the banqueteers to continue the struggle for freedom. He pointed out that it is our duty as Christians to lead the people in the fight to relieve the oppressions of the poor. The executive secretary called upon Baptists and all people to support the Lord's work with time and finance.

The outstanding speakers for the occasion were: Dr. Aaron J. Johnson, pastor of the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Fayetteville, who addressed the audience on the subject: "The Spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Freedom's Road in Political Affairs." He drew repeated applause when he told the banqueteers that: "In spite of the conservative mood of the country and North Carolina, I still believe that we shall overcome. We have come to let the world know that the 'spirit' of Martin Luther King, Jr. still lives." He concluded by stating that: "The passage of the 1965 Civil Rights Act was the beginning of the civil rights struggle. We need to remind President Carter that it was the passage of the Civil Rights Act that al-

(See KING SPIRIT, P. 8)



General Baptist State Convention's Fourth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Banquet speakers—Dr. Aaron J. Johnson, pastor, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Fayetteville (Top L.); Reverend W. E. Banks, pastor, First Baptist Church, Thomasville, (Bottom L.); and Reverend O'Kelly Lawson, pastor, Corner Stone Baptist Church, Greenville.

Installation Service Highlights Woman's Convention Mid-Year Session

BY THELMA C. HORTON

Installation service for Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, as executive secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C., auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention, Inc., highlighted the 26th annual mid-year session of this

august body on Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Raleigh Civic Center Complex. Mrs. Georgia McNeill Turner, Lumberton, president, Dr. Brodie succeeds Dr. Berthenia Dunlap Horne, who retired on Dec. 31, after 28 years of service to the convention as president and executive secretary-treasurer.

The impressive, heart-warming and spirit-filled service brought tears to many eyes as they experienced the magnetic force that moved from "heart to heart and from breast to breast." Mrs. Turner introduced Dr. Brodie to more than 1,800 senior, young adult and youth delegates who had come

to Raleigh, in spite of the icy roads. Mrs. J. B. McLester, immediate past president, presented the office staff and the officers of the convention. The pledge of dedication by President Turner, seemed to have aroused a spirit of unity and rededication that set the tone for the day.

In presenting the keys and the official seal of the convention to Dr. Brodie, Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, first vice president, stated that: "The Woman's Convention is the statewide headquarters for the Baptist women of 1,700 churches in N.C. From this office we direct our work, discuss our plans, coordinate our efforts and strive to advance the Lord's work at home and abroad. This office represents our Jerusalem for state missions, foreign missions and Christian education. The office provides inspiration for our work, comfort for those who serve and light for the way we travel."

The prayer of dedication was offered by Dr. Brodie's father, (See INSTALLATION, P. 5)



Hundreds attended the General Baptist State Convention's Fourth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Banquet last Jan. 12, at the Raleigh Civic Center.

The Unified Dollar For The Unified Program

From The Executive Secretary's Desk:

Dear Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention:

We must continue to emphasize the "Unified dollar for the unified program" as we seek to keep before us the objective of the convention, which is to give financial support, on a percentage basis, to Shaw University and the Divinity School, foreign mission, state missions and the Central Orphanage.

How often should churches send contributions to the General Baptist State Convention? The churches are asked to send contributions to the General Baptist State Convention each month. When the "Unified Dollar for the Unified Program" is sent to the Baptist headquarters, the unified dollar is put together with the activities and programs at Shaw University, and the Divinity School; foreign missions, state missions and the Central Orphanage.

Our financial goal for the fiscal year 1978-79 is \$1,041,960. If each church will send a monthly contribution in an effort to reach its suggested quota, the convention will surely reach its goal. Many thanks to the pastors and churches for their consistent support. Our financial record shows that the contributions from the churches were greater from Sept. 1, 1978 through Dec. 31, 1978 than what they were a year ago from Sept. 1, 1977 through Dec. 31, 1977. We are gratified, but we are not satisfied. "There is much land yet to be possessed." We must continue to work together and pray together in an effort to bridge the gap between where we are and where we need to go.

Our financial challenge for 1978-79 is greater than what it was for 1977-78. The more God does for us, the more He expects us to do for others. "As we attempt great things for God, we can expect great things from God."

Finding happiness and fulfillment in Christian service depend on what we are willing to do to be happy and fulfilled. If we want to get something out of life, we had better put something into it. "But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully" (2 Cor. 9:6).

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

also bountifully." II Cor. 9:6.

The happiest, the most fulfilled and by far the most interesting people in the world are the givers and the doers. "If you give to the world the best you have, the best will come back to you."

Workshop Schedule

Our regional workshops, which are worthwhile efforts, are being conducted across the state. Our theme for the fiscal year 1978-79 is: "How A Church Does All It Can; Where It Is; With All It Has." The participants are: C. C. Craig, How A Church Can Budget, Tithe, And Support Christian Missions; Dr. Priscilla Brodie, How A Church Can Study Missions; How A Church Can Engage In Missions Activities; Leo Williams, How A Church Can Learn Of Christ And Involve Others Through Teaching And Training; and Waverly Camp, How A Church Can Appreciate And Conduct Good Music In Worship and How A Church Can Mobilize Men For Mission Action.

A partial list of the regional workshop meetings: Region VI, Jan. 18, Burgaw Institute, Burgaw; March 2-8, Lisbon St., Clinton; Region IX, Jan. 29-30, Memorial Baptist Church, New Bern; March 9, Greenville; Region VII, Feb. 12, First Baptist, Chapel Hill; Feb. 13, Watts Chapel, Raleigh; Feb. 15-16, Phipps Chapel, Henderson; Region X: Feb. 19, First Baptist, Rich Square; Feb. 20, Piney Wood Chapel, Greenville; Feb. 21, Hertford or Elizabeth City; Region V: March 5-6, First Baptist, Wadesboro; March 7-8, New Hope, Hamlet; and Region III, March 12-13, Greater Mt. Sinai, Charlotte; March 14, Emmanuel, Gaslinea; and March 15, Shiloh, Shelby.

We hope to meet with all of the pastors, church officers, leaders and members in each region of the state. The purpose of the workshops is to take the programs, plans and the objectives of the convention to the people on the local level. The staff workers from the Baptist headquarters are adequately prepared to interpret the work of the General Baptist State Convention and the work of the church under the Lordship of Christ.

The Martin Luther King, Jr.

An Editorial Wake Forest And Its Trustees

BY I. B. HORTON

(Editor's Note: The following editorial is the personal viewpoint of the writer and does not in any way presume to reflect the feelings of the 355,000 black Baptists of N.C. However, the writer does feel that a significant number of Baptist pastors share his viewpoint. Dissenting opinions are welcomed.)

GOLDSBORO — For some considerable time now, North Carolina Baptists and the nation, has watched with interest, the growing dispute between the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the trustees of Wake Forest University. The issue involved seems to be concerned with a very delicate and vital relationship which exists between an institution and its trustees. Put very simply, it comes down to this question: "When a duly and legally organized group of individuals purchase property of any nature and place it into the hands of certain elected members of the group to hold in 'trust' be cause of legal requirements of the government, can those 'elected trustees' rightfully and legally become the 'owners' of that property and totally disregard the will and desires of the original purchaser of that property?"

Traditionally, Baptist churches have elected trustees to oversee the legal responsibilities connected with ownership of church property. The relationship existing between the

Banquet was successful inspite of the weather condition which prevented many people from attending. However, we had an attendance of more than 700 people. "The Spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Freedom's Road," was magnified as it touched the political arena, the unfair practices in housing and injustice on the municipal level.

Three of our pastors in the state who realize that the journey up freedom's road is a never-ending one, addressed the group on the various aspects of human relationships that have felt the impact of King's influence. Rev. W. S. Johnson, pastor of the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Fayetteville, magnified the spirit of King in political affairs; Rev. W. E. Banks, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Thomasville, magnified the spirit of King in municipal affairs. Rev. W. S. Eggs, who was scheduled to magnify the spirit of King in community projects, was unable to attend due to the condition of the weather. The banquet, in memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was a most inspiring experience.

Many thanks to our pastors and the people called General Baptists for their full support in promoting the work of the convention. We are depending on you to help make the fiscal year 1978-79 a banner year by sending a monthly contribution to the Unified Program.

Sincerely,
"The Unified Dollar for the Unified Plan"

pastors, deacons, church members and trustees has not always been harmonious to say the least. Many church men will recall the problems that have disturbed the harmony of church because a trustee of the church believed that he had the God-given right to dictate to the church... the local autonomous, democratic, sovereign-with-itself, independent, missionary Baptist church. Therefore, many pastors and Baptist church officials have found reasons to be concerned about the dispute now in progress between the trustees of Wake Forest University and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

If it turns out that the trustees of that institution can take away millions of dollars worth of property from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and silence forever the voice and will of that body in the affairs of Wake Forest University, then Baptists here in trouble everywhere. The opinion here is that the outcome of that case is a most critical and vital concern of every Baptist everywhere. If there were ever a time that called for prayer among all Baptists, it is now.

Letter To The Editor

The Rev. I. B. Horton, Editor
The Baptist Informer
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Raleigh, N.C. 27603

Dear Mr. Horton:
Gov. Hunt recently asked at a Cabinet meeting, "Charles, if God does not want us to give these students who have failed the competency test, whom do I want to give them?" I share the conviction of the Governor that the people of God ought to care about these students who have failed. They lie on the side of the educational road and wait for a good Samaritan.

We are asking you to encourage your readership to care about these students and to convert that concern into tutoring. Incidentally, if just the ministers of this state adopted a student, then each student would have a private teacher.

Some churches are adopting a school. That is, the church agrees to provide "x" number of volunteers to a specific school for one or two hours each week. Some churches are adopting an elementary school with rotating volunteers listening to or reading to first, second or third grade students. This approach lessens the number who will eventually fail the competency test and even more seriously.

We are sure our appreciation for the work you do and the concern you have for human needs and hurts. I am convinced that the people of God will respond to this challenge.

Press on in His name and cause.

Sincerely,
Charles V. Petty
Executive Director
Governor's Office of Citizen Affairs

From The President's Pen GOOD NEWS

BY DR. J. R. MANLEY

The Gospel has been described as Good News in contrast to good tidings, in a Gazette that might be replaced in the next day's issue with bad tidings. If this be the case, and I believe it is, then the recent series of events surrounding the death of B.B. Warfield is nothing less than the Gospel. To hear our executive secretary-treasurer, Dr. C. C. Craig, report that we have exceeded the amount raised this year than that was raised by the same time last year, to see his detail record of the state of the churches, to witness the hundreds who braved the ice and rain to celebrate the memory of the late Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. which was superbly carried out by speakers, A. J. Johnson, W. E. Banks and O'Kelly Lawson.

It is hard to imagine the vision of the women's auxiliary on the day following the banquet presided over so beautifully by President Georgia Turner, executive secretary Brodie, executive secretary Craig and yours truly posing before that august body for a picture to suggest and to tell the world that the Baptist family in N.C. is accepting the challenge of Christians witnessing as a total family. To hear that masterful message of Dr. W. S. Eggs, to hear that close-knit women's auxiliary unit on a front note. To receive a report from our commission on higher education, chaired by Dr. S. A. Raper and Dr. C. R. Edwards, that not only will assure Shaw University of \$50,000 in unrestricted funds for the year 1979, but will begin an endowment fund for Shaw under the convention's auspices. The crux of this plan, however, depends upon a very crucial meeting of moderators and other leaders that the executive secretary will convene to beef up the unified plan of giving. To have a report from our committee on management and structure, headed by C. W. Kelly, which assured us that the administrative machinery is working well.

All of this is good news, good enough to make every Baptist in the state feel proud; good enough to make every Baptist in the state feel like working a little harder, good enough to make every Baptist in the state determined to reach our goal of \$1,041,960 and thousands of souls saved.

Let us accept this good news as a stimulus so that when we come to the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Salisbury, N.C. on May 9, for our one day session, we can have a shouting good time, not because the service will be good, but also because we will have something to shout about by the work we will have done.

Fossil mosquitoes from 40 million years ago hardly look any different from their modern counterparts.

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In Political Affairs

The Spirit Of Martin Luther King, Jr. On Freedom's Road

BY DR. AARON J. JOHNSON

A CALL FOR A NATIONAL HOLIDAY

RALEIGH — All people of good will must labor to keep the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. alive! Here and now! We must marshal our forces and join the fight to have Jan. 15 declared as a national holiday in memory of our fallen leader. Among men, there was no greater fighter for freedom than Martin Luther King, Jr.

THE OCCASION

We have come here in memorial of that great spot of non-violence, that noble spiritual and moral leader of the "people," who had in his heart a noble dream of liberty and justice for all peoples. That courageous fighter who fought for simple recognition of human dignity and rectification of the human race. He fought until an assassin's bullet stopped him. But we have come for more than a memorial. We have come to keep the spirit of this great, but humble, man alive and to rededicate ourselves anew to those same noble ideas of brotherhood, love, justice and freedom. He gave his life for while in the flesh.

HIS WEAPONS

Like Mahatma Gandhi of India, who challenged the great British empire without a sword and won, Martin Luther King, Jr., the grandson of a slave, challenged racial injustice in America without a gun. He never shot one bullet, although he was shot at many times. He never struck one physical blow or did bodily harm to anyone, yet he was abused, assaulted and beaten unmercifully many times. His only and most potent weapons were faith, hope and love, but the greatest was love! He possessed an excellent capacity to love all people, even his enemies.

HIS MARK ON AMERICA'S POLITICAL SYSTEM

Martin Luther King, Jr. left his mark on America's political system. He believes sincerely that we needed a new order in America. He was wise enough to see the real weakness of this great and good country was racism, the giant triplets of racism, materialism and militarism. He saw that government and politics needed to be born again in this nation. He could see that there was something inherently evil in a political system that enfranchised some of its citizens and disenfranchised other citizens because of the color of their skins.

On Sunday, March 7, 1965, the battlelines were drawn. One of the greatest demonstrations ever organized in this country for the right to vote was initiated. You remember the march from Selma to Montgomery. The purpose was to seek immediate passage of federal legislation to eliminate barriers to the right to vote. All free people could and recognize that the ballot is stronger than bullets.

"Evil men never get excited until the forces of freedom, justice and love begin to win." As 500 marchers crossed the bridge into Selma, 200 armed

state troopers and sheriff deputies three canisters of tear gas into the crowd, and attacked with billy clubs and whips to break up the march. Many of the marchers were wounded and one died as a result of his injuries, but this made the marchers more determined.

The brutal scene, as witnessed later that evening by millions of TV viewers, shocked the nation and sent thousands of people of goodwill, blacks and whites, to Selma to join the struggle for the right to vote, which lasted for 2 weeks.

Responding to the cry of a wounded nation, including an unprecedented sit-in at the White House, this was indeed one of the finest hours for the forces of goodwill! On March 15, 1965, President Johnson took the plea of a disenfranchised people to a joint meeting session of the U.S. Congress, heard on nationwide television. He called for the immediate passage of the Voting Rights Bill. Five months later, that historical bill passed the U.S. Congress. This was one of the most potent weapons ever given to the people in a democracy. The forces of goodwill and freedom had won a great battle. Thus, Dr. King left his mark on the political system of this nation.

A Victory For Southern Whites As Well As Blacks

The passage of the Voting Rights Bill was as much a victory for southern whites as blacks. It helped pave the way for a southerner to win the office of President in a national election since Reconstruction. Nearly six million blacks voted for President Carter, representing more than three times his popular vote margin of 1.7 million.

The Unfinished Task

The victory accomplished in the passage of the 1965 voting rights bill was only a beginning and not the ending for full "political power." Even in 1979, we still face an unfinished task. We cannot yet put our full political team on the field. There are only 61 percent of eligible blacks to vote registered outside the South, and less than 10 percent in the South. There are seven million unregistered black voters in this country. Still, some of them are members of our churches, relatives, friends and neighbors. There might even be a few pastors and church officers in that number. In the name of the spirit of Dr. King, we have a lot of political mission work to do. We must complete the work of political franchisement.

The barriers are down now. The only thing we need to do is to go out and possess the land.

Beyond Partisan Politics

Keeping the spirit of Dr. King alive, our call is beyond partisan politics. We must use the power of the ballot to achieve our vested interest. Although partisan politics has its place, ultimately we need a Democratic party that is not concerned about promoting pure democracy than the Democratic Party. We need a Republican Party that is dedicated to preserving the republic and repre-

sentative government than it is to the Republican Party! Political Power ought to rest on a moral and spiritual foundation characterized more by ethical values than partisan values.

We who know what it means to be denied political power must see the value of fellowship that lifts Americans beyond one's tribe, race, class or religion to an all-embracing and unconditional love for all people. This is the unifying principle of life Martin Luther King stood for. We must continue this legacy.

Our True Political Party

We should and must participate in the activities of both the Republican and Democratic Parties. But we must be wise enough not to follow either one blindly.

As Dr. King preached, our true political party is with people of likemindedness of every race, creed, religion, class and party who are agitating for human rights, relief of the poor and oppressed, freedom for the imprisoned. We must alert all peoples of good will to the needs of our brothers and sisters in the global fight until victory is won!

A Final Challenge

While our General Assembly is in session, we should work for and challenge our North Carolina legislators to ratify the District of Columbia Constitutional Amendment. Each of our churches should immediately get in contact with our Governor, Lt. Governor, legislators from our districts to gain their support of the amendment. The General Baptist Convention ought to pass a resolution calling for the N. C. General Assembly the amendment.

Conclusion

We must go on from here with the faith that our God is still able to do all things. But we must let him work through us to accomplish his purpose on Earth.

We cannot let the spirit of Dr. King die. He stood up for righteousness, for truth, for justice and we can do no less!



Dr. C. R. Edwards, pastor, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville and former president of G.B.S.C. of N.C., Inc. (L.), presents a "citation" to Dr. Joy J. Johnson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Fairmont and immediate past president of the G.B.S.C. (R.) in behalf of the General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc., for four years of effective and dedicated service.

Banquet Founder Recipient Of Meritorious Citation

RALEIGH — Four years ago, Dr. Joy J. Johnson was the originator of the idea of an annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Banquet. He was the first president of the General Baptist State Convention who recognized a need to establish a permanent way to keep alive the principles of freedom and justice for which Dr. King sacrificed his life. The stated purposes of the annual banquet were: To encourage black Baptists and all people to keep alive the struggle for human dignity which was so nobly advanced by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his followers; to give recognition of individuals who, during the current year, best exemplified the spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. in terms of Christian service and personal sacrifice; and to provide a forum for outstanding local and national leaders to report the progress and achievements in the struggle for freedom and human dignity for all oppressed people.

It was a signal honor and a surprise to the former convention president to be the only re-

cipient of a citation at the 1979 banquet. In accepting the citation, Dr. Johnson expressed appreciation to the G.B.S.C. Convention and the people of North Carolina for giving him the privilege to serve in such a honored position. He also announced that he would not be a candidate for Commissioner of Labor as he had once considered. After much prayer and consultation with the Lord, he has decided to give more time to social and spiritual concerns. He now serves as a member of the North Carolina Paroles Commission. The full text of the citation follows:

CITATION

JOY JOSEPH JOHNSON
MARTIN LUTHER KING,
JR. BANQUET 1979

We have gathered here this evening to memorialize Martin Luther King, Jr. The best way to honor that prophet of justice and righteousness is to recognize those who are carrying on his unfinished business of "proclaiming liberty throughout the land to all inhabitants thereof."

At the organizational meeting (See RECIPIENT, P. 8)



Distinguished guests seated at the head table during the Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet are (L. to R.) Mrs. W. K. Mitchell, Rev. W. K. Mitchell, Dr. Paul H. Johnson, Dr. Stanley H. Smith, president, Shaw University, Dr. A. J. Johnson, Mrs. John R. Manley, wife of Convention president, Dr. John R. Manley (standing), Dr. C. C. Craig, Mrs. C. C. Craig, Rev. W. E. Banks, Rev. O'Kelly Lawson, Dr. C. R. Edwards, Mrs. C. R. Edwards, Mrs. Omega F. Johnson, and Dr. Joy J. Johnson.



Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie delivering her acceptance message, entitled, "The Praying Hands."

The Praying Hands

Thanks! And Again Thanks!

Without you our Mid-Year Session would not have been a spiritual and financial success. We are grateful to you who attended and to you who had your minds set toward this way but because of circumstances could not be here in body.

Your participation shows the kind of strength God's people can have when they work together. Thus we shall continue to work toward togetherness, for where there is unity there is strength, but where there is dissension there is powerlessness.

We shall look to see your presidents, your supervisors, and your directors at the State-Wide Leaders' Workshop, April 7, 1979. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. However, please begin sending in your pre-registration fee, \$2.00, now. The Workshop will be held at First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Dr. W. B. Lewis, Pastor, Cross Link Road, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Your Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Priscilla A. Brodie

The Praying Hands

(The full text of Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie's acceptance speech upon her installation as Executive Secretary of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention.)

Presidents Manley and Turner, Executive Secretary-Treasurer Craig, other platform associates, and my sisters and brothers in Christ, I should like to entitle my remarks for this occasion, "The Praying Hands."

Certainly, I am honored to have been appointed to this leadership position in our Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention to succeed many noble and God-fearing women, among these, Dr. Ellen S. Alston. I name her because, you see, she was a native of my hometown, a member of my church, and a voice under which I sat and listened enthusiastically as she gave her missionary addresses, having no idea that one day I should be appointed by "praying hands" to hold the position she held, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of this august and Christian body of women.

Not more than two weeks ago I stood before you to discuss the theme concerning reaching out

and touching, not having any inkling that two years later, I would stand before you under this mantle. Let me assure you that it is with "praying hands" that I accept this position and ask you to pledge and give your support to and be a part of this mission or ministry of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A leader can be no leader without followers and followers are not without a leader. Thus we can all conclude that both are needed for working together and not opposing each other. Together our "praying hands" can accomplish the task placed and set before us though we may have to go through the valley before we reach the mountain top, though we may have to tear down crooked ways and build up straight ways, though we may have to be forsaken by some people to never be forsaken by our leader, Jesus Christ, who became a man with "praying hands" to reach the gospel to the poor, to heal the broken hearted, to deliver the captives, to restore sight to the blind, and later to hand by hands on the old rugged Cross.

Truly, if we listen to and obey His Voice, we shall have a vision, and we shall manifest the vision in a venture; for He has said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And thus he sends us to feed the hungry, to be a voice for the voiceless, to emancipate the oppressed, to share the message of salvation to the unsaved, in other words, to minister to those who need of His ministry, our ministry, including even we ourselves. Has not Christ established the work of our hands through His Hands? And thus we have seen from the hand of God.

You have strongly supported our six major objectives and we should hope that you will remember that progress is forward and not backward and continue to support our objectives, but more so than before. Will our hands only minister to ourselves or will they reach out to others? Will the world be any better because we in this latter period of the twentieth century reached out hands of Christian love, in one way or another, and gave a grasp to someone groping in the darkness? The Christian asks, "What can I give? Where can I serve? Whom can I help?" Oh,

YOUTH SESSION

The young adults met with their president, Miss Darlene Eaves, presiding. Mrs. Luella D. Edwards served as director in the absence of state director, Mrs. Bronnie Daniels. Dr. Brodie was presented by Mrs. Edwards. She praised the group for their contribution to the work of kingdom building.

Following the presentation of the newly elected officers, all members were recognized, especially those attending for the first time. Forsyth County was acknowledged for outstanding attendance during the annual convention in 1978.

The project budget of \$16,000 was adopted and Director Edwards stressed the need for more program implementation and participation. She urged them to submit plays, skits, literanys and etc. to be printed as a fund-raising effort.

The theme, Where Do We Go In Times Like These?, created a challenge to the young adults. The song, In Times Like These, was used as an ambience. Speaking on the theme were Rev. Wayne Hines, In Politics; Mrs. Georgianna Little, As A Director; Mrs. Jewel E. Dunn, As A Young Adult. The response was given by Mr. Wayne Capps, who urged us to seek services and activities that will give complete fulfillment, thus making us witnesses for the Lord.

The following persons were elected to head committees: Mrs. Ruth Smith, organization; Rev. Howard Parker, theology; Mrs. Barbara Keller, resolution and Miss Sharon Jones, program.

YOUTH SESSION

The youth session got off to a good start, in the absence of the president, David Lucas, with first vice president, Miss Letitia Lewis, presiding. Following the devotion and remarks by the state youth supervisor, Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, a musical selection was rendered by the Oberlin Baptist Church youth choir, Raleigh.

The financial goals of the youth department will be met through the following activities: 1) the Shaw and Have-A-Heart for Missions contest will include a talent presentation this year, 2) all supervisors are urged to wear a white dress, an African head-dress and contribute \$50 or more for the work in Africa; 3) the Youth Officers' March proceeds will go to the Minute C. Lyons efforts. All youth officers will report \$25 or more.

Mrs. Turner urged the delegates to help the convention reach its financial goal of \$275,000 and its spiritual goal of 700 souls to Christ by allowing the submissiveness of Isaiah to permeate their entire being: "Here am I, send Me." but it is true "praying hands," "praying and serving lives," give light and life. Thus as we forge ahead, as I said on another occasion, "Let us join hands in handling the Word of Life and count it a privilege to serve God."

In conclusion, may we end with the poem, "The Praying Hands," by Helen Steiner Rice.

Oh yes! We have a challenge, a calling to fulfill. Are we together? May God bless and keep us in His hand.



The Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. C. C. Craig, addressing the Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet and bringing greetings in behalf of the G.B.S.C. president, Dr. John R. Manley, (L) ponders his statements.



Introduction and Presentation of Executive Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, to the Convention by President Georgia M. Turner.



Dr. Calvin C. Craig, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention, Inc.; Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. Georgia M. Turner, President of the Woman's Convention and Dr. John R. Manley, President of the General Baptist State Convention.



Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, First Vice President, presents the Keys and Convention Seal to Dr. Brodie.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

(Continued from P. 1)

the Rev. O. H. Brodie, minister of the First Baptist Church, Franklin. He was accompanied to the rostrum by his wife, Mrs. Cora Cooke Brodie.

Following a cordial welcome to the convention by Mrs. Maggie White, chairwoman of the general board, Dr. Brodie delivered an acceptance message entitled, "The Praying Hands." Hearts were lifted and shouts of "amen" could be heard when Dr. Brodie declared, "Let me assure you that it is with 'praying hands' that I accept this position and ask you to pledge and give your support to and to be a part of the mission or ministry of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A leader can be no leader without followers and followers are not without a leader. Thus we can all conclude that both are needed for working together and not opposing each other. Together our 'praying hands' can accomplish the task placed and set before us though we may have to go through the valley before we reach the mountain top, though we may have to tear down crooked ways and build up the straight ways, though we may have to be forsaken by some people to never be forsaken by our leader, Jesus Christ, who became a man with 'praying hands' to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the broken hearted, to deliver the captives, to restore sight to the blind, and later to hang by hands on the old rugged cross." In her closing words, she said, "Let us join hands in handling the Word of life, and count it a privilege to serve God."

President Turner announced that "special recognition" will be given to all sisters during the annual session who have faithfully attended and served this session for 25 years or more. She urged everyone to send the names, addresses, church affiliation and the name of the pastor to the office immediately. She also stated that the representation fee, during the annual session, for all convention related organizations will be \$95. The annual session will convene on July 23-26, at the Charlotte Civic Center. The headquarters will be located in the Radisson Hotel. The Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church and their illustrious pastor will be host of this setting. In closing her message, Mrs. Turner shared some points relative to "Leadership and the Godly Attitude of a Missionary." "Our attitudes affect our aims and our actions. What is your attitude toward Christian mission? Our mission, as a missionary, is to help others to become Christians, but we cannot help others become Christians if we do not reflect in ourselves the spirit of Christ. Before we can become a missionary leader, we must be born again" (11 Cor. 5:7). "There is no outward appearance but from the inside out. As we are born again, God gives us a loving attitude, one of patience and service. As we continue from the beginning of our life, we should remember that every person's life is a plan of God and that religion in life is fitted to make us better."

Dr. John R. Manley, president, GBSC, based his words of

prayerful Orphanage." She recommended the "power of God as the tool needed to support the objective." Rev. Kelly described the 62 acre Baptist Assembly as an umbrella to protect one from the many problems life can afford. Mrs. Sneed stated that one cannot be proud and beggar at the same time. Mrs. White stated that, "as missionaries, one must believe that the service we render is valid and will ultimately profit those being served. Most ever be mindful of our goals and objectives."

Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary-treasurer of the GBSC, gave a formula for a "happy new year, if you want it." One must: 1) decide to do more, 2) smile more and criticize less, 3) love more and hate less, 4) do all of the good you can do, and 5) make an investment, because "naught from naught leaves naught."

Mrs. Ceila Brim, president of Surry County Missionary Union, and members were presented as a new body. They were accompanied by Rev. Bonham.

Dr. James E. Arnette, the pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, presented Dr. Frank Weaver, the pastor of Watts Chapel Baptist Church, Raleigh, to bring the message following several selections by the F. D. Weaver gospel chorus, with Mrs. Rosa Smith as organist. As he preached his soul-stirring mes-

sage, he emphasized the importance of one knowing who Jesus is. He challenged the group to be patient and wait until they have had an experience with Jesus before they try to witness to others.

Adult Rehabilitation
Some of America's six million men and three million women who rely too heavily on alcohol are finding a way out.

WORSHIP REGULARLY



President Georgia M. Turner, Lumberton, addressing the session. Front Row (left to right): Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, WBH&FMC; Dr. Corbin Cooper, Director of Cooperative Ministries; Dr. John R. Manley, President, GBSC; Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, First Vice President, WBH&FMC; Rev. James F. Kelly, Superintendent, Baptist Assembly. Second Row (left to right): Mrs. Carrie Alexander; Mrs. Mildred Chavis, Secretary of Executive Committee and Board; Mrs. Delores Moore, Mrs. Alberta McPhatter, Mrs. Willie Sneed and Mrs. Augusta White, participants in a Discussion on the Objectives of the Woman's Convention.



Mrs. Maggie White, General Board Chairwoman, extends a cordial welcome to Dr. Brodie.

AT MLK BANQUET



Two past presidents of the G.B.S.C. confer with current president, Dr. J. R. Manley (Gavel in hand) as Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary-treasurer (R), looks on. Dr. C. R. Edwards (L) preceded immediate past president, Dr. J. J. Johnson (R. of President Manley).



Front row (left to right) Miss Linda Inman, Editor of Newsletter; Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, State Youth Supervisor; Miss Letitia Lewis, First Vice President. Back row (left to right): John Kee, Music Director; Mrs. Marian McKay, Assistant Recorder; Miss Jean Kee, Recorder; Lester Wallace, Parliamentarian, and Johnnie Smith, Worship Chairman.



The Cherry Chapel Baptist Church, Hobgood, North Carolina, celebrated their pastor, Rev. J. S. Jolley, anniversary on Nov. 26, 1978. Their anniversary was well attended by Cherry Chapel Baptist Church and First Calvary Baptist Church of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Both churches have the same pastor. The pastor's anniversary sermon was preached by Dr. George Brown, who was accompanied by both his churches, Batts Chapel Baptist and End Street Baptist Church. The pastor said, "the churches are doing well on their building program." They hope to start accepting bids for their new church in October, 1979. The pastor and his wife are seen cutting the anniversary cake. The other man is Bro. Therman Watson, who is trustee of the church, and Sister Dorothy Highsmith, who is also a trustee of the same church.

Many specialized services, such as the Family Service Bureau and Salvation Army Service Units in sparsely populated areas, provide aids to those determined to change. Together with the Army's time-honored program of spiritual evangelism, such programs are reclaiming thousands of lives each year.

More than 70,000 men, and some women, who are unable to cope, visit Army centers each year, where they receive group therapy, spiritual guidance, and skilled counseling. Work therapy employs these troubled people in the processing of items donated to the Army for resale through family thrift stores.

Seed For Serious Thought

"YOU CAN DO BETTER"

BY I. B. HORTON
A Topical-Textual Sermon:
Text: Colossians 3:23, "And whatever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."

A Didactic (teaching) Sermon:
"Words of comfort, skillfully administered, are the oldest therapy known to man." - Louis Nizer.

Introduction to the Problem:

In the preface of the Gospel Pearl song book, the author gives the purpose of the gospel as: "To inspire the believer, convict the sinner, and cheer many a weary traveler." This indeed, is a challenging task for any Christian minister; and it is not uncommon for some to become disheartened and weary in face of this week-to-week responsibility. The disheartened and weary often fail to do their best because they have focused their attention on the problem rather than on their resources.

Theme Rationale (the sense or reasons behind the thought):

When an individual becomes fearful, angry, disheartened or weary, he/she is unable to do their best because they lose sight on how to make use of their available resources. Theologians and psychologists agree that all persons have a resource potential much greater than they are ever able to make use of. People who preach about Jesus Christ must always remember that he was a worker of miracles and taught his disciples that: "If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove from hence to yonder place; and it shall move" (Matthew 17:20).

Discourse:

Paul's words in Colossians 3:23 remind us that the Christian minister's work is to be performed according to the will of God, not after man's effort to satisfy man. Trying to please man will ultimately draw off the enthusiasm of anyone. The Christian preacher-minister, in a sense, is a professional; yet he/she is more than a professional. And, therefore, he/she is able to train one's self to adhere to some professional guidelines.

I. The Motivation to Do One's Best

One should remember all-ways that for the true professional, the joy and satisfaction comes as a result of knowing that the job has been done in an expert manner and that it was not accidentally done. This kind of competence does not need the praise, approval, and publicity of its peers in order to have satisfaction and "self-worth." -anonymous

Anyone who engages in any task must have some motivation to keep one's mind on his business and the purpose of his calling is the best motivation for the Christian preacher-minister.

The writer once saw a man driving a mule that was pulling a "dumpster," with which he was removing the dirt for the foundation of a new building. It was observed that the mule could hardly go - it seemed - because of the heaviness of the

dirty load. The observer remarked that the man driving the mule should be more careful. Where upon the mule driver replied: "The mule is not overloaded, he just does not want to pull at all." He then put a double load on the dumpster and struck the mule with the line. It was amazing and surprising to the observer how easily the mule pulled the dumpster out of the foundation hole.

Is this not the case with many who labor in the Lord's vineyard? They simply do not want to pull anything, their heart is not in it. They need a new heart for the task.

II. The Power for the Task of Doing One's Best

The loss of power and the heartlessness that so many experience is due to a loss of faith. Somehow they have come to believe that what they are doing is no longer vital. What is needed to restore that is a resurrection of their faith, both in our Lord's power and in the need that it satisfies. The following description of Paul's understanding of faith will help us to realize his focus on that which furnishes unlimited power.

"Paul's understanding and expression of 'faith' is a great-hearted and unquestioning trust in God, as God has made himself known to us in Jesus Christ. The 'faith' of some is stronger, more robust, more contagious and inspiring than that of others. The 'faith' of a few, in varying circumstances, has more than once been the living spring which has nourished the hopes of many. In some people, faith is a feeble flickering flame; in others, it is a great beacon shining through the darkness of every spiritual night. Christian 'faith' should always be at its best when things are at their worst. Its readiness to resign is the filial trust in God manifested by our Lord when He was dying in agony on Calvary's cross." - G. Wright.

III. The Result of Doing One's Best

Every act of obedience is a movement towards the goals we desire to reach, no matter how small the act of obedience may be." -Anonymous

Perhaps we need to hear again the words of Ecclesiastes 9:10, "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might..." The idea throughout the scriptures is that we must keep going, no matter how dark the night. And that to keep going will ultimately lead to the light of victory.

Conclusion

The individual who is determined to do his best, no matter what, will find that strength will come from somewhere. He will be like an old man, above 70 years old, who was sitting in the yard thinking that he was too stiff to move or to do his fast at any rate. But when a snake came between his feet, he said he remembered lifting both feet at the same time and in the next instance, he was on the other side of the yard. Where did that extra strength come from - was it motivated because "You can do better."



Dr. John R. Manley, President, G.B.S.C. of N.C., holding a copy of the Governor's proclamation designating Jan. 15, 1979 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in N.C.

Governor Proclaims January 15th

RALEIGH — Jan. 15, 1979 was proclaimed as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in North Carolina," by Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. A proclamation, signed by the governor, was read during the observance of the General Baptist State Convention's fourth annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Banquet last Jan. 12. The proclamation was read by Dr. John R. Manley, president, G.B.S.C., amid loud applause and amens from the banqueters. The full text of the proclamation follows:

WHEREAS, January 15, 1979 will mark the 50th anniversary of the birth of one of the world's greatest men of courage - a man whose courage led a much needed fight for human dignity;

AND WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had the unyielding tenacity of purpose which enabled him to live his convictions and to give his life for the cause of his people; and WHEREAS, his life will always be a symbol of the struggle for freedom, justice and equality for all people of every race and religion;

THEREFORE, I, James B. Hunt, Jr., take special pleasure in recognizing the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and do proclaim Jan. 15, 1979, as

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY IN N.C. and commend this observance to our citizens.

By the Governor:
James B. Hunt, Jr.



The Honorable James B. Hunt, Jr., Governor of North Carolina.

An after-dinner speaker has been defined as the man who talks in other people's sleep.

The Christian Influence

BY SANDRA REMONA LENOIR

(Editor's Note: Sandra Remona Lenoir is an 11th grade high school student who participated in the state Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress' annual James F. Werts Oratorical contest. She is a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church, Charlotte, where the Rev. L. J. Wallace, is pastor. Sandra was not one of the winners in the junior division of the contest, however, her speech is published here with the hope that more young people will enter the contest this year. The Baptist Informer invites you to participate in Christian Journalism on a continuing basis. Mrs. Beatrice D. Branch, Murfreesboro, Rt. 1, Box 78, is the director of junior division contestants.)

CHARLOTTE — Giving honor to God, to our state president, other state officers, ministers, distinguished colleagues, honorable judges, members of the State Christian Education Convention and friends, here assembled at the Friendship Baptist Church, Hickory, North Carolina. For my topic today, I have chosen, The Christian Influence.

First, I would just like to talk about the word "Influence." According to Webster's New World Dictionary, influence means "the power of persons or things to effect others." For example, by my mother living the Christian life, as she professes, it reinforced my desire to be a Christian.

As a parent, you have the power to influence your child by the position and role you play in the family. As a Christian man or woman, you have the power to influence your friends by the respect they have for you because of the Christian life you live.

A true Christian is one who influences other people's lives. As it says in Matthew 5:13-16, "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savor, where shall it be salted?" If you are a true Christian, then your duty is to set an example of discipleship. If you are not living a righteous

life, how can you influence anyone else to be a Christian?

The Christian influence is one thing that so many people know so little about. But it can be an important part in an individual's life. I, for one, feel that I am an example...because I was influenced by a Christian to be saved. This person pushed and convinced me, showing me the way that I should go...and I am glad about it.

I am sure that you have heard the saying, "association brings on assimilation." It is the same with Christianity. I know friends...you date non-Christians with the intention of bringing them into the church. But it does not always happen that way, merely because the devil is constantly on the Christian's trail. And the well-intentioned Christian is the one who usually ends up being turned around.

As it says in Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The Christian's influence

should shine and be seen so as to influence other people's lives. It is also recorded in the scripture, "A house that is set upon a hill cannot be hid." A Christian should not want to keep to himself what the Father in heaven has done. He should want to spread it to everyone. And if he lives right to begin with, he won't have to hide or let it shine, because everyone will know that he is a true Christian.

The Christian influence is one wonderful thing. And I am sure that once a person has experienced it, he will understand that the words that I speak to you are all true.

In my conclusion, I say as Paul said in his letter to the Philippians, "so that no one can be guilty of blame against you. You are to live clean, innocent lives as children of God in a dark world full of people who are crooked and stubborn. Shine out among them like beacons of light, holding out to them the word of life." (Philippians 2:15)

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Human Rejects Called Back Into Service

OXFORD — "...the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner..." (1 Peter 2:7)

Scripturally speaking, this verse of scripture refers directly to Jesus Christ, who was rejected by the religious authorities of His time, but now has become heaven's brightest angel and earth's only hope. Yet, experience has taught us that this will be applied to ordinary human beings. It often turns out that the individual who at birth (or at a given point in time) has the least indication of productivity, supersedes all others.

In the production of the various types of goods by the manufacturers of America, some of the goods do not meet the manufacturer's standards. Such goods are called "rejects," because they have a flaw or some type of shortcoming. The same is true of human beings. Each of us as self individuals who were physically, mentally, emotionally handicapped or deficient. These were often painfully ridiculed and shamefully mistreated and ultimately rejected. The economically disadvantaged often suffered equally as much as those otherwise handicapped. Perhaps, we will recall, those who were without parents or guardians suffered the deepest hurt and the most lasting agony. They had none to help to defend nor to protect them. Yet these "human rejects" often were the ones who in the end triumphed over those who seemingly had all the advantages.

The foregoing is the reason why it is so necessary to have an institution like Central Orphanage. Because those at the orphanage have been able to see a vital truth that is very often hard for a great number of people to realize.

At the orphanage, Superintendent Bryant and his staff realize that there is often (not in every case) a great amount of value in the "rejects" that does not appear at first sight. They have discovered that if one handles a "reject" piece of goods in the right way, it can be made to outlast the first quality goods. It has been discovered that goods are degrading (as can be), and the looks of some goods is a secondary consideration.

The primary purpose of clothing is for the protection of the body, not for sex-emphasizing, as the modern fads and fashions have proven. Neither is food for its good taste effects, but for nutrition. And the purpose of a car is for transportation, and not alone for sports events and pleasure.

So also is the life of man intended primarily for service and the Glory of God. Man is more than physical looks; he has financial and social heritage; he is an extension of the divine and Almighty Creator.

Therefore, Jesus Christ calls human rejects back into service for God and man. He not only calls them into service, but He gives them the power they need to perform His will. This is the express business of the Central Orphanage. It pro-

vides a place for homeless and forsaken children to grow and become useful human beings. There they find the nurture that makes them whole persons, well and strong, capable of anything anyone else can do.

Mr. H. V. Bryant, superintendent of the orphanage, has informed us that the rebuilding program at the home is progressing nicely. When the next article in this Central Orphanage series is published (August issue), we will include a photo account of the project. Decent housing is essential to the development of wholesome personalities. Having a respectable place to live in is an im-

portant element in the development of an attitude of self-respect. This is the reason why we urge all of the Baptists and our friends to support the Central Orphanage through the Unified Program. Your support is needed now, more than ever, in these inflationary times. Somehow the "builders" have rejected the precious little ones at the Central Orphanage. Yet, we believe that some day they can and will become the head of the corner. Our prayer is that in the day when they rise above the crushing circumstances of life, to the heights of success, that you will have had a significant part in their devel-

opment through your contributions.

(Editor's Note: This article concerning Central Orphanage, is the 7th in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the 6 major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the black Baptists and friends of Baptists of our state and everywhere, become familiar with the work of our state convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.)

All Baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders and pastors are asked to secure financial

support for that objective during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about, and as much support as possible should be given through the Unified Program.

The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is: Jan and July, state missions; Feb. and Aug., Central Orphanage; March and Sept., Shaw University; April and Oct., foreign missions; May and Nov., the J. Johnson Baptist Assembly; June and Dec., the Shaw Divinity School.

Don't forget that March is the Shaw University emphasis.

Church Music Corner

As a new year moves on, the following list of beatitudes should become a part of every choir member's musical philosophy. We are striving to better attitudes in our General Baptist Churches' music departments.

CHOIR MEMBERS' BEATITUDES

1. Blessed are they who have limited training; for theirs is the opportunity for musical growth.

2. Blessed are they that are not satisfied with their contributions to the choir; for surely they shall take measures to improve this situation.

3. Blessed are the faithful in attendance; for they shall become the pillars of strength in their respective voice sections.

4. Blessed are they who are eager to learn their correct voice parts; for they shall be taught.

5. Blessed are they who realize the director can make mistakes occasionally, so that they will not be embarrassed when error originates from them.

6. Blessed are the dedicated choir members; for they shall receive and impart the maximum musical inspiration.

7. Blessed are the "boosters"; for they shall be called the backbone of the choir.

8. Blessed are they who can accept constructive criticism; for they shall ultimately produce divine music.

Waverly Camp, Jr.

Director of Church Music
G.B.S.C.

Laymen To Hold Study Commission Workshop

The Laymen's League of the General Baptist State Convention, will hold its first 1979 study commission workshop at Shaw University's Student Union Building, Feb. 17, at 9:30 a.m. All laymen are encouraged to attend. Special features will be the introduction of new officers, planning for oncoming fellowship banquet and the one-day session and detail study of the layman's handbook.

Please come prepared to fellowship over lunch with us at approximately \$2.50 each. Come one, come all.

News From The Zion Missionary Baptist Association:

Mrs. J. A. Little Honored

BY REV. ASAL BELL

MONROE—A service of appreciation honoring Mrs. J. A. Little, Monroe, N. C., president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Zion Missionary Baptist Association, was held Sunday, Dec. 17, 1978, at the First Baptist Church, Wadesboro. The Rev. A. L. Bell, pastor, is moderator of the Association.

Mrs. Arwilder Crowder presided. Appearing on the program were Mrs. Ellen Ingram, who presented the corsage; Mrs. Martha Gaddy, Invocation; Miss Linda Harrell, Scripture; Mrs. J. W. McLeester, Mrs. Colleen Ellerbe, and Miss C. R. Perry. Moderator Bell introduced the guest speaker, Dr. C. C. Craig, Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Mrs. Hazel McLean presented a certificate of recognition from the 5th District of the Woman's Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Mrs. D. D. Sullivan presented gifts from the churches of the Zion Missionary Baptist Association. Mrs. Zetella Watson presented a plaque of recognition for outstanding service from the Association. Rev. J. H. Ferguson gave the benediction. Music was furnished by the Association Junior, Young Adult and Senior Missionary Choirs under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Bell and Miss Sonya Ellerbe. Mrs. Mary Ellerbe was the coordinator of the program.

The following committees were responsible for the program: Hospitality—Mrs. Annie Bonner, Mrs. Della Leak, Mrs. Carrie Tyson, Mrs. Rosa B. Little, Mrs. Betty Deberry, Mrs. Sarah Young, Mrs. Rosa Brown, Mrs. Louise Polk, Mrs. Hattie Jones, Mrs. Mary Crowder; Decoration—Mrs. Dorothy Huntley, Mrs. Josephine Webb, Mrs. Helen Lauen, Mrs. Louise Laullen; Refreshments—Mrs. Doris Smith, Mrs. Hattie Capel, Mrs. Lillie Bennett, Mrs. Lacolya Crowder, Mrs. Zetella Watson; Finance—Mrs. W. H. Gatewood, Mrs. Dora Staton, Mrs. Arwilder Crowder; Publicity—Mrs. D. D. Sullivan, Mrs. Ellen Ingram, Mrs. Dora Staton, Miss



MRS. J. A. LITTLE, President

Conovice Perry, Mrs. A. L. Bell, and Mrs. Colleen Ellerbe.

Churches making contributions were: Barrington Chapel, Brown Creek; Ebenezer, Elizabeth, Monroe; First Baptist, Hamlet; First Baptist, Wadesboro; Flag Branch, Flat Rock; Friendship, Monroe; Friendship Baptist Sunday School, Monroe; Galilee, Madison Grove, McLain Grove, Meltonville; New Zion, Nicey Grove, Olive Branch, Parson Grove, Poplar Hill, Poplar Grove, Ramoth Grove, Sandy Ridge, Saron, Timmonsville, West Deep Creek, West Rock Ford, White Oak Grove, Union County Union.

Mrs. Little was born Jeretha Huntley in Anson County, the daughter of John P. and Lula Brewer Huntley. She received her early education in the schools of Anson County, Thompson's Institute, Lumberton, N. C., and Fayetteville State Normal School, graduating in the last high school class of that school. Her high school was obtained at the Elizabeth City Normal School and Johnson C. Smith University, from which she received the Bachelor of Arts degree. She did further study at A&T State University, Atlanta University and North Carolina Central University. She is a retired classroom teacher having taught in Anson and Union Counties.

She was married to the late Rev. Julius Little and reared and contributed to the education of five children who are successful in the areas of classroom and nursery teaching, cosmetology, executive secre-

tary, federal administration and dentistry; most of her children were present for the service.

Mrs. Little joined the West Deep Creek Church at an early age, later transferring her membership to the First Baptist Church, Wadesboro, where she served as church clerk and choir member. She is presently a member of the Friendship Baptist Church, Monroe, N. C., where she is co-director of the missionary program at the church, a member of the senior choir and has worked in the Junior Department of the Sunday School for thirty-five years. She has served on the Prison Ministry Board of Monroe for many years.

She is historian of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, a member of the Executive Board and serves on various committees of that organization.

She is a member of the North Carolina Association of Educators, the AAPP, the National Retired Teachers Association, the Council on Aging and other organizations.

She has traveled extensively, having toured major states of the United States, Mexico, Canada, the Holy Land, the Lott Carey Mission in Nigeria, the Mission Station in Liberia including Minnie C. Lyons guest house and West Africa.



YOUNG ADULT SESSION — Mrs. J. E. Dunn, speaking on the theme: "Where Do We Go In Times Like These."

Last Call For One Day Meeting

BY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR,

LEO WILLIAMS, JR.
To: Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, and Baptist Training Union Directors
Dear Co-worker in Christian Education:

Please accept this letter as one way of saying thanks to you for your hard work and support of Christian education.

Our State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress will hold its one day session with the First Baptist Church, 101 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh, Feb. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration will be from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., followed by the opening assembly.

Worship, instruction, special presentations, and fellowship have been planned to inspire and evoke participation from each person who will attend. The theme is: "The Framework of Christian Education."

I am asking you to please urge your church to send at

least one delegate to represent your Sunday School and one delegate to represent your Baptist Training Union. Also, encourage your church to make a financial contribution for its Sunday School and its Baptist Training Union based on the number of members you have on the church membership roll.

Our goal is to reach and enroll every Sunday School and every Baptist Training Union in the State Convention. Our financial goal is to give \$10,000 to missions and Christian education by Feb. 10. This will be contributed to the General Baptist Convention's overall budget, and your church will receive credit. Make checks payable to: General Baptist State Convention.

Enclosed, you will find two forms. Please fill out each and send to me. Send the Annual Report form immediately because we need it for statistical purposes. Please send your registration by Feb. 10.

May God bless you wonderfully.



First Baptist Church, Raleigh—Host to the One Day Session of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress—Feb. 10.

Capital City's First Church Prepared

To Host One Day S. S. And B.T.

The Rev. Dr. Charles W. Ward, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, stated recently that the church is preparing to host the upcoming one day session of the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress. It appeared that the messengers could look forward to the "red carpet" treatment, even though Dr. Ward is recuperating from a recent illness. The janitor was busy polishing the floors and the sanctuary was in first-class order.

The First Baptist Church of Raleigh has one of the most illustrious histories of any church in the state of North Carolina. It will soon be celebrating its 157th anniversary. Located on the southeast corner of the capital building, its history dating back before the Civil War, she proudly stands secure in the charter of the State of North Carolina, as well as in the grace of God. When the founders and builders of the state capital building laid out the plans for the area, they decreed that a church would be on each corner of the capital building and that one of those churches would always be a black church. Thus First Baptist is safe from urban renewal programs and other efforts that might relocate the historic structure.

For those who have never visited the Capital City, nor the First Baptist Church, this will be an informative session, as well as an inspiring one. Plan to bring the little children and let them spend an hour on their state capital grounds feeding the tamed pigeons and squirrels.



Dr. Charles W. Ward, pastor, First Baptist Church, Raleigh—Host to the One Day Session of the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, Feb. 10—Session begins at 9 a.m.

KING SPIRIT

(Continued from page 1)

lowed minorities to vote so that he could be the first President from the south since before the Civil War to be elected. It was the black vote that made the difference, no matter what anybody says."

Rev. W. E. Banks, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Thomasville, speaking on the theme, "The Spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Freedom's Road in Housing Development," told the banqueters to support the non-violent philosophy of Dr. King. He declared that: "Violence can never conquer violence." In a very passionate way, he brought out a loud applause when he said: "Often as I see the inadequate housing of blacks and the deplorable conditions, I feel like saying to the ministers who are indifferent, go down Moses, tell old Pharaoh to let my people go."

The final speaker, the Rev. O'Kelly Lawson, pastor, Corner Stone Baptist Church, Greenville, speaking on the theme: "The Spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Freedom's Road in Municipal Affairs," directed his address primarily towards the pastors and black leaders. He told them that too many leaders and pastors seek to escape as Queen Esther at first did when Mordecai requested her help in trying to

save the Jews from destruction by the wicked Haman (Esther 2:8). Rev. Lawson pointed out that: "If deliverance does not come through the preacher's dedication of himself to the task of delivering the oppressed, God will find other means. . . and the preacher shall not escape judgment. One of the hardest jobs of the preacher is to convince a prosperous people that they need to change their attitude," he chided. Many pastors feel threatened by the power and influence of wealth and government officials; however, if one is to serve God, he must trust Jesus and proclaim the truth.

The Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention was represented by Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, first vice president. She told the banqueters that the women were one hundred percent behind the program of the GBS Convention and that they were standing firm for the principles of freedom and relief for the oppressed.

All of the speakers exhibited unusual talent and dedication heretofore unseen in them. Voices could be heard at the close of the banquet hour, saying: "We have some wonderful new talent among us and this banquet provided an opportunity for it to come to the surface."

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Ignorance Decried: Jesus Proclaimed Chief Cornerstone

RALEIGH—State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress leaders and messengers to the One Day Session last Feb. 10 at First Baptist Church, Raleigh, decried religious ignorance and proclaimed Jesus Christ as the "Chief Corner Stone" of Christian education. The congresses, which are led by Mr. James L. Lassiter (S.S.) and Mr. James Bellamy, Jr. (B.T.U.), met under the theme: "The Framework of Christian Education" amid freezing temperatures, with messengers traveling hundreds of miles over snow-covered roads.

The session opened on schedule with most of the approximately 350-400 messengers in place. Enthusiasm was high as the leaders and workers moved through the rapid-paced session. The highlight of the morning session was an address by Mr. James L. Lassiter, entitled, "The Framework of Christian Education." He stated that: "Christian education is learning facts to modify behavior to draw one and one's associates closer to God. The foundation is the Holy Bible, the underpinning is the Holy Bible and the flooring is the three C's—(1) commitment of covenant; (2) commitment of study; and (3) commitment of the Great Commandment. 'Go teach and baptize in Jesus' name'."

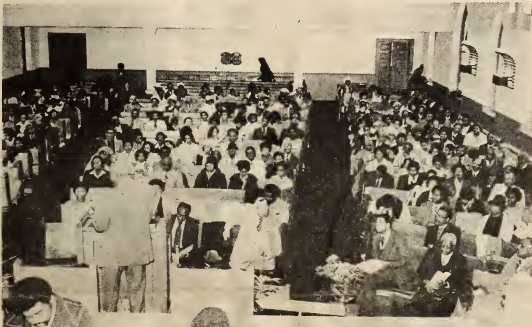
The framework includes: (1) a regenerated person; (2) a clean heart; (3) belief in the Trinity; (4) progressive growth in Christ; (5) the authority of the Bible; (6) belief in progressive revelation; (7) submit and commit to God's service; (8) be engrained with God's love; (9) open the window to God's Holy Spirit; (10) open the door for Christ to enter and reign supreme, and (11) affirm the belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He died, and was resurrected and will come again.

Another moving feature of the program was the presentation of a drama entitled, "Creation," directed by Mrs. Hazel McLean. The creation story was narrated and acted out by adults and young people in a most impressive and creative presentation. Participants in the drama were from the following associations: Mecklenburg General, Mount Peace, Lane Creek, Vance, Mountain and Catawba (See photographs in this issue of THE BAPTIST

INFORMER). It was brought out that people argue about

which is first, the chicken or the egg, tree or seed. The

answer is, God made things with the seed in it all at once.



James L. Lassiter, president of the S. S. Congress, addresses the messengers during the opening session of the One Day Session of the State S. S. and B. T. U. Congress last Feb. 10 at First Baptist Church in Raleigh. Approximately 350-400 attended the session.

75% Of Suggested Quotas Requested By June 30, 1979

The General Baptist State Convention has made a financial commitment to give to Shaw University \$350,000 on or before the end of the University's fiscal year, June 30, 1979, along with its financial commitment to Shaw Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions and the Central Orphanage.

In an effort to make sure that Shaw University gets the designated \$350,000 to meet its current obligation and to avert a financial crisis which has occurred at the University in the past two consecutive years, along with fulfilling its financial obligations to the Divinity Schol, Foreign Missions, State Missions and the Central Orphanage, the president and vice presidents, and the regional workers of the General Baptist State Convention, the heads of our institutions and agencies and the moderators of the associations were called together in a special meeting, and among other things, made the following proposals:

1. That all churches, associations and convention's auxiliaries give 75 percent of their suggested quotas for the fiscal

year, 1978-79, on or before June 30, and that the balance of the 25 percent be given during the months of July and August, 1979.

2. That the month of April, 1979 be designated as Shaw University Month, at which time special emphasis will be given to the financial need of Shaw University. With the support of our pastors and churches, we can accomplish the Convention's objective.

A list of our workshops and other meetings during the month of March: March 1: Piney Wood Baptist Church, Powellsville; March 2: Lisboe Street Baptist Church, Clinton; March 3: St. John Association, Wagram; March 5-6: First Baptist, Wadesboro; March 7-8: New Hope Baptist Church, Hamlet; March 9: Sycamore Hill, Greenville; March 10: Guilford Association, Greensboro; March 12-13: Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Charlotte; March 14: Emmanuel Baptist Church, Gastonia; March 15: Shiloh Baptist Church, Shelby; March 16: Northampton Association, Branches Chapel, Rich Square; March 17: Yadkin Davis Assoc.

ciation; March 26-30: Asheville

We solicit your prayers for the work and the workers of the Convention as we seek to interpret and promote the plans and programs. We are depending on you to continue to send your monthly contributions to the Unified Program. Our theme is: "The Unified Dollar for the Unified Program."

Sincerely,
C. C. Craig



Dr. John R. Manley, president, General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc., told the messengers at the One Day Session of the S. S. and B. T. U. Conference that they should "Run the race."

Root The Roots

BY PRESIDENT

J. R. MANLEY

CHAPEL HILL—Even though man is fantastically different from the animal, and the vegetable kingdoms; he is very similar in many ways. One very important way in which man is similar to these kingdoms is in his need for “stability.” This is not only true of man from a physical and social perspective—as Alex Haley so dramatically points out in his epic, “Roots”—but is equally as true of man’s spiritual nature. This is pointed out in the scripture which says, “...grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (II Peter 3:18).”

In order for the spiritual needs of mankind to be met, it seems to me that we must "root the roots" of our spiritual lives. For example: when a potato begins to "sprout," it means that its growth-mechanism has been activated. It is then ready to be "rooted" in the earth so that it can receive nourishment to bring it to maturity and fruitfulness. Even young children, who have observed a sweet potato growing in a jar in the classroom, know that the plant will not sprout if it is not placed in the soil. It is the same with fruit—if it is not placed in the earth. The simple truth to be understood here is that any infant, living organism must have a source of nourishment or it will wither and die. Therefore, the new-born Christian must be "rooted" in the earth—he/she is to become healthy and productive.

Since spiritual weaknesses abound, and foreign ideas such as violence, materialism, atheism, and paganism threaten the lives of Christian like tares in a wheat field; there is all the more reason for the organized Christian community to be about the business of growing mature characters. There is need for Christians who will not only "...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15); but also to "be able to bring forth fruit" (Galatians 5:22)...fruit that is good for the "hunger of the soul," and leaves that are good for the healing of the nations. If the harvest is to be a bountiful one, we must "root the fruits" (See ROOTS, P. 6).

(See ROOTS, P. 6)

The Unified Dollar For The Unified Program

From The Executive Secretary's Desk:

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention:

Your prayers, cooperation and financial support make it possible for the Convention to move forward in the direction of accomplishing its financial goal of \$1,041,960.00 for the fiscal year of 1978-79. The Unified Dollar for the Unified Program is a plan to unify, to make one, to bring together the undesigned financial support of the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention on a percentage basis. Each dollar contributed to the Convention through the Unified Program is divided in this manner: 44 percent is for Shaw University and 10 percent of the 44 percent is for the Divinity School; 30 percent is for State Missions; 20 percent is for Foreign Missions and 6 percent is for the Central Orphanage. The Unified Plan, with the proper motivation, interpretation and support, can

fulfill the need of the Convention's objective. I must continue to say that the work of the General Baptist State Convention is the Lord's word and the Spirit of the Lord prompts all to act according to the will of the Lord.

Into whose hands have been entrusted the words of hope and the words of eternal life? To whom shall the youth, the needy, the cripple, the blind and the hopeless turn for help in our day? It is the church, a community of believers with kindred minds and a faith that will not shrink the words pressed by every ear, that will not tremble on the brink of any earthly woe. The church has a far reaching world concern.

Since the churches of the General Baptist State Convention are concerned about the Lord's work, the Convention is depending upon each church for complete support according to its numerical strength.

Letter To The Editor

BELLAMY MEMORIAL
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Dear Sir:

We have completed plans for the Rev. James C. Bellamy, Sr., Scholarship Fund. The major purpose will be to provide an annual academic scholarship to a student who meets the eligibility criteria adopted by the Board.

Our first annual program will be held April 1, 1979, 4 p.m., at the Bryant Swamp Baptist Church in Bladenboro, N.C. Rev. W. H. Breck of Raleigh

will be the special speaker.

We would be very grateful for your personal participation and attendance and financial contribution to help us meet our program objectives.

Please send your check or money order to: Rev. James C. Bellamy, Sr., Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 920, Bladenboro, N.C. 28320.

Please note that your contributions are tax deductible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,
MARIE J. FAULK
Chairperson

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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For Busy Pastors Seed For Sermon Thought

"Tested In The Wilderness"

BY I.B. HORTON

An Expository Sermon:

Text: Matthew 4:1-11. "Then was Jesus led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted (tested) by the devil" (Matthew 4:1).

A Prophetic Sermon:

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeveth every son whom he receiveth" (Hebrews 12:6).

Introduction to the Problem:

There are those who are steadfastly set against learning anything about the facts in their undertakings. Such ones are unteachable, because they believe themselves to be almighty and ready as they are. But Jesus Christ has said of those who would follow Him: "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Whosoever, then, shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3-4).

Theme Rationale (The Sense or Reason Behind the Thought):

"When God calls an individual to do a particular task, it is necessary for the individual to give himself up into the hands of God, that he/she might be made ready for the task. The 'wilderness experience' is a necessary step in the preparation of those who would follow sent the Almighty God. Moses, Paul, Jesus, and others had a similar 'wilderness experience'."

Discourse:

Not a few Christians have some difficulty understanding why it was necessary for Jesus to be tempted-tested in the wilderness, when He is the Son of the Almighty, Immanuel. "God with us." It is necessary therefore, that the people of God be reminded and thoroughly understand that Jesus Christ is not our Savior and our Lord; He is also our perfect example of the absolute obedience which God requires of those who would serve Him.

In the selection of those who will represent Him in the world, God must make sure that the individual has the capacity to "receive" and "follow" instruction, and to grow in grace, trust and love. There are at least three vital elements found in the wilderness experience: that we observe through Jesus' experience recorded in the Gospels."

I. A Definite Calling of God

Matthew records that: "Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." Mark says that: "Immediately the spirit driveth him into the wilderness" (Mark 1:12). Being selected by God as having the potential of becoming a "Soldier of the Cross" is the first requirement. God does not ever ride the human will and force us to do anything. If He did that, one would cease to be a person and become a thing. Therefore, when God calls the individual, it is like one who selects a tree that he feels will make first class lumber for a special project, but is not yet

partner joined the enemy when their male needed their support. When you are down, it is a double hurt to see the one you look to be your loyal supporter helping your enemies "stone" you.

Unfortunately, there are those who never learn the meaning of "loyalty." But Jesus makes sure that the capacity for loyalty is there through the "wilderness experience."

Today there are those who are joining in with the ranks of those in Iran and Communist countries to condemn America. Our country must also have a "wilderness experience," although we call it inflation and many other secular names.

Conclusion:
Do you remember when you "came out of the wilderness?" Are you in the "wilderness" now? Be encouraged, the "wilderness experience" tears up the old mind and establishes the new. Nevertheless, when you fall under the persecution of the devil, you can stand the storm if you have been "tested in the wilderness."

Today, more than ever, we must give clear direction to youth, they need to be able to interpret what is going on, not only locally, but on a world-wide scale. Let us trust God in these trying times; if we are right, our God will fight our battle. As Jesus prayed in the wilderness - let us, as Christians, pray for our world, our country, our president, our state and its leaders, our local community and the man who stands before the people in the name of Jesus Christ.

Conditions

God has to put the individual to the test before he is placed in a vital position. God simply wants to "know" that He can depend on you when the going gets rough.

Most leaders know how hurtful it can be to have one prove disloyal just when you need them most. Many marriages break down because a marital

Rev. James C. Bellamy, Sr. Scholarship Fund

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Woman's Page

April 7: State-Wide Leaders' Day

BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRODIE

We are looking forward to seeing Circle, Union, and Auxiliary presidents; secretaries and treasurers; young adult directors; and youth supervisors at the annual State-Wide Leaders' Workshop, which will be held Saturday, April 7. The session should begin near the hour of 8:45 a.m. All departments will convene at First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Cross Link Road, Raleigh. Dr. W. B. Lewis is pastor.

A workshop session is being planned for Camp Counselors also.

The Rev. Dr. W. T. Bigelow, pastor of Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, Durham, will preach the sermon for the session. We are counting on meeting with you in April and your support of the Woman's Baptist State Convention. Please bring a liberal offering because of the urgent need for the Convention to realize its financial commitment of \$350,000 for Shaw University and the Divinity School, State

missions, Foreign Missions, the Central Orphanage, and the Baptist Assembly.

Pre-register now and receive your pre-registration card. The pre-registration fee is \$2.00.

Some other important dates to remember are June 4-8, the Missionary Training Conference at the Baptist Assembly; June 10-29, the Three Weeks of the Youth Bible Camp at the Baptist Assembly; July 7, All

Baptist Picnic at the Baptist Assembly; July 23-26, the 95th Annual Session of our Woman's Convention at the Charlotte Civic Center, headquarters at Radisson Plaza Hotel, with the Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church and pastor, Dr. H. S. Diggins, as hosts; and July 23, the 6th annual Pre-Convention Banquet at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center. Rev. J. Z. Alexander, speaker.

Women's Leaders Seek Help For Displaced Homemakers

BY CAROL FRANKLIN

WASHINGTON — "If the option of choosing homemaking as a career is to remain viable, we must ensure it," a panelist told participants in a seminar on displaced homemakers sponsored by the women's division of the American Jewish Congress.

Shoshana Cardin, chairwoman of Maryland's Commission on Women, said her role as homemaker is her primary occupation and she wants to make sure that other women have the opportunity to be the same.

Sharah Weddington, assistant to President Carter on women's issues, emphasized that policy decisions in the White House are based on the concept of "all choices being open to all women" — homemaking, working outside the home, or a combination of both. She claimed that ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment would be a step toward realizing the full range of choices of women.

Through death, divorce, desertion, or disability of the male partner in marriage, an estimated 30 to 15 million women are displaced homemakers, Weddington said.

"Being a housewife is one of the riskiest professions around," Weddington said. "One-third of all construction steelworkers don't fall off skyscrapers, but one-third of all women do lose their places when the husband leaves." She said the social security system is "no longer adequate" to support women when they are displaced.

Among many statistics presented to illustrate the plight of women who have lost their primary identity as wives and homemakers, Weddington said that if the "typical" family is defined as a father, mother, and 2 children, then there are twice as many families in this country headed by a single woman than there are "typical" families.

Cardin compared "displaced homemakers" with displaced persons or refugees. "The displaced homemaker is involved in a struggle for survival," Cardin said. "She is desperately afraid she can't survive to the next day. Her short term survival must be cared for before there can be long term utilization of her talents."

Leona Chanin, president of the women's division of the American Jewish Congress, opened the seminar by calling on Congress, the President, and the governors of all 50 states to expand existing programs to assist and train displaced homemakers.

In Memory



MRS. MAGGIE LOUIS CHERRY

We sheltered her with
Tenderness,
We loved her while we may,
And for the happiness we've
Known,
May we forever grateful
Stay;
But since the Angel called her
Much sooner than we had
Planned,
We'll have the bitter grief that
Comes,
And try to understand.

Maggie Louis Cherry, daughter of the late George and Sarah F. Cherry, was born Oct. 12, 1892 in Bertie County. She departed this life Jan. 18, 1979 in Portsmouth General Hospital in Portsmouth, Va.

She joined the Mt. Olive Baptist Church at an early age. To the church she was loyal and faithful, serving as president of missionary circle district No. 4, member of the Mt. Olive Choir. During her stay in Portsmouth, Va., she attended First Baptist, Taylorville.

She leaves to cherish a beautiful and lasting memory five daughters: Isadora Wilder, Georgia Hendrix, Fannie Ridley, Ester Harrison, and Maggie Mitchell; three sons: Bryant Cherry, Bevonn Cherry and Alexander Cherry; one brother, Luther Cherry; four sisters: Lillian Bazemore, Christine Dudley, Mary W. Cutler and Pearl Lee; five sons-in-law, two daughters-in-law, thirty grandchildren, eighty-five great-grandchildren, twenty-six great great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Mrs. Cherry were held at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Lewiston, N. C., the Rev. Morris Shearin officiating.

Dr. Brodie Says:

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, new Executive Secretary, Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C., says:

"Wherever we go, we should never forget from whence we have come."

Dr. Brodie declares that she is: "Sent to be a voice to the voiceless and a help to the helpless."

International Christian Youth Exchange

SALISBURY — Challenging young Christian Americans to live a year abroad is a major undertaking of the International Christian Youth Exchange (ICYE). ICYE also provides the opportunity for American families to share their Christian hospitality as host families for students from another country. Young people from the United States can go to Europe, Asia or Latin America, and their counterparts come to the United States from those same countries.

Applications are now being accepted from American students interested in becoming a part of this exchange program. Young people who are 16 years old and who have not graduated from high school may participate as student exchanges. They will live with host families in other countries and attend school. Young people who have graduated from high school and who do not want to attend school can participate in volunteer service projects abroad. In most cases, exchanges will live with host families, being treated as members of those families.

The fee for the year abroad is \$2,400. That includes travel to the hosting country and all travel in that country. Participants are to be provided lodging and meals by the host families. Exchanges often are sponsored by local church groups or other organizations, which may help cover part of the costs of the year. The exchange year is from July to July.

Exchanges coming to America participate in a similar program. Applications are also now being accepted from potential host families. No fee is charged for housing, but the host family or the sponsoring agency is expected to provide full

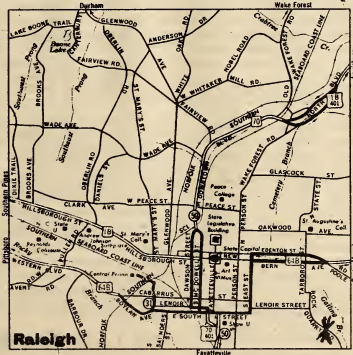
support for the student while in the United States, except for clothing and medical expenses. Travel to the host community is provided by ICYE.

ICYE was founded in 1957, growing out of the experiences of the Church of the Brethren, who brought young people from Germany to the United States after World War II. It is now officially sponsored by 11 major denominations: the American Baptist Church, American Lutheran Church, Church of the Brethren, Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church in the U.S., Protestant Episcopal Church, Reformed Church in America, United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, and United Presbyterian Church USA. In addition, churches of other denominations often cooperate in local organizations that sponsor ICYE.

Detailed information about the program can be obtained by writing International Christian Youth Exchange, 74 Trinity Place, Room 610, New York, N.Y. 10006, or from Rev. James Cress, Regional Coordinator, ICYE, c/o Rowan Cooperative Christian Ministry, P.O. Box 4026, Salisbury, N.C. 28144.

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The above map of Raleigh will provide some assistance in finding First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, which is located on Cross Link Road. The asterisk on the map points to Rock Quarry Road, of which one turns onto Cross Link. For persons coming from the South, possibly 701st, come to Cabarrus Street and turn right on Cabarrus and continue to travel to East Street, at which you turn to the right on East Street and at the next block, turn left onto Lenoir Street and continue to Rock Quarry and go by the Mechanics and Farmers' Bank on the right, still on Rock Quarry, until you see Cross Link, at which you turn to your right.

For persons coming from the North, possibly 1 or the Downtown Blvd., come to Cabarrus Street and turn left onto Lenoir Street, at which you turn to the right onto East Street and at the next block, turn to the left onto Lenoir Street and continue to Rock Quarry, at which you turn right and continue on Rock Quarry past the Mechanics and Farmers' Bank on the right until you see Cross Link, at which you turn to your right.

For persons coming in on Western Blvd. (64), continue on Western Blvd., which runs into South Street. Once on South Street, continue to travel until you come to East Street (dead end) and turn left onto East Street, then immediately turn to your right onto Lenoir Street, which you continue to travel to Rock Quarry, at which you turn right and continue past the Mechanics and Farmers' Bank until you see Cross Link, at which you turn to your right.

For persons coming from the East, possibly 64, continue 64 into Raleigh until you come to Tarboro Street at the left. Turn left onto Tarboro (a Harder's is on the corner) and continue on Tarboro, which later becomes Rock Quarry Road. Continue to travel Rock Quarry and go by the Mechanics and Farmers' Bank until you see Cross Link to your right. Turn right onto Cross Link.

Shaw Divinity School To Observe 6th Pastor's Conference, March 19-21

BY DR. JAMES Z. ALEXANDER

Dean-Conference Coordinator RALEIGH — The Shaw Divinity School proudly announces the observance of its Sixth Annual Albert W. Pegues Pastor's Conference, March 19, 20, 21, 1979 at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina. Registration for the conference will be on at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 19. The conference will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, at 11:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, between 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Dr. Hoyt and Dr. Massey will give summation statements consisting of a review of the salient accents of their lectures. Questions and answer periods will follow all lectures and the summation session.

The theme of the 1979 conference is, "The Pastor Looks at the Ministry and Himself." The services of three outstanding pastors and/or educators have been secured.

Dr. Thomas Hoyt will be a guest lecturer. Dr. Hoyt is associate professor of New Testament at the School of Religion, Howard University, Washington, D.C. Dr. Hoyt will deliver two lectures entitled, "Biblical Perspectives on the Ministry." Both lectures will be delivered on Tuesday, March

20, at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Dr. James E. Massey will be a principal lecturer. Dr. Massey is professor of preaching, Anderson School of Theology, Anderson, Ind. Dr. Massey will deliver two lectures entitled, "The Pastor Looks at Himself." Both lectures will be delivered on Tuesday, March 20, at 11:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 21, between 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., Dr. Hoyt and Dr. Massey will give summation statements consisting of a review of the salient accents of their lectures. Questions and answer periods will follow all lectures and the summation session.

Dr. Sandy F. Ray will be conference preacher. Dr. Ray is pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y. He will deliver sermons on Monday and Tuesday evenings, March 19 and 20, at 7:30 p.m. He will also preach for the Shaw Theological Alumni's annual Theological Convocation on Wednesday, March 21, at 11:30 a.m. The Shaw Theological Alumni Association observes its annual meeting in conjunc-

tion with the pastor's conference.

We have arranged for room reservations with the Holiday Inn (Hillsborough St.) and the Golden Eagle (Hillsborough St.). Following are the per diem rates:

Holiday Inn: No. 1 single, \$25 plus tax; No. 2 double, \$33 plus tax. Reservations must be made by March 5, 1979.

Golden Eagle: No. 1 single, \$19 plus tax; No. 4 double, \$25 plus tax (two beds, two persons); No. 5 double, \$23 plus tax (one double bed for two people). We have only 10 reservations for the Golden Eagle. Reservations must be in by March 1, 1979.

You may, of course, make your own reservations, but we will be pleased to do it for you at the motel indicated above if you will supply the information requested on the enclosed postal card.

We believe we have developed a conference of genuine relevance, intellectual depth, and spiritual vitality. We would be exceedingly pleased to have you join us. Please come.



DR. SANDY F. RAY



DR. THOMAS HOYT

Shaw Theological Alumni Association

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The annual Shaw University Theological Alumni Association meeting will be held again this year in conjunction with the Shaw Divinity School's annual Pastor's Conference at Shaw University, March 19, 20, 21, 1979.

The Association's Executive Committee will meet on Monday, March 19, at 4 p.m. in the Conference Room of Meserve Hall. A banquet will follow in the Student Union Building at 6 p.m. Rev. L. H. Wade, White Plains, N.Y., will be our banquet speaker.

Our Theological Convocation will be observed on Wednesday, March 21, at 11:30 a.m. Dr.

Sandy F. Ray, pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., will be our guest speaker.

Each alumnus is requested to pay his annual associational dues of \$25; \$10 will be used for the Miles Mark Fisher Scholarship, and \$15 will be used for our associational expenses.

President J. Ray Butler joins me in urging you to bring a liberal contribution from your church for the Divinity School and/or lead your church or organization to make a contribution of \$400 in memorial to a former pastor, moderator or any other worthy person.

Make your alumni dues payable to Shaw University Theological Alumni Association. Make other contributions payable to: Shaw Divinity School.

Shaw University And Its Future

BY STANLEY H. SMITH
President

The new leadership at Shaw University has accepted this challenge at a time which is not very favorable for higher education in general and private colleges and universities in particular. High rates of both inflation and unemployment have made it extremely difficult for private colleges and universities like Shaw to operate within a balanced budget.

The overwhelming majority of the students enrolled at Shaw are from low income families. Most of them were not exposed to college preparatory courses of study in their high schools. They are, therefore, unable to attend this university without almost total financial aid and with tuition, fees, room and board kept at a relatively low level. They come to Shaw with many educational deficits and with the need for the implementation of special learning resources and teaching-learning approaches which are costly and expensive.

Shaw University has a very good "track record" of taking students who, in terms of their backgrounds in education, would normally not be admitted to a college and, if admitted, would not succeed, and steering them to the point of graduation and to significant contributions to the society, with the appropriate quality controls and concern for quality education.

Shaw University, in a secular society, attaches great significance to religious and moral education which is an integral part of its curriculum. Additional religious activities include, among others, worship service, Religious Emphasis Week, Baptist fellowship, daily prayer sessions, church school, and religious guidance through

the Office of the University Minister. The population of the University's Heritage Choir and the Choral Society attests further to the emphasis placed on the religious activities of Shaw.

The university's motto which reflects its educational philosophy is additionally consistent with the important role which religion plays in the statement which reads: "For Christ and Humanity: That religion and learning may go hand in hand and character grow with knowledge."

Shaw University, therefore, as a Baptist-affiliated institution of higher education, is somewhat unique among even private colleges and universities in a materialistic society in establishing meaningful interaction of its instructional and support services between the intellectual, religious, social, moral and religious aspects of the learning experiences in keeping with the following purposes of:

1. raising the heart as well as the mind; 2. stressing moral as well as intellectual development; 3. producing people with leadership ability; 4. developing activists as well as thinkers; and 5. additionally Shaw will be emphasizing a degree-granting program in the academic area of religion and philosophy with special emphasis on pre-theology and religious education.

The phasing out of such a school was unquestionably, leave a void in the American Society, and among black people and black Baptists.

Its continued existence, growth and development will depend on attracting and retaining highly motivated and skilled faculty and competent supportive staff; developing and implementing functionally innovative educational pro-

grams with modern updated teaching and learning aids and other kinds of supportive services, including computer assisted instructional devices and other audio-visual teaching and learning aids and devices; identifying and giving appropriate scholarships to able and highly motivated black youths.

Tuition and fees constitute less than one half of the total cost of the operation of Shaw University. A great part of the remaining cost must, therefore, come from private sources such as churches, alumni, corporations, friends, etc.

Shaw University has been faithful to its religious affiliation with the Baptist denomination. It is hoped, therefore, that Baptist associations, in turn, will give top priority to regular, pledged financial support to Shaw University. Shaw has given and is giving a good account of its stewardship.

Shaw is now geared up more effectively to be even more accountable in instituting and implementing appropriate fiscal controls.

First Lady Headlines Family Help Seminar

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — First Lady Rosalynn Carter and pollster George Gallup, Jr., will offer their views on the state of the American family during a national Southern Baptist seminar on "Help for Families" this spring.

The 3-day seminar, sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be March 26-28 in Orlando, Fla.

Dr. Martin will speak on public policy and American families, while Gallup will talk about current trends in the American family.

FWB Responds To Shaw University's Financial Appeal

BY DR. JOHN W. FLEMING

Feb. 2, 1979 a history-making event was held at the Dunn Chapel Church, Dunn, N.C. On that evening, churches of the Cape Fear "A" Freewill Baptist Conference met in a Shaw Rally.

This was the first concerted effort by churches of Cape Fear "A" to support Shaw. A sum of \$2,164 for Shaw was turned over to John W. Fleming. The first effort, it was called; nevertheless, it was a commendable effort. Furthermore, a commitment to hold a Shaw Rally every year is in the making.

All of the participating churches need to be commended. Special commendations must go to certain people who were in the vanguard of the effort. Bishop M. N. McLean, pastor of the church where the rally was held and titular head of the Cape Fear "A" Conference, was supportive of the effort. Without his approval, the program could not have occurred. Elder M. C. Murphy, financial secretary of the conference and the man who did much of the planning for the rally, was a towering pillar of strength in organizing the program. Nor can we miss mentioning Mrs. Eva Minter, a leading laywoman in the conference, who made an appeal for Shaw that stirred all of us.

The program featured a sermon by the Rev. Ronald Swain, university minister, and music by the United Heritage Choir of Shaw University. Several ministers of the Cape Fear "A" Conference participated in the service. The financial report was made by the recording secretary, Bishop M. N. McLean presented the check to John W. Fleming, treasurer of the conference, who presented it to Shaw University.

The seminar also will feature a dialogue between theologian and author Harvey Cox and speaker and writer Phyllis Schlafly on the impact of the women's movement on family life.

Some people believe that beech tree leaf tea will cure rheumatism.

(Editor's Note: This article concerning Shaw University is the 7th in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the 5 major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the black Baptists and friends of Baptists of our state and everywhere, become familiar with the work of our state convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders and pastors are asked to secure financial support for the objective during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about, and as much support as possible must be given through the Unified Program.

The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is: Jan. and Aug., State Missions; Feb. and July, Central Orphanage; March and Sept., Shaw University; April and Oct., Foreign Missions; May and Nov., the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly; June and Dec., the Shaw Divinity School.

Don't forget that April is the Foreign Mission emphasis. . .

"Say unto wisdom, thou art my sister, and call understanding thy kinswoman" (Proverbs 7:4).

Shaw University, for 113 years, has been and still is today one of America's richest universities, not only in its endowments and its understanding. The fragrance of her knowledge has flavored many a dull and budding intellect into a "blooming flower." Therefore, we can truthfully say that wisdom is the kinswoman of Shaw University.

In recent weeks there has been some concern about the future of Shaw because of the recent release of a large number of the untenured faculty members. There are those who believe that the faculty members were released because of a financial shortage, but reliable authorities at the university have stated that "the overriding reason for the release is the position of the administration that the time has come when emphasis must be placed on "quality education" at the institution. All untenured faculty members will have the opportunity to reapply for employment at the university. Factors that will be considered on the applications of those reapplying are: (1) loyalty for and interest in the welfare of the institution; (2) the academic area in which they work as it relates to the needs of the students for available jobs; and (3) the individual's qualifications relative to quality performance in the classroom.

This seems to be a step in the right direction as well as an assurance that the university will continue to compete for the standard of excellence.

Other articles carried on this page in other sections of this issue of The Baptist Informer, tell a story of vitality and meaningful involvement at Shaw University.

Greetings!

Introduction

Shaw University approves, sanctions and seeks to promote the "Unified Dollar for the Unified Program" of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The Unified Plan, the dollar is divided among five objectives. Shaw University receives 44 cents of every dollar given the unified way.

We thank the Convention for listing Shaw as a major objective, and for announcing that Shaw University's Department of Church Relations dedicates itself to (1) promoting the Unified Plan, and to (2) cooperating with the officials of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Why Shaw Deserves Baptist Support:

(1) Shaw has a long affiliation with the General Baptist State Convention. Once the Convention's headquarters was on Shaw's campus.

(2) Many of the religious leaders among Baptists of North Carolina received their training at Shaw.

(3) Three of the last four executive secretaries of the Convention were Shaw-trained men.

(4) Many of the parish ministers who make up the constituency of the Convention are Shaw-trained men.

(5) Religious and moral education is still an integral part of Shaw's curriculum.

(6) The social atmosphere of the campus is permeated with the religious emphasis - worship service, Church School, Baptist

Shaw To Purchase Land From Raleigh Housing Authority

BY THOMAS E. KEE

In a joint press conference this morning, Shaw University president, Dr. Stanley H. Smith, and Mr. Floyd Carter, executive director of the Raleigh Housing Authority, announced that the university has made full payment of \$34,636 to purchase a tract of land of approximately 3 acres from the housing authority in the City of Raleigh. The land being purchased is adjacent to the campus dormitories.

In making the announcement, Dr. Smith emphasized the importance of the purchase of this land as it relates to Shaw's urban development. Initially, the area will be used to provide additional recreational and intramural activities for students, such as soccer and other outdoor physical education activities. The area will also be used to meet the needs of the physical education department in its thrust toward development of therapeutic and adaptive physical education programs.

Carter said that Shaw has had the opportunity to purchase the land under the city's Urban Renewal Plan since 1976.

Dr. Smith emphasized further that the purchase of this land has been made as a part of the university's planning, management and evaluation process which is being conducted

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fellowship, spiritual emphasis week, daily prayer sessions, religious guidance through the office of the university minister, and periodic religious conferences.

(7) Preservation of the cultural heritage of our people, particularly in the area of religion and music.

(8) University's motto shall representative of the school's educational philosophy - "For Christ and humanity: that religion and learning may go hand in hand and character grow with knowledge."

Shaw University's Philosophy of Education:

(1) To train the heart as well as the mind.

(2) To stress moral as well as intellectual development.

(3) To produce people of leadership ability.

(4) To develop activists as well as thinkers.

(5) To be a microcosm of the ideal community.

What Churches Can Do To Help Shaw Continue Its Philosophy of Education:

(1) Give the Unified Way

(2) Sponsor Shaw Days

(3) Become a recruiting agency; help sell Shaw to the young people who are looking forward to going to college.

(4) Contact the Office of Church Relations, Shaw University, for any aid you might need in developing Shaw Days.

(5) Sponsor a concert, either as a church or as a joint effort with other churches, featuring one of Shaw's two choirs - the University Heritage Choir or Chorale Society.

to assist in setting the direction of the university.

In that regard, Dr. Smith said that in reviewing current academic offerings, consideration is being given to maintaining and strengthening those programs which will most effectively meet the needs of the students. Among some of the programs he cited as examples are business management and accounting, adaptive physical education, speech pathology and audiology, radio, television and film; computer science and engineering, education and behavioral science.

Shaw Gets Cash!

BY CHARLES BLALOCK, SR. RALEIGH, N.C. — Dr. Stanley H. Smith, president of Shaw University, announced the reception of a donation from the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.

The check, presented by Dr. Paul H. Johnson, pastor of Martin Street Baptist Church, was in the amount of \$1,000. The presentation was made in Dr. Smith's office.

The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., is a national organization of Baptist churches, who, along with the American Baptist Churches, USA, maintain the Fund of Renewal, an organization dedicated to scholarship and education.

Shaw Receives \$45,000

BY CHARLES BLALOCK, SR. RALEIGH, N.C. — Dr. Stanley H. Smith, president of Shaw University, announced the receipt of a \$45,000 grant from Ashland Oil Co. of Kentucky. The \$45,000 will be given over a 3-year period.

Mr. J. D. Hughes, executive vice president in charge of international affairs, made the presentation of \$15,000, this year's allocation, to Dr. Smith at a luncheon in Ashland's honor. In making the presentation, Mr. Hughes said, "Ashland is delighted to be able to continue this relationship with Shaw, recognizing its importance to the Raleigh community."

The grant was made possible through Ashland's "Education and Community Support Program," through which contributions are made to worthy institutions.

Mr. Charles Whitehead, director of Equal Opportunities Affairs, and Mr. Arthur Holland, minority relations specialist for Ashland Oil, were also present.

In commenting on the grant, Mr. Whitehead stated, "We at Ashland hope the association will be of mutual benefit to both - Shaw, by assisting Ashland in its affirmative action, and Ashland by assisting Shaw in its efforts as an educational institution."

Mr. Holland, who regularly visits the college and university campuses, added: "Ashland Oil looks forward to recruiting and placement with the students at Shaw University."

Dr. Smith, in accepting the check, and the commitment from Ashland, commented: "We are tremendously pleased with the gift, and the assurance of at least the same level of funding for the next 3 years. We are deeply appreciative of the fact that these 3 very important persons from the company saw fit to visit us here in Raleigh, the confidence they have expressed in our programmatic thrust, and the assurance they've given us for their continued cooperation."

Shaw Grad Gets Promotion

BY CHARLES BLALOCK, SR. RALEIGH, N.C. — Mrs. Clarice Stephens Banks, an employee of Mechanics and Farmers Bank since 1962, was promoted from assistant cashier to vice president of operations at the Raleigh office.

Mrs. Banks is a 1959 graduate of Shaw University, Raleigh, and has done further study through the American Institute of Banking and LaSalle Extension University. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a voter registration commissioner, a trustee of Wake Baptist Grove Church of Garner, treasurer of Shaw University Self-Help Program, former president for 5 years of Les Brave, Inc. Federated Women's Club, and she has served on Consul Committee

and the board of the American Institute of Banking of Wake County. Former positions held with the bank are proof clerk, savings teller, note teller, head bookkeeper and assistant cashier.

Mrs. Banks is the wife of Craven Banks and they are the parents of one daughter.

Shaw Players Open Spring Production

BY CHARLES BLALOCK, SR. RALEIGH, N.C. — The Shaw Players and Company, under the direction of Dr. Patricia C. Caple, will open their spring season with Langston Hughes', "Simply Heavenly," on Friday, Feb. 23, in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m.

Simply Heavenly is a pleasant excursion into the Harlem atmosphere that Mr. Hughes knew and loved so well. Brooks Atkinson of the New York Times says: "Simple is a major literary character who belongs to our times...Simple is lovely, lovable, hearty and hilarious, sweet and worldly, comic and realistic...improved out of high spirits for the sake of a good time."

Ticket information and reservations are now available by writing: The Shaw Players and Co., Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C. 27611, or calling 755-4972 or 755-4919.

Shaw Announces Grant Of \$1933

BY CHARLES BLALOCK, SR. RALEIGH, N.C. — Dr. Stanley H. Smith, president of Shaw University, announced the receipt of a \$1,933 grant from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation.

The grant is part of more than \$48,000 distributed among 39 privately supported colleges and universities in North Carolina.

The N.C. colleges and universities that are among over 1,000 privately accredited 2 and 4 year institutions across the country which are sharing in \$1,500,000 in Sears Foundation funds this 1976-77 academic year.

According to Dr. Smith, these funds may be used unrestricted as the university deems necessary.

Grant Awarded To Southeastern Seminary

WAKE FOREST, N.C. — Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary has been awarded a grant of \$15,300 by Lilly Endowment, Inc., of Indianapolis, for a program to develop lay support.

Correction!

Please except our apology for omitting Whetstone Baptist Church's contribution of \$201.80 for the fiscal year 1977-78 from our Annual Report.



DR. CHARLES WARD

Dr. Ward Receives Presidential Scroll

RALEIGH—Dr. Charles Ward was the recipient of the Presidential Scroll award last Feb. 8, when St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, observed its 112th All College Assembly in Emory Hall. The full text of the scroll follows:

THE PRESIDENTIAL SCROLL

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REV. CHARLES WARD
EMINENT THEOLOGIAN
AND

FEARLESS LEADER

You are the recipient of this award in recognition of your love for the Christian ministry that has inspired and enriched the lives of many persons. As pastor of the First Baptist Church on the Capitol Square in Raleigh, North Carolina, your devotion to the people has provided reassurance in the community, faith, and self-worth through your illustrious leadership.

St. Augustine's College
Raleigh, N.C.
Dr. Prezell R. Robinson,
President
February 8, 1979

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of every struggling Christian.

Praise the Lord for the work of the Department of Christian Education, directed by the Rev. Leo Williams, and the work of the Day School and Baptist Training Union Congress, headed by J. L. Lassiter and James Bellamy, respectively.

We praise God again for Regional Workshops, headed by Dr. C. C. Craig, Mr. Waverly Camp, the Rev. Leo Williams, and Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, who are providing tools and plenty of fertilizer for the under-nourished Christians in our churches. There remains, however, the need for our Association and local churches to provide the will and commitment so that we can taste and see that the Lord is good." (Psalm 34:8).

I am looking forward to seeing some of this "fruit" at the One Day Session of the General Convention, May 9, at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Salisbury, N. C., the Rev. S. R. Johnson, pastor.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

BY REV. LEO WILLIAMS
RALEIGH—The officials and leaders of the State Baptist Training Union Congress are happy to release the following subjects which will be used during the Annual James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest during the 1979 Annual Session of Congress.

The Annual Session will be held at the New Light Baptist Church, Greensboro, August 14-16, the Rev. C. H. Brown, Jr., pastor. The subjects and other pertinent information follows:

- Subjects:
1. "Good News In A Time of Crises."
 2. "Sharing Our Christian Faith."
 3. "Building A Life For Christ."
 4. "Christ Is The Answer."
 5. "Doing God's Work."
 6. "Will There Be Peace On Earth?"
 7. "No Room For Quitters."
 8. "The Master Is Able."
 9. "A Recipe For Happiness."
 10. "Prepare To Serve."
 11. "The Cross And The Crown."
 12. "The Winning Witness."
 13. "Living Up To Your Calling."
 14. "The Christian Influence."
 15. "Facing The Future With Commitment."
 16. "Religion And Learning."

Rules:

1. The Senior Division Contest is open to high school seniors and college freshmen who are active Baptist Training Union or Sunday School students.
2. The Junior Division Contest is open to ninth, tenth and eleventh grade youth high school students who are active Baptist Training Union or Sunday School students.
3. Contestants must be certified by a local Baptist Training Union Director or Sunday School superintendent.
4. Each contestant will choose one of the subjects listed above.
5. Each contestant must compose and learn his speech.
6. Each contestant will have five minutes for delivery.
7. Each contestant will be judged by competent judges on content, composition and delivery. Content will count 25 percent, composition 25 percent and delivery 50 percent.
8. The three top winners in the Senior Division will receive scholarships and certificates of participation. First place: \$150; second place: \$100; third place, \$50. Scholarship checks are

awarded after the contestants are enrolled in an institution of further study. Non-winning contestants will receive \$5 each and a certificate of participation.

8. The three top winners in the Junior Division will receive certificates of participation, and prizes of: first place, \$150, second place, \$10, and third place, \$5. Non-winning contestants will receive certificates of participation and \$2 each.

Each year, young people are encouraged to enter the James F. Wertz B.T.U. Oratorical Contest, sponsored as a part of the State B.T.U. Congress.

The Master Is Able

BY WALTER BOSTON, JR.

ROCKY MOUNT—(Editor's Note: Walter Boston, Jr. is a tenth grade high school student who participated in the State Sunday School's, and Baptist Training Union Congress' Annual James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest last August. He is a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, the Rev. Thomas Walker, pastor. Walter was not one of the winners in the Junior Division of the contest into which he entered; nevertheless, he was industrious enough to write his speech and send it to THE BAPTIST INFORMER. We publish it here with the hope that more youth will be inspired to write in the area of Christian journalism on a continuing basis. Mrs. Beatrice D. Branch, Murfreesboro, Route 1, Box 78, is the director of the Junior Division of the oratorical contest.)

Scripture—"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come into him and he will sup with me and I with him (Revelation 3:20).

I hope that you find the Scripture fitting for the occasion.

First, I will break down the title into parts so that you might be able to get a better understanding of the point that I am trying to get across to you. First, we need to know the meaning of Master and who the Master is. The dictionary records that "a master is a person who rules or has authority over." Certainly this applies to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. So now that we know what is meant by the term and who the Master is, let us talk about the other part of the title, which is: "Master is able."

Perhaps there is a question in someone's mind: "What is the Master able to do?" Let me make myself clear by saying

This is not only an opportunity, but a privilege.

Churches, Associations and District Conventions can do much to encourage and inspire young people to take advantage of this opportunity.

Local church contests, associational contests, country-wide contests, district contests, etc., should precede the state contest, and the winner of each district contest will compete at the state level.

Correspond with: Mrs. Emareta T. Felton, Director of Oratorical Contest, 1912 Armstrong Street, Fayetteville, N.C. 28301.

that the Master is able to do all things, but because of the limited time that I have, I will just point out a few things that I know the Master is able to do.

First of all, the Master is able to deliver you from any sin that you might have in the midst of your heart. You say, "How do you know this?" Well, if you would read the Bible, it will tell you. "If any of you shall confess with thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9). So you see, God is able to deliver you from any sin you might have in your body.

Second, God can heal you when you are sick. If you have pain, a headache, whatever God can heal you. You say, "How do you know this, brother?" Well, let me call on a few witnesses. I am reminded at this time, that Jesus went by the Synagogue on the Sabbath and there was a man standing there who had a withered hand and Jesus called upon the man and laid his hand on him and asked the Father to heal him, and certainly he was healed. Not only that, but I can call upon another witness. This was a man who was dumb and Jesus had found him at the coast of the sea of Galilee. The man could not walk, he could not talk, he was just incoherent of speech, but Jesus called upon this man and laid his hand on the man's ear and asked God to heal him and he was healed. I know the Master is able.

Third, God can heal you from any trouble that you might have. You say, "How do you know this?" Well, let me call on a few witnesses.

First of all, I would like to call on Moses. When God told Moses, "I want you to go and deliver my children from bondage" (See Exodus 3:12). This was indeed a great deliverance



WALTER BOSTON, JR.

of those who were in trouble.

Not only that, but I am reminded of the time that Jesus had to face the multitude of over 5,000 people and there was a little boy out there that had only two fish and five barley loaves and the Master took the bread and that fish and he looked to God and asked a blessing upon it. When he had finished asking that blessing (Matthew 14:15-21), a miracle had been performed; the Master is able.

I would like to call one other witness, and those witnesses are three Hebrew boys whom God delivered from the fiery furnace (Daniel 3:1-30). I am talking about Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego. The king told the boys that if they did not fall down and worship him and stop worshipping this false God that he would cast them in the fiery furnace. But the boys didn't stop, they kept right on praising God, so the king had them cast into the furnace, but they kept right on praising God, and finally God delivered them.

I know the master is able, for I tried Him one day.

He certainly showed me the way.

Calls For Baptists To Re-examine Isolationism

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—A Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary professor tells the time has come for Southern Baptists to re-examine what he called their traditional isolationist attitude toward world Christianity.

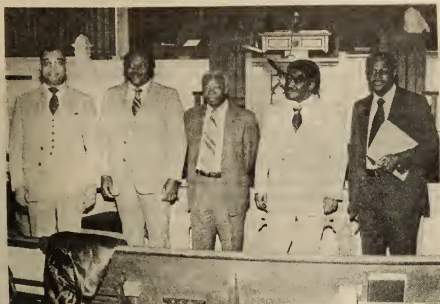
John Steely, professor of historical theology who recently returned from a year's sabbatical in Europe, told a seminary audience several factors point to a need for reevaluation of the relationship of Southern Baptists with other Christians. He said the Southern Baptist Convention has never forbidden ecumenical cooperation by individual churches, and many churches have been involved in cooperative ventures with good results.

Steely said many of the ecumenical councils of European churches have fallen upon hard times as a result of weak leadership and embracing unpopular causes. He said that the future of Christian unity lies not in organizations, but in the initiative of local churches to talk and work with other Christians.

He commended the Dept. of Inter-faith Witness of the Home Mission Board and the Ecumenical Institute of Belmont Abbey College and Wake Forest University for their efforts to aid churches in (See ISOLATIONISM, Pg. 8)

Dr. O. L. Sherrill instructs participants in the Eleventh Annual Bible Study Course at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Shelby. The Rev. Samuel A. Raper is seated on the front pew.

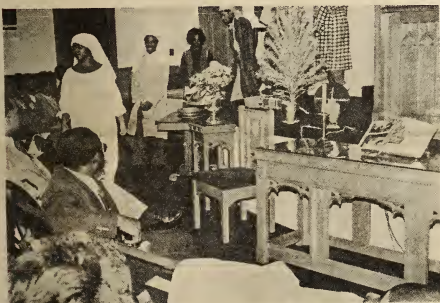
Pictorial Highlights Of Congresses & BTU



General Baptist State Convention officials confer about the importance of the work during the One Day Session of the State S.S. and B.T.U. Congresses held at First Baptist Church, Raleigh, last Feb. 10. (l-r) Dr. John R. Manley, president, General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc.; Rev. Leo Williams, director of the State Department of Christian Education; Mr. James L. Lassiter, president, State S.S. Congress; Mr. James Bellamy, Jr., president, B.T.U. Congress, and Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary-treasurer, General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc.



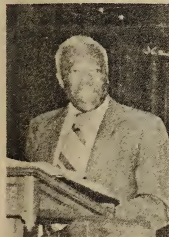
Mrs. Hazel McLean (standing left) and her co-worker post drawings on the wall of First Baptist Church during the drama, "Creation" last Feb. 10 at the One Day Session of the State S.S. and B.T.U. Congresses. The drawings depicted the events which took place during the creation of the world according to the Biblical account.



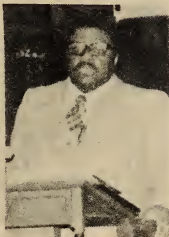
Some of the young people who participated in the drama, "God's Chosen People," during the One Day Session of the State S.S. and B.T.U. Congresses last Feb. 10.



Participants in the drama, "God's Chosen People," line up before the congregation during the One Day Session of the State S.S. and B.T.U. Congresses held at First Baptist, Raleigh, Feb. 10. Mr. Cedrick Jones was director of the drama.



Mr. James L. Lassiter addressing the One Day Session of the State S.S. and B.T.U. Congress.



Rev. W. H. Brock, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Ingold, told the messengers at the One Day Session of the State S.S. and B.T.U. Congresses that: "God Is Doing A New Thing" with His people. The sermon was based on Isaiah 43 and challenged the listeners to understand and line up with the "new thing" that God is doing. Rev Brock is also pastor of Providence Baptist Church near Fuquay-Varina.



Mr. Kenneth Hammond, who addressed the State S.S. and B.T.U. Congresses in their One Day Session last Feb. 10, told the messengers that: "You are part of something big."

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African Priests Study In Israel

JERUSALEM — Seventeen young black priests and theological students from Africa, many from countries that no longer retain diplomatic ties with Israel, were participants in a special seminar in Israel recently.

The subject of the study program was Biblical Tradition and Community Development. Participants came from Zaire, Mozambique, Rwanda, Burundi, Upper Volta and Senegal.

The seminar, which was the third of its kind since 1976, put a heavy emphasis on Israeli methods and experience in community development, since many of the young priests will serve their churches in rural and disadvantaged areas. The other main aim of the seminar was to acquaint the young Africans with contemporary Judaism and Israel's present problems as a young state.

"The courses in community development have, personally, fascinated me," said Joseph Manfiso Boyasina, a Catholic student from Zaire. "Israel is a young country which has managed to solve its economic and social problems remarkably and to preserve its profound identity while gaining independence. This can certainly be adapted to a number of developing countries such as mine."

AFRICAN BIBLE INSTITUTE TO BE BUILT

The series of seminars was set up in 1972 following a congress on the Bible and North Africa. The yearly programs are, in fact, forerunners to the building of an African Ecumenical Institute of Biblical Studies in Jerusalem. Until the institute is built, the study seminars will take place in cooperation with the Hebrew University, the Israeli Interreligious Committee and the Department of International Cooperation of Israel's Foreign Ministry.

The course, which this year was in French, but in the past has been alternately in English and French, is offered five times a week. Students attend lectures, take part in teamwork, debates and tour sites of general, historic and religious interest throughout Israel. The group, of course, visited many areas of development in the country. The seminar lasted two months.

Visits to holy sites have been particularly meaningful to most participants. "The fact that I crossed the Sea of Galilee," explained Mr. Boyasina from Zaire, "or have been able to realize the distance between a famous synagogue and Peter's house, made me conscious of another dimension to all that I have learned. Now the Bible is much more concrete and realistic."

As for the future of seminars,

Mr. Joachim Julio of Mozambique felt that most of the participants would encourage their fellow African clergymen to participate in coming Jerusalem seminars. "This is very important," he said. "If the opportunity came up for us to return, believe me, none of us would reject it."

Eleventh Annual Bible Study Course

BY REV. S. A. RAPER
SHELBY—The Mt. Calvary Baptist Church recently held its Eleventh Annual January Bible Study Course, with Dr. O. L. Sherrill (retired Executive Secretary, G.B.S. Convention) as the instructor. The study course, "The Book of St. Mark," was unusual and most exciting this year, and Dr. Sherrill was at his best in teaching. It seemed that the short "Book of St. Mark" was greater than the other three Gospel books, because the instructor was "in the spirit" each session. The study course almost turned into a revival.

Forty-two individuals registered for the course, although some had to work after class, they still attended each evening. Mt. Calvary Church and the city of Shelby have been greatly blessed through the Bible Study Course, and the noble teaching of Dr. O. L. Sherrill. Deacons who attended the study course were: Mr. Fred Mitchell, Mr. Willie Hasch, Mr. Marvin Dawkins, Mr. Carmie Elmore, and Mr. J. D. Ponder. Also in attendance were members from the Senior Missionary Circle, the Youth Missionary Department, the Ushers, Youth Organizations and some children.

The Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church is deeply grateful for the magnificent job that Dr. C. C. Craig and his faithful staff are doing through the course. Training our General Baptist State Convention churches how to carry out the task that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ requires of them. The Rev. Samuel Raper has been pastor of the church for eleven years.

Council Of Churches Seeks New Executive Director

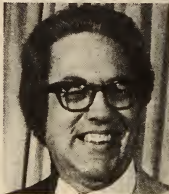
BY DR. JAMES LIGHTBOURNE
BOONE — The North Carolina Council of Churches has formed a Search Committee to seek a new executive director. Dr. Samuel S. Wiley, who has held the position since 1964, has announced that he will retire in May.

Dr. James Lightbourne, conference minister of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, will chair the committee. Other members include Rev. Otis Hariston, a Baptist pastor from Greensboro; Dr. Ernest Misenheimer, president of the N.C. Synod of the Lutheran Church in America; Sr. Evelyn Matern, director of the Office of Justice and Peace for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh; Bishop William G. Weinbauer of the Epis-

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learning about Christians of other denominations.



Dr. Jimmy Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Child First, Winning 2nd Says Sport Psychologist

BY JERILYNWOOD EUSTIS, Fla. (BP) —

"American have gotten winning out of perspective in the area of children's sports. The child should always be first and winning second," a sports psychologist told 425 workers at a church recreation laboratory at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly. Rancier Martens, from the University of Illinois, spoke about the joy and sadness in children's sports and emphasized the positive impact that sports can have in society if handled correctly.

"Sport has the capacity to be a valuable tool in molding a child's moral views and socialization process," Martens said. "Through sports he can have self-discipline, cooperation and numerous other benefits."

"Few Americans realize that 17 million youth between the ages of 6 and 16 are participating in non-school athletic programs and are being instructed by 2.5 million volunteer coaches. The problem is that many of these coaches have knowledge about the sport but inadequate skills in communicating with the children on the team."

Dr. J. Allen
Will Keynote

May Conference

Dr. Jimmy Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the featured speaker at a conference designated for bi-vocational pastors, May 11-12, 1979. Wives are also invited.

The meeting will be held at the Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center and is designed for pastors who receive a portion of their income from jobs not church-related. Resource materials along with opportunities for group discussions and problem sharing will be available to assist with specific needs of bi-vocational pastors.

The program will begin on Friday, May 11, at 4:30 p.m. and close with lunch at noon on Saturday, May 12. It is sponsored by the Department of Seminary Extension of the Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. The total cost for the conference is \$7.25 per person for room and meals. Additional information may be secured from Corbin Cooper, P. O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

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One-Day Meeting At Salisbury

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REV. JERRY DRAYTON

SALISBURY — The final plans for the one-day session of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., May 9 at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Salisbury, are being put together by the convention officials. The pastor of Mt. Zion, Rev. S. R. Johnson, recently stated that preparation is being made to make the hospitality second to none.

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church, located at 413 N. Church St., in the heart of the city, has a significant history, and has played a major role in the development of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina. Officials of the North Carolina Historical Society will unveil a historical marker during the session which honors Dr. Harry Cowan, a former slave. Dr. Cowan is considered one of the significant founders of black Baptists in North Carolina. He also the founder of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and a number of other black Baptist churches in Rowan County. In addition, he founded the Rowan Baptist Church in Salisbury. Dr. Cowan had a significant influence in establishing the black people in progress in that area. The unveiling ceremony will be on Wednesday morning, May 9th. A representative of the white Baptist church will assist in the ceremony, along with the honorable William Summers, mayor of Salisbury.

Mt. Zion is the oldest black church in the area, having been organized in 1867. It has had only 4 pastors other than Dr. Johnson: Dr. Harry Cowan, the Rev. Penfee, the Rev. Dr. F. R. Mason, and the Rev. Dr. William McKinnly Wyatt.

Dr. Cowan also organized a Baptist State Convention that later became part of the GBS Convention of N.C., Inc.

Meals for the moderators will be served free on Tuesday, May 8th, when they have their session.

Motel accommodations are available at the Holiday Inn,
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Human Relations Council Active

BY VIRTIE STROUP

Sentinel Religion Reporter
Winston-Salem Sentinel
The N. C. Human Relations Council has been able to respond quickly in crises and to save expensive litigation by providing speedy and effective conciliations.

Their assessment of the council was made by the Rev. Jerry Drayton, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church here, who has just completed his first year as director of the council.

At the final council meeting for the year, held recently in Raleigh, Drayton said the council staff has responded to 800 requests from individuals. Those requests ranged from complaints of housing discrimination to landlord-tenant disputes to charges of employment discrimination based on age, sex, race and handicap, Drayton said.

The housing complaints, he said, involved failure to return rental deposits, evictions, and denial of housing to large families. Employment concerns involved allegations of unfair suspension, terminations, hiring and promotions.

In addition, Drayton said, the council also responded in several crises. He said the council assisted the mayor of New Bern when police walked off the job and the Rocky Mount Human Relations Coun-

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Moderator Reverend J. H. Everett (l) presents Dr. C. C. Craig (r, standing) to the Western Union Annual Institute. Seated (l to r, front pew) Mrs. Thelma C. Horton; Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr.; and the Reverend Leo Williams, Jr. The workshop was held in the newly renovated sanctuary of the Lisbon Street Baptist Church, Clinton.

Headquarters Staff In Session At Clinton

CLINTON — The Western Union Missionary Baptist Association held its annual Cooperative Institute of Training, Feb. 26-March 2 at the Lisbon Street Baptist Church, Clinton, the Rev. H. R. Cogdell, pastor. The institute and workshop proved to be a tremendous success under the leadership of Rev. J. H. Everett.

moderator and director of the institute. Rev. F. R. Peterson served as secretary of the institute. The instructors for the week of study were: Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, missionaries; Rev. J. C. Penny, ministers; Rev. Rudolph Trip, deacons and trustees; and A. J. Sampson, youth department.

The Baptist Headquarters

Southern Baptists Urged To Upgrade Ethnic Awareness

BY EVERETTHULLUM
LAREDO, Tex.—Southern Baptists were challenged to accelerate their witness and ministry efforts to ethnics—especially to become involved in the plight of the undocumented alien—at the 22nd annual Home Mission Board Language Missions Conference.

The Southern Baptist Convention also was summoned to sponsor a national convocation to increase denominational agency and state convention awareness of ethnic missions' needs and opportunities.

Lionel Castillo, commissioner of the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), urged Southern Baptists to move on four fronts to improve conditions of those who illegally enter the United States:

- Join as volunteers an INS-trained group that can help illegal aliens understand their rights, including the possibility of gaining legal residency:

- Help improve conditions for those retained in the four INS-operated detention centers;
- Become publicly and politically active "to let public of-

staff conducted a workshop on Friday evening with brief lectures from the executive secretary, Dr. C. C. Craig; Waverly Camp, laymen's secretary and state music director; Rev. Leo Williams, Dept. of Christian Education; and Rev. I. B. Horton, editor of The Baptist Informer.

At the close of the workshop, Rev. Leo Williams preached a sermon entitled, *The Root Of Roots*, based on Isaiah 53:1-12. Many hearts were inspired through the dedicated teaching and the well-selected study guides. The entire group seemed to sense that there is a new vitality in the General Baptist State Convention and pledged their loyal support.

ficials know you care what happens to illegal aliens."

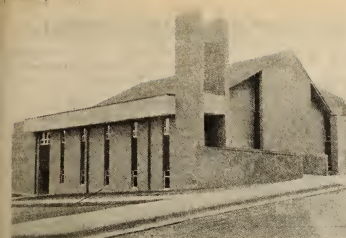
"Target 'your foreign mission efforts' to upgrade the life of people in the most common 'sending areas,' which have been pinpointed by the INS. 'Why not attack the problem at its roots?' Castillo asked. Even minor efforts, such as providing sewing machines for women workers or helping establish small industry, could turn the alien tide head.

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Psalm Sunday — April 8th Easter Sunday — April 15th

Happy Easter — Christ Jesus Arose!!

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The New Edifice of the Morning Star First Baptist Church, Hickory.

Official Open House Held At Morning Star

BY REV. W. E. LYTLE
HICKORY—A series of services were held Feb. 26-March 4 to mark the official Open House and Dedication of the new Morning Star First Baptist Church, Hickory. The Rev. Webster E. Lytle is pastor.

The beautiful new facility contains 13,264 square feet of heated space. The sanctuary contains seating for over 300, with 75 seats in the massive choir stand. There are 17 classrooms; a library-conference room; a fellowship hall, which will seat over 200 for meals and over 300 for church plays and programs centered around the folding stage; a suite of offices for the church staff; a choir room; a "ladies" lounge and a sacristy. The new facility also has parking for over 100 cars, plus a fenced-in play area for small children.

The dedicatory services featured sermons by area pastors, the Rev. O. T. Tomes, pastor of the Rev. O. T. Tomes, pastor of the new Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Asheville. And he was accompanied by the officers, choir, ushers and members of New Mt. Olive.

Also attending the Sunday services were: The Reverends Leroy Wilson, pastor of St. James First Baptist, Troutman; W. L. Connor, pastor of Tabitha Rock and Cowdley Baptist churches; the Honorable T. Call Ballester, State Senator; the Honorable George D. Murphy, mayor of the city of Hickory; members of the Hickory City Council; the Rev. J. H. Johnson, pastor of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension; the Rev. Bert Dixon, program director for radio and television stations WHKY-AM, FM and TV; representatives of the Hickory Ministerial Alliance; the Rev. Gordon Sperry, pastor of the Concord United Church of Christ and various other officials and members of the Mountain and Catawba Baptist Association, of which Morning Star is a member and the Rev. Lytle, who serves as first vice moderator.

Morning Star was organized in the late 1890s, according to available records. The Rev. P. R. D. Goore was one of the early pastors, having been sent to Hickory by the Rowan Baptist Association in 1899. The Rev. W. M. Hopper served as pastor of the church in the early 1900s, and it was under

his leadership that the former church was built.

The Rev. C. R. Harper, now retired and living in Statesville, has the distinction of being the pastor with the longest tenure at the church, having served from 1930 until his retirement in 1972. Under Pastor Harper's leadership, the church grew from a membership of 40 to over 400. The church grew spiritually and became one of the strongest not only in the Hickory community, but throughout the Mountain and Catawba Association. It was also during Pastor Harper's leadership that the church was remodeled. New additions were made and additional property was purchased for future expansion. Morning Star has as its motto, "The Church Where Everybody is Somebody and Jesus is Lord," and with the new edifice, hopes affirm this with a renewed sense of dedication to God through service to all mankind—within this community, throughout the state and nation and around the world.

Blueprint Offered In Book

BY ED LIDEN

There are two ways to solicit funds for your institution or organization—the right way and the wrong way according to Robert F. Sharpe in his new "Planned Giving Idea Book" (Thomas Nelson, hardbound, \$19.95 published February, 1979).

"Competition is fierce for the tens of billions of charitable dollars given each year in the United States," explains Sharpe, who says "The Planned Giving Idea Book" will help its readers establish a successful giving program that will increase the income of their institutions.

Sharpe covers the subject thoroughly and systematically. He begins with the psychology of giving, progresses to the management of a planned giving program, continues to samples of letters and other appeals for funds, and concludes with technical information on taxes and legal matters.

"It is important to remember that there are other gifts than cash. Life insurance or stocks and bonds are valuable. In addition, some givers prefer

McCray Holds Workshop On "Stewardship"

TABOR CITY—Dr. James T. McCray, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tabor City, conducted a church workshop on January 22-26. The theme was, "Christian Stewardship Produces Abundant Lives and Effective Churches."

Topics covered included:

- I. The Church Covenant
- II. Baptist Discipline and Doctrine
1. Beginning the New Life
2. What is a Christian?
3. Why be a Christian?
4. How to become a Christian?
5. Declaring the New Life—Baptism
6. Enjoying the New Life—Assurance
7. Forgiveness — Victory — Guidance

III. Studying The New Life

1. The Bible
- IV. The Church—Its Meaning, Officers and Ordinances
- V. Our Distinctive Baptist Beliefs
1. The Authority of the Bible
2. The Priesthood of the Believer
3. Baptism
4. The Lord's Supper
5. Local Church Self-Governance

VI. Church Organization

VII. The Meaning of Stewardship

Each auxiliary had a better perspective of what they were about and each member attending profited greatly.

On Tuesday, Jan. 23, Mrs. Lessie W. Leggett, advisor to the Kingston Lake Missionary Baptist Association (Horry County, South Carolina) conducted an usher's workshop. She involved everyone present.

Rev. J. B. Manning, a member of the church and pastor of Olive Grove Baptist Church and Rev. James Chestnut, also a member of the church, preached.

Always strive to do the greatest, rather than the least, for the cause of Christ.

to defer their bequests by contributions in their wills." The author includes specific methods of obtaining each of these gifts.

Special technical sections by Philip R. Converse, L.L.E., contribute to the book's usefulness as a sourcebook for colleges, churches, charitable organizations, private foundations, public associations, and others. "The Planned Giving Idea Book" is also a valuable reference for attorneys, life insurance agents, accountants, stock brokers, tax consultants, and trust officers.

Robert F. Sharpe is founder and president of Robert F. Sharpe and Company, consultants to nonprofit organizations the world over.



Mortgage-burning at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Wendell.

115th Anniversary Observed At Pleasant Grove Baptist

WENDELL—The members of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Wendell, observed the 115th anniversary of the church during the week of January 22-26. The week-long celebration included a service each evening, a banquet, and an anniversary message by Rev. J. Z. Alexander, dean of the Shaw Divinity School. His message was entitled, "Jesus Feeding the 5,000 People" (Mark 6:30-34).

The Reverend John Mendez has been pastor of the church for one and one-half years. He has led the church to accomplish many marvelous things: The painting of the inside of the edifice; the paying off of the \$7,128 mortgage; the completion of the pastor's study; the establishment of a membership training class; the delegating of messengers to the National Convention in Mem-

phis, Tennessee; and the observance of the church anniversary for the first time.

The members of the Christian Church presented a plaque to Pleasant Grove during the anniversary celebration.

Some special guests who attended the banquet were: Rev. Steve Sprinkle, pastor, Wendell Christian Church; Mr. James Hudson, principal, Carver and Wendell schools; Mr. Adolph Mitchell, coordinator of instructional services, Nash County School System; Mr. Otis Godson, Sr., the oldest active deacon; the honorable June Perry, mayor of Wendell; and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kirb, attorney for the town Wendell.

Mrs. Elsie Bobbitt presided over the ceremonies and Mrs. Sara Mendez presented the committees and special guests.

Mrs. Lennon Addresses Task Force

Shaw University hosted the Youth Motivation Task Force, March 14-16. The program was sponsored by the National Alliance of Businessmen to stimulate and motivate students in the direction of successful employment and career plans.

The featured speaker was Mrs. Thelma C. Lennon, director, Fuel Personnel Services, N. C. Department of Public Instruction.

In addressing the students, staff, faculty members of Shaw, the NAB consultants and visitors, Mrs. Lennon spoke on "Building Your Own Personal Angles in an Age of Perfection."

Relating to the purpose of the two-day program, Mrs. Lennon stated that "to some generations, much is given... of other

generations, much is expected, and I believe that this generation has a rendezvous with destiny. Your task is different, and far more difficult than any that has gone before you."

Mrs. Lennon went on to say, "I challenge you then to try to search for new truths, and try to put new meanings into your lives. You know, there is hunger all around the world, not only for food, but for more knowledge. And I hope that you will give of yourselves in helping the world to solve its problems. My wish for you is that the day may come when you will help the rest of us to live in a warm and friendly and compassionate world."

Mrs. Lennon's address was the highlight of the two-day program that ended with a reception for the participants.

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For Busy Pastors

BY I. B. HORTON

LIVING AMONG THE DEAD
A Textual-Topical Sermon
Text: Luke 24:5 "...and as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, 'why seek ye the living among the dead?'"

A Therapeutic Sermon:
"I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? (St. John 11:25-26)

Introduction to The Problem:

One of life's most difficult tasks is to keep on living abundantly amidst people who are dead in trespasses, sin and doubt. Those who have never been made alive through the marvelous power of the Resurrected Jesus Christ, continually surround the people of God with thoughts of death and hopelessness. "Living among the dead" can be an endless ordeal unless one can keep his mind stayed on Jesus' words: "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (St. John 10:10).

Theme (Romans 10: the sense or reason behind the thought):

It is true that: "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7). God has so constructed the human mind that it can "program" one's entire being to respond or react to the thoughts that are fed into it. Psychologists have discovered that the brain or mind of the individual acts as a "computer" and will "program" one's total being to react according to the thoughts that are fed into it. The process is autonomous. Therefore, it is vitally important to the Christian to keep his thoughts pure so that the mind will help program him or her for "life rather than for death."

Discourse:
This is a good season of the year to give some serious thought to the Christian interpretation of life as it relates to the here and now as well as the hereafter. Unfortunately, there will be a great deal of stress laid upon the importance of new clothes for Easter rather than what is included in the "new life" in Jesus Christ.

Most Christians are going to be surrounded by individuals who have only materialistic interest. Those who do not understand what it means to be resurrected from a miserable life of materialistic living, can create a "cloud" in the mind of the redeemed if they but listen to them. Paul warned the Christians of this day: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (Corinthians 2:14). He knew that when we Christians "living among the dead" that there will be a tendency for them to try to explain the precious truths of God in Jesus Christ. However, he knew that a man who has not been born again cannot understand it. Therefore, one must take care not to let the "dead" influence

Highlights Of Shaw's Pastor's Conference



Pastors show great interest in "lunch" during the Sixth Annual Pastor's Conference last March 19-21 at Shaw Divinity School.



Some of the many pastors who attended the Sixth Annual Pastor's Conference last March 19-21 at Shaw Divinity School.

his/her thinking in the direction of fear, hate, doubt, selfishness, etc.

I. The Mind Must Be Trained To Believe In Life And Power

When we read the resurrection in the New Testament, it soon becomes obvious that the followers of Jesus had been "conditioned" by their environment to believe that the end of man is death. When Jesus was crucified, they never thought about looking for Jesus anywhere but in the cemetery.

In many instances, we are far too much like that group that went to the tomb of Jesus looking for a dead body, but how often do we forget that the life of Christian faith is one of power and victory?

II. The Holy Spirit Constantly Enables Us To "Live" Among The Dead

The spirit of God permeates the minds of His people, always encouraging them to "have faith in God" for "I am with you." At the same time, we have those about us who steadfastly believe in the narrow possibilities of "flesh and blood" only. The major task for the Christian is to learn how to distinguish between that which is the "voice" of Jesus and that which is the voice of "evil." The best help is the Bible. It will never contradict the spirit.

III. Life Begets Life

The human spirit or mind tends to produce whatever it is told to produce. Many people cannot accept it, but their condition is more in their mind than it is in their environment. In fact, the mind produces the environment. To live among the dead, one must believe in life, and that life will produce greater and better life.

Conclusion

This Easter, let us go away from the tomb, let us remember

that He is life, the very life of life. Through faith, reach out and claim the life that Jesus Christ offers to all who will believe. Those who will believe that Jesus is the Son of the Living God who died for your sins and now you have a right to "life everlasting and abundant."

Well Attended; Spiritually Inspired

RALEIGH — The 6th annual observance of Shaw Divinity School's Pastor's Conference was well attended and spiritually inspiring. The occasion attracted pastors and theological alumni from many parts of the eastern United States. One Shaw alumnus from as far away as Cincinnati, Ohio, the Rev. J. W. Simpson, could be seen throughout the conference enjoying the fellowship and sharing experiences. He is pastor of the New St. Paul Baptist Church in Cincinnati and a former pastor of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Goldsboro. The conference was held March 19-21.

The conference got off to a good start on Monday evening as Dr. Sandy Ray, pastor, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., delivered the opening sermon. He preached from St. John's account of Jesus feeding the 5,000. The sermon challenged the men to: "trust Jesus with all that you have. If he had had eaten his lunch alone, he and his lunch would have long since been forgotten."

Dr. James E. Massey, professor of preaching, Anderson School of Theology, Anderson, Ind., delivered 2 dynamic lectures. He told the pastors that "Christ is still the center of the Christian faith. Responsible preaching must wrestle with the scripture and keep re-reading them. The 'power' of preaching is not in words, it is in the 'spirit' that pervades the person. The preacher must have true conviction and responsibility to speak."

Dr. Thomas Hoyt brought a sense of intellectual preparedness to the conference that was stimulating to all who heard him. He urged the pastors to: "get busy and do what Jesus hath commanded. Jesus did not say 'feel' unto others, rather He said 'do' unto others so you would have them do unto you." After challenging those in attendance to be dutiful in their pursuit of truth and knowledge, he stated that "common sense is that without which there is no sense."

Dr. Sandy Ray kept the audience in suspense through the 3 sermons he delivered. His basic theme was, "Trust Wholly In God. He told the pastors that, 'We should be honest. Somehow in the presence of God, we are made honest.' The pastors were brought out of their seats when he told them that, 'No matter what you are subjected to by the devil in the line of your duty, you are a child of the King.'"

Some other personalities from across the state and nation were: Dr. Louis Wade, White Plains, N.Y.; Dr. Fred J. Boddie, Jr., Corrollton, Va.; Dr. Matthew Silver, Baltimore, Md.; the Rev. C. L. Manning, Smithfield; Bishop J. A. Forbes, Hollis, N.Y.; Col. Louis Pointer, Fort Bragg; Dr. John W. White, Asheville; Dr. E. B. Turner, Lumberton, who addressed the men in his usual style of fatherly concern; Dr. Roland Perry, Henderson; and the Rev. Charles Bullock, who has recently recovered from a serious illness. All went away after a delicious alumni dinner, looking forward to another stimulating Pastor's Conference next year.

National SS And BTU Congress Buses Charters

BY DR. C. C. CRAIG

RALEIGH—The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. has chartered two buses for the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 17-22, 1979. Passengers may board the buses in Charlotte, North Carolina at 3:00 p.m. and in Greensboro, North Carolina at

5:00 p.m. on June 17. We will return on June 23 at approximately 7:00 a.m.

The round trip fare is \$150.00. This amount includes your transportation from Charlotte or Greensboro to Pittsburgh and back, baggage handling, room at the Holiday House, accommodating two persons per room and transportation from the hotel to the Convention meeting place and back daily.

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Woman's Page

April 7: State-Wide Leaders' Day



Key personalities at the Third Annual Fellowship Banquet of the Robeson County Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Union. From left to right: Mrs. Atha Station, Associate Director, Young Adult Department; Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, W.B.H. & F.M. Convention; Mrs. Burnell Stackhouse, pinning corsage, and President of Robeson County Union; Mrs. Minnie Baker, Director of the Young Adult Department presided over the meeting; Mrs. Omega Johnson, who presented greetings from the W.B.H. & F.M. Convention; and Mrs. Marie Floyd, who presented greetings from W.A.L. to Lumber River Association.

3rd Annual Fellowship Banquet Big Success

BY MRS. BURNELL STACKHOUSE

FAIRMONT — Robeson County Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Union held its third annual Fellowship Banquet, Fairmont Middle School cafeteria, Fairmont, Feb. 24th. Approximately 300 people attended to hear our newly-elected executive secretary-treasurer of the WBN and Foreign Mission Association of N.C., Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie.

There was a \$50 scholarship given to the church with the largest number attending the banquet. The scholarship is given to an outstanding youth in

that church to help further their education at a college of his/her choice.

This year, the scholarship was given to Anita McCall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCall of First Baptist Church, Lumberton, Dr. E. B. Turner pastor.

Dr. Brodie spoke from the subject, The Vision Of A Christian Missionary. She stated that "Christian missionaries must have vision, for where there is no vision, the people perish. When other persons would grope in despair, Christian missionaries must carry the vision of hope."

High Court Will Not Review Mandatory Retirement Laws

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In a series of actions, the U. S. Supreme Court declined to become involved in the legal dispute over compulsory retirement laws.

Four separate cases, the justices unanimously decided not to settle a growing dispute in lower courts over the constitutionality of state laws requiring public employees to retire at a given age.

Last year, Congress passed legislation extending mandatory retirement from age 65 to 70 for most American workers. no exceptions were made for churches. The law applies only, however, to employers with 20 or more employees.

By declining to review the four cases, the high court seems to be signaling that it is unprepared for now to get into the thorny area. As is customary, the justices offered no reasons for their denial.

Two of the cases came from New York, where state laws requiring the retirement of public school teachers and tenured civil service employees at

age 70 were under challenge. The Second Circuit Court of Appeals had ruled earlier that the laws do not violate either the equal protection or due process rights of those affected.

Another circuit court, however, has held that an Illinois schoolteacher who was retired at age 65 under a mandatory retirement policy had an "actionable claim" which required that the school board demonstrate that the policy served a purpose which furthered the "state interest."

The fourth case turned down by the high court involved a challenge by a college professor in California that a recent state law doing away with compulsory retirement on the basis of age necessarily invalidated an earlier law requiring college teachers to retire at age 67. A California state court disagreed, ruling that the earlier state law could remain in effect.

**Have faith in God.
Trust His word.**

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRODIE

This is the last reminder before our annual state-wide Leaders' Workshop on April 7, which will be held here in Raleigh at First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Dr. W. B. Lewis, pastor. Please pre-register now. The fee is \$2. However, during the hour of 9:5 a.m. on this Saturday, registration will be conducted. We are looking forward to you coming and sharing with us on this day.

As you will recall, our president has asked that all circles, unions and auxiliaries represent with \$95 at the 95th annual convention in July. Please make plans now to support this request. You will also recall the "Second Mile For Shaw" for which each circle, union, and auxiliary is asked to set aside a dollar a month for Shaw over and above the regular contribution given to Shaw through our convention. The representation funds may be sent into the office or reported during the annual convention. However, if they are sent to the office for representation in July, please do not begin sending them until June 1.

It is also time to get tickets for the banquet and the "Self-Denial Offering" envelopes. You may send for these now. However, since our books for this fiscal year do not close until May 31, please do not begin to send your ticket money or "Self-Denial Offering" until June 1.

The first week of Youth Bible Camp is to be June 10-15. Please be aware of the change of dates for the first week. This year the camp is to be open to day campers as well as the regular campers. Please encourage the youth of your churches and communities to attend camp. For each day camp the total fee is \$36 and for each regular camper the total fee is \$50, that is \$45 for room and board and \$5 for registration fee.

In Memory

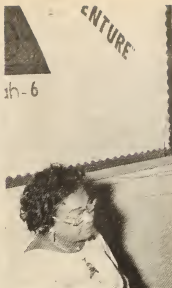
MRS. CARRIE M. HARRISON
A few months ago on a Friday morn

Your work on earth was done, Yet the minds of many, there'll be thoughts of you, a cherished memory.

You played for choirs and soloists tosing,
Your accompaniment had a melodious ring.
Your fingers had a beautiful touch.
I enjoyed your music very much.

In my mind, I hear your voice asinging
And the piano keys a ringing.
You are a dedicated person... gifted.
You sang with fervor, your voiced uplifted.

Praising God in heartfelt song
Now you to the past belong.
But in the sweet bye and bye
Other musicians will join you
In the Heavenly Choir.
By Millie B. Davis



Dr. Priscilla Brodie addressing the Robeson County Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Union's Third Annual Banquet at Mrs. Burnell Stackhouse, President of the Robeson County Union looks on.

Lucy Gray Is Church Organizer

BY PAMELA THORNTON
The Daily Shownewer

Tarboro

(The following article is the 5th in a series on black citizens in Edgecombe County, who are being honored this month as part of the Black History Week observance.)

TARBORO — Today, we salute Mrs. Lucy Gray, a missionary worker. Her work is best depicted in the song, My Task: To love someone more dearly every day, to help a wand'ring child to find his way, and pray, and smile when evening falls, to follow truth as blind men long for light, to do my best from dawn of day till night. This is my task.

Mrs. Gray was born and reared in Edgecombe County. She graduated from Acorn Hill Elementary School and Conetoe High School. She is employed as a tutorial reading aide at Princeville School and was formerly employed as home-school coordinator for Tarboro City Schools and a real estate agent for Staton Estates Development. She is married to Marvin Gray and they have a foster daughter, Teenie, who is secretary for Sen. Schewicks of Pennsylvania.

She has been a member of Batts Chapel Church most of her life and has taught Sunday School, planned church programs, organized the church missionary department and works diligently with youth and young adults of her church. She is a field worker and member of the executive board of the WBH&FM Convention of N.C., special worker of Edgecombe County, recording secretary for Tar River Union, vice president of Baptist Training Union of the Old Eastern Association, president of North Carolina Home Mission Association and has served as Secretary for the Home Mission Association and chairperson for state special workers. She was instrumental in organizing the Edgecombe County Missionary Union, Daily Vacation Bible Schools and religious training institutes. She has received numerous invitations as guest speaker to many churches throughout the state and participated in a United Nations study tour to the



MRS. LUCY GRAY

United Nations in New York. Mrs. Gray has been inspired to be a missionary and has done mission work in and out of the state and in many different countries. In 1972, she went on a missionary tour to the Holy Land - Jerusalem, Bethany, Bethlehem, Mount of Olive, Jericho, Nazareth, Caanan, Samaria, Garden of Gethsemane, Jordan River, Mediterranean Sea, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea and the Good Samaritan Inn. She was elected a missionary for her church and is now enrolled at the Shaw University school to be trained for a missionary. Mrs. Gray has also attended the Missionary School at Shaw University and the Christian Conference at Winston-Salem, sponsored by the Presbyterian women. From Mrs. Gray's early childhood, she remembers saying her grace before meals, Bible stories and prayers that she will never forget. These had great meaning in her life. She prayed for her continuance in school although she had to drop out to help with the farm work. Later, after her marriage, her husband encouraged her to go back to school, and get her high school diploma. She realized that this was not an easy task. At Conetoe School, Mrs. Gray was chosen as official prayer chairperson and received a certificate for being the most religious student. She has continued her pursuit in religion by completing courses in college English, world religion and Christian education at Shaw.

Mrs. Gray is being honored for her missionary work and she

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cil and city officials when the sanitation workers went on strike.

Other situations, he said, involved school disputes in Lillingston and a migrant worker's dispute which was settled in Faison, both of which were handled by the field staff. "These situations," Drayton said, "if gone unattended, could have produced major disruptions in the day-to-day affairs of the towns and cities in which they happened."

Drayton said the council also has held workshops and seminars across the state, involving approximately 400 people, on subjects ranging from offering technical assistance to the business community to developing affirmative action programs to assist local groups in understanding the political and economic process.

Research has been an important activity of the council, he said. "If the council is to address effectively the human relations concerns of North Carolina's poor, elderly, minority, female and handicapped," Drayton said, "an accurate and objective assessment of these concerns becomes extremely important."

The council, he said, has completed two major studies during the past six months. One examined registration of minority voters and non-minority voters by county.

"The facts reveal an extremely high voter registration rate in some counties," Drayton said, "however, a strikingly low rate in others. The study shows minority registration rates in many counties are half or less than that of whites. The overall state rates are low for both whites and blacks. The council believes the need for computer voter registration should be considered in those under-represented areas. There was strong feeling by the council that these statistics are extremely valuable in many ways and the council would like the opportunity to discuss the study with the people of the state."

The second study, still in rough form, is on minority participation and representation within school systems in North Carolina. The positions of superintendents, principals, assistant principals, counselors and teachers were looked at for 1968, 1971, 1974 and 1978, Drayton said.

He said that the study showed that, for the most part, there are no minority superintendents in North Carolina. The number of minority principals dropped between 1968 and '78, Drayton said; however, the study did show an increase in the number of minority assistant principals.

"The council is presently distributing these studies to the appropriate local officials throughout North Carolina," he said.

The council developed a comprehensive file on each county that "will give us a greater grasp of the socio-economic conditions within each county," Drayton said. This information includes a breakdown of the median income for blacks and whites. It also

includes the percentage of individuals below the poverty level and the infant mortality rate. This information will help the field staff in better assisting groups within these counties who come to us for assistance... It is our hope that the data obtained in this file will assist grassroots groups throughout North Carolina in better understanding how to use such data to approach city and county officials with certain socio-economic problems exist.

Drayton said the information also "is of tremendous value in accurately measuring the human relations climate in any city."

As for the value of the council, Drayton said it is evident "in the fact that the council is able to respond quickly to concerns."

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From 150 North - turn left on Main St., keep traveling on N. 150th St. approximately 2½ miles, turn left on Kerr St., then make right to Mt. Zion.

Revised Standard Edition Is Released

BY ED LIDEN

Readers of the bible who favor the Revised Standard Version, Second Edition, will welcome the fourth edition of "Gospel Parallels," just issued by Thomas Nelson Publishers (hardcover, \$7.95, published in February 1979). The volume, edited by Burton H. Throckmorton, Jr.

"Gospel Parallels" is well known as a study aid that allows simultaneous viewing of the Synoptic Gospels. Corresponding passages of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are shown in parallel columns in an unusual double-page format.

The publishers note that the book's new text was a response to popular demand for the Revised Standard Version, Second Edition.

The fourth edition also includes an expanded index of non-canonical parallels. The editor, Burton H. Throckmorton, Jr., teaches at Bangor Theological Seminary in Bangor, Maine.

First Planning Meet Held For Hill Street Sessions

BY HAZEL M. JACKSON,
Director, Christian Education
ASHEVILLE—The first planning session for Hill Street Saturday Sessions was held Saturday, March 3, when Mr. and Mrs. David Ray hosted the group and served breakfast at 10 a.m.

The pastor and group reviewed last year's activities, previewed this year's activities and worked on plans for 1979. Groups planning were: Funding Committee, Mrs. Wilhelmina Bratton, chairperson; Mrs. Mary Sligh, Mr. Elton Mills, Deacon Robert L. Harrell, and Dr. N. M. Avery; Physical Fitness Group, Mr. Johnny Bailey, chairman; Mr. Bennie Lake, Mrs. Robbie Williams, and Mr. Samuel Martin, Jr.; Reading Tutors: Mrs. N. M. Avery, chairperson; Mrs. Willie Vincent, Mrs. Gail Martin, and Mrs. Hazel Jackson; Math Tutors: Mrs. Jackie Clark, chairperson, Mrs. Deborah Farmer, Mrs. Vivian Ridley, and Mr. Robert Lilly; and Health Group: Mrs. Lucille Ray, chairperson, Mrs. Hester Davis, Mrs. Phyllis Martin, Mrs. Ruth Mills, and David Ray.

A retreat has been planned for all teachers and tutors April 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Governor's Western Residence. This retreat follows a day of recruiting workers. Another work session will be held in early May.

Bolting Urges Ministers To Deal With Own Anxiety

BY MARK SMITH

MILL VALLEY, CAL.—A Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary professor believes that anxiety is one of the major problems faced by ministers today.

"As ministers, we must first deal with our own anxiety, and then we must help those to whom we minister deal with theirs," declared F. Dan Bolting in an address at the seminary.

He defined anxiety as a "generalized state of apprehension accompanied by restlessness and tension for which there is no apparent cause."

"At its extreme," the associate professor of religious education noted, "excessive anxiety is evidenced by restlessness, sleeplessness, distrust, nervousness, stuttering and compulsive actions such as overeating, overdrinking, overworking or overachieving."

Bolting told his audience of students, faculty and area lay persons that the anxiety-induced fears hinder the trust God has in him. "Excessive anxiety has the ability to come between a minister and his relationship to God, as well as between the minister's congregation and their relationship to God," he explained.

"Because of this," he added, "it becomes clear why Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew, 'Stop being anxious.'"

He outlined several causes of anxiety, including feelings of insecurity, which lead a person to grasp a sense of low self-worth or self-esteem; feeling of a lack

However, this program has outgrown Saturdays. Twelve tutors are available to work with students in grades 6-12 all year. Students who had difficulty with the N. C. Competency Test are strongly urged to participate.

Students are assigned to tutors after a conference with the director of christian education and the parent. The director then assigns the student to a tutor and, if possible, a conference is arranged with the teacher, tutor, and the student. The parent assumes all the responsibility for setting up tutoring time and place and getting the student to the tutor.

Hill Street Baptist Church HS 3 program has received city and county praise and receives very strong support from the school board, principals, teachers and parents of this community.

Under the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit and our pastor, Dr. N. M. Avery, we are proud to be a part of our young people's educational and spiritual growth.

His has long been a dream of Dr. Avery's and through his leadership he is enabling the Hill St. family to envision "The Realities of Being A Christian In Today's World."

We would like to exchange ideas with any churches in North Carolina with a similar program.

Bolting Urges Ministers To Deal With Own Anxiety

of acceptance from God, especially after serious spiritual and psychological problems; or seeking of individual identity by struggling for freedom or independence from those who have raised and nurtured a person to maturity.

Giving examples, Bolting said, "As a seminary student breaks away from the cloistered atmosphere of 'the hill,' away from his professors, to establish his own theology and theory of ministry, he may face stress and anxiety."

"As a minister out on his own and leading his own group of people, the needs for success, economic security and recognition from God become hidden drives which spur him on to activity or result in his becoming an anxious person."

Bolting noted that stress can be dealt with by holding onto it, letting it all hang out, or by accepting it and using it in a constructive, useful manner.

He said he prefers the latter approach, explaining that a person "must admit there is anxiety in his life, must make an attempt to get in touch with what is causing him to be anxious, and must take action to overcome it."

"If you have set a goal to be pastor of the First Church of Dallas (the largest Southern Baptist Church, with more than 20,000 members) in order that you might be someone, acknowledge that you already are someone and get busy being the best pastor your church ever needed," he charged. "Let the tinge of anxiety you may feel be

a creative force in your life, moving you to action."

Bolting reminded his audience that "acting responsibly leads to self-respect and to self-worth."

"And," he noted, "the pattern of responsible action for Christians is Christ. He was one who loved people in order that He might cast out fear and anxiety. As we learn to love and to accept ourselves, we in turn are able to love others and to accept them."

Family Baptized

LAKE SHORE, Md.—Three months after rescuers pulled Scott Colvin's lifeless body from the Magothy River, eight members of Scott's family walked into the same water to be baptized.

The Colvin family began attending Lake Shore Baptist Church together after Scott's death. Members there, where Scott had been enrolled in Sunday School, responded to the Colvins' grief.

After several weeks, George Colvin, his wife and the six of their nine children came to the home accepted Christ and asked for baptism and church membership.

Mrs. Colvin asked that the baptism service be held at the same site in the river where Scott had drowned. The Colvins, robes in white, were baptized together, along with five other candidates, while 147 church members lined the banks singing.

"It was a tense moment," said Warren Burnham, pastor of Lake Shore Baptist Church. "It was a fearful moment. It was a joyful moment. Only God could have created such people. Only God could have produced such response, such faith, such caring that could bring such a moment into focus."

Women Hold Caucus

Women from across North Carolina gathered for the 3rd annual meeting of the North Carolina Black Women's Political Caucus, Saturday, March 17, at Shaw University.

The emphasis for this year's annual meeting was on education, based on surveys that show black females in the adult working force earn less than any other group, even as the percentage of black female heads of households increases.

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Mrs. Barbara Sizemore, director of the Affirmative Action Research for North Carolina, was the keynote speaker at the luncheon.

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States that her motto is: "I shall not pass this way but once; therefore, any good that I can do for any human being, or any kindness I can show, let me do it now; let me not defer it nor neglect it; I shall not pass this way again."

N. C. Baptist Ministers Are Serving

From its origin in Goldsboro in 1867, the General Baptist State Convention has had as one of its cardinal objectives that of foreign missions; and, it has been faithful in fulfilling the unavoidable commission of the Lord Jesus Christ to "go forth and make disciples of all nations."

It was on Dec. 16, 1897 that a corps of dedicated North Carolina Baptist leaders met with a group of like-minded leaders in the Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. and organized a unique and distinct convention through which all designated funds would be expended only for foreign missions.

The following North Carolina Baptist leaders joined these illustrious missionary pioneers: C. S. Brown, W. W. Pegues, C. C. Somerville and J. A. Whitted. And, since that notable beginning, the Lott Carey Convention has remained "the perpetual convention of distinction."

Christian missions has been the bottom line of our united efforts; and North Carolina Baptists have been an integral force in the direction, control and the promotion of all aspects of the Lott Carey program. There have been 12 presidents of the Lott Carey Convention and 8 of these presidents have been North Carolinians: Drs. C. S. Brown, G. O. Bullock, O. S. Bullock, N. L. Scarborough, J. Vance McIver, P. A. Bishop, J. C. Hairston, E. A. Parham and C. R. Edwards.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention was organized in Alexandria, Va., in 1900. The women's auxiliary has had 6 presidents and the following 2 have come from North Carolina: Mrs. J. L. S. Holloman, and the present president, Mrs. Vera M. Slade. All 3 chairladies of the executive board of the Women's Auxiliary, have been North Carolina women: Mrs. M. M. Walker, Mrs. Ellen Alston and Mrs. M. M. Horne.

The Laymen's League of the Lott Carey Convention has had 6 presidents, and the following 4 were North Carolinians: R. L. Holloman, Aaron Boykin, R. W. Dalton and John McQueen. Furthermore, the 3 recording secretaries of the Lott Carey Convention came from North Carolina: A. W. Pegues, J. H. Moore and J. Jasper Freeman. The first fulltime executive secretary of the Lott Carey Convention is the current North Carolinian, Wendell C. Somerville.

The first president of the youth department was Miss Nancy Bullock of Raleigh. The present president is Miss P. Michele Felton of Winston.

There have been 4 major areas through which the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention has sought to minister to the needs of "the least of these" in Guyana, India, Liberia and Nigeria; and the first 4 missionaries sent out were former graduates of Shaw University: Miss Lula C. Fleming, Rev. J. O. Hayes, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Boone, Mrs. Cora Pair Thomas



Library under construction in Liberia, financed by Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention of N. C.

and Miss Minnie C. Lyon. Miss Lyon is the only surviving missionary of these pioneer servants of God. She is currently remembered each month through the Lott Carey budget.

The 4 priorities of the Lott Carey Convention are: evangelism, education, healing ministry and humanitarianism.

The administrators of all of the Lott Carey Mission stations are nationals who have been trained by the Lott Carey Convention. Throughout each day, our foreign staff is devoting their life-blood and seeking those who are lost through the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Two-thirds of the human race are yet unaware of the abundant life, and most are experiencing affliction in the midst of our affluence.

During the fiscal year of 1978, there were 1,245 Baptists organizations in North Carolina that made contributions to the Lott Carey Convention through the Unified Program and funds sent direct.

Of the 216 "manifestment men of Troas" last year, there were 56 from North Carolina. The following are the 56 "Magnificent Men of Troas" from North Carolina:

C. W. Anderson, N. M. Avery, J. D. Ballard, John Beese, Jr., W. T. Bigelow, C. T. Bullock, J. Ray Butler, C. C. Craig, J. A. Davis, C. R. Edwards, W. S. Epps, H. A. Baper, B. L. Rich, Leon C. Riddick, C. E. Rowe, J. B. Samuels, Mrs. Christine M. Sharp, Mrs. Vera M. Slade, A. B. Sutton, E. B. Turner, Mrs. Georgia Turner, S. E. Tyndall, T. D. Walker, W. H. D. Flowers, John D. Fuller, Otis L. Hairston, J. C. Harris, W. C. Hay, Percy High, Mrs. M. A. Horne, H. L. Mitchell, Miss Edna Moore, C. R. Mosley, A. D. Mosley, Mrs. W. A. Mountain, Mrs. Dorothy B. Okeke, J. R. Person, C. W. Ward, E. W. White and Mrs. Irene Woodward.

(Editor's Note: This article concerning foreign missions is the 7th in a continuing series. Articles in this feature empha-

size the 6 major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the black Baptists and friends of Baptists of our state and everywhere, become familiar with the work of our state convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders and pastors are asked to secure financial support for the objective during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about, and as much support as possible should be given through the Unified Program. The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is: Jan. and July, state missions; Feb. and Aug., Central Orphanage; March and Sept., Shaw University; April and Oct., foreign missions; May and Nov., the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly; June and Dec., the Shaw Divinity School.

Don't forget that May is the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly emphasis.

Trust in the Lord and do good.

Corrections

Deep River Missionary Baptist Association Churches and quotas not listed are as follows: Bethlehem Baptist Church, Rev. A. C. Moore, pastor, \$300; Butlers Chapel Baptist, Rev. Gilbert Walker, pastor, \$300; Black River Grove Baptist, Rev. J. H. Leggett, pastor, \$300; First Baptist, Cameron, Rev. A. C. Moore, pastor, \$300; Mt. Calvary Baptist, Rev. Dark, pastor, \$300; and Solid Rock Baptist, Rev. Lonnie Walker, pastor, \$300.

Oakland Baptist Church, Ramseur, pastor is Rev. G. W. Donahue. Lamberts Chapel Baptist Church is spelled "Lamberts" rather than "Lambert." Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Moncure, is Rev. L. B. Cameron.

First Baptist Church, Weldon gave \$4,333.70 for the fiscal year 1977-78, instead of the amount printed in the Annual Report.

Shaw News

RALEIGH — Charles F. Blalock, Jr., head golf coach at Shaw University, was recently selected to serve on the NCAA Division II, District III Golf Selection Committee.

He will serve as Division II representative for the golf teams in Virginia, Maryland and the Carolinas, and will be responsible for making recommendations to the full committee for post season participation in the Division II NCAA Golf Tournament.

Last year in his first year as head coach, Shaw's golf team managed a third place finish in the St. Paul's Invitational Golf Tournament, and finished sixth in the overall standings of the CIAA (Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association).

Youth Worker Employed

BY CORBIN COOPER

RALEIGH — Mr. Michael Darby began serving Jan. 1, as the new youth coordinator with the Baptist State Convention's Dept. of Cooperative Ministries with General Baptist.

His duties will include the supervision of a summer program designed to employ Baptist college young people in places of Christian service. He will be available for interviews with pastors and moderators who are interested in utilizing a summer worker. He will also conduct an annual orientation week for enlisted workers on a college campus.

Other duties will include participation in ministries on college campuses throughout the state. His primary concern will be to meet needs of black youth in colleges and the local church. He is available for activities in church programs of both state conventions.

Darby was born in Washington, D.C., and reared in Gastonia. He is a graduate of Gard-



MR. MICHAEL DARBY

Those interested in utilizing the services of Mr. Darby may write to P.O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N.C. 27611, or call 919-835-1605.

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Laymen, Auxiliary Set Fourth Annual Banquet

BY WAVERLY CAMP, JR.
RALEIGH — The North Carolina State Laymen's League, auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., will hold its fourth annual Fellowship Banquet Friday, April 13 at the Student Union Building, Shaw University, at 6:30 p.m. Donation is \$12.50.

The banquet serves as a means by which laymen can come together and fellowship, also it serves as a fund-raising effort to support the Unified Program.

We are looking forward to seeing all the laymen and Baptists from across the state. On Saturday, April 14, the one-day session will be held at the Terrell's Creek Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, the Rev. T. J. Foster, Jr., pastor.

At the one-day session, each Baptist is asked to follow these guidelines: church leagues with 1-20 members should represent with \$50 or more; unions should represent with \$75 or more; and associations should represent with \$100 or more. "The more God blesses, the more you should give." This session is slated to be one of the best yet. Special features will include Bible study, workshops, singing, preaching, eating and fellowship.

Our new president, I. H. Hill

SOUTHERN

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"As private citizens with deep religious concerns," Castillo told the audience of Baptist state convention language leaders, "you can do many things we (at INS) cannot. I encourage you to become involved."

Oscar Romo, director of language missions for the Home Mission Board, sounded the call for a national convocation at which SBC "professionals would not tell others how to do it—but they's learn how to do language missions."

Romo said the convention could have 10,000 language culture units by the year 2000. Estimates are that 2,500 of these will be Hispanic, as Hispanics become the most populous ethnic group in the United States, exceeding even blacks.

"Southern Baptists must plan, not only for the establishment of new language units, but for the nourishment and missionary involvement of this segment of our convention," he added.

Romo reported the convention's 2,900 language culture units contribute a half-million dollars to the SBC's Cooperative Program unified budget, yet get little in return. Associational and state meetings seldom are geared to language needs, either in time or sessions or content, Romo said. And few training materials are available in languages other than English.

A national convocation in 1980 has awakened Southern Baptist leadership to the needs and opportunities present in a nation rapidly moving from "a melting pot to a mosaic" concept of acculturation, Romo said.

liard, will be at his best. Let us support him 101 percent. We must go that extra mile.

For those who plan to attend the banquet, you will need to make hotel arrangements in Raleigh or Chapel Hill.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CHURCH

Terrell's Creek Baptist Church, Rt. 5, Box 262, Chapel Hill, Phone 1-919-967-4335. Rev. T. J. Foster, Jr., minister.

(1) Raleigh-Durham, north, take I-85 south to 15-501 and south to Chapel Hill. Take 54 by-pass west to Jones Ferry Rd. Right on Jones Ferry until you cross University Lake. Take right on New Greensboro Highway, come about 3 miles, church on right.

(2) South from Pittsboro - Take 15-501 north to Chapel Hill and take 54 by-pass west to Jones Ferry Rd. Right on Jones Ferry Rd., continue until you cross University Lake, take right on New Greensboro Highway, come about 3 miles, church on right.

(3) From Charlotte - Take I-85 north to Exit 148, east on 54, travel about 19 miles until you come to a Gulf Service Station and Used Car lot on right. Turn right, travel about 2 miles to New Greensboro Highway, turn left, travel about 1 mile, church on left.

With 135 identifiable ethnic groups in the United States, Romo said the convention must enter an "era of ethnic missions in America," which "calls for consideration to sharing the gospel from the recipient's perspective."

Romo also encouraged Baptists to minister to undocumented aliens. "It is not enough to share the gospel with the undocumented on Sunday and treat him like a slave or a criminal on Monday," he told conferees gathered to learn more about problems along U.S. borders.

Patience

BY I. B. HORTON

When men run out of patience, they should count to ten and start the whole process over. After going over the entire procedure ten times, pray and begin again.

Women's Day

Women's Day services were held on Sunday, March 13, at Shaw University. The program was held in the University Chapel.

Mrs. Ura H. Jones, a faculty member in the Division of Teacher Education, was the featured speaker at the 11 a.m. service.

The theme for this year was, "Christian Women in Action." Special recognition was afforded all of the women in the congregation.

Help For Students Is Urged

The recent visit by HEW officials to North Carolina underscores the racial inequities between the historically black and white colleges in the University of North Carolina system. But these inequities do not stop with the separate but equal facilities of the traditionally black schools; they also exist within the predominantly white schools, against black students, faculty and staff.

This year, 3 out of 5 black professors in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNC-Chapel Hill, were denied tenure. This means that their jobs with the university will be terminated no later than June 30, 1980. It appears that the university's affirmative action hiring policy is weak and it appears that the university's commitment to keeping black faculty is even weaker. So once again it seems that black people are the last hired and the first fired.

Dr. Sonja Stone, one of the 3 professors being terminated, is appealing her case. Listed below are some of the reasons we applaud her courage and support her.

1. Dr. Stone is a competent, dedicated and effective teacher. In 1977, she won the Black Ink Teacher of the Year Award.

2. Dr. Stone is highly respected in the field of Afro-American studies. In 1978, she received an award from the National Council for Black Studies.

3. Dr. Stone has worked tirelessly to build an Afro-American studies department at UNC-Chapel Hill.

4. Dr. Stone has brought more than \$300,000 in grants to the University of North Carolina.

5. Dr. Stone founded the Southeastern Black Press Institute which serves 5 states and the District of Columbia. The institute's programs include leadership development for high school and college youth throughout the southeast region.

6. Dr. Stone has an excellent record of service to the black community.

7. Dr. Stone is a splendid role model for young black intellectuals.

We cannot afford to let the university "blackball" a person who has sacrificed so much for the education of black people. We, therefore, urge you to petition Chancellor Ferebee Taylor to reverse the dean's tenure decision.

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Call For Help

This is a call for help in locating a person who sent \$3 to Rev. R. B. Sykes for a copy of the late Dr. R. Irving Boone's book. He lost the name and address. If you can identify this person, write to:

Rev. R. B. Sykes
403 W. Oak St.
Goldsboro, N.C. 27530

Body Urged To Aid Hungry

DALLAS, Tex.—Two Texas Baptist leaders urged the Presidential Commission on World Hunger meeting in Dallas to lead Americans in a developmental campaign to help hungry people become self-reliant.

James M. Dunn, director of the Christian Life Commission of the 2.1 million-member Baptist General Convention of Texas, and attorney Phil Strickland, also present in the commission, also led a cabinet-level agency to coordinate United States policies toward developing countries.

Other suggestions would be meaningless without the cabinet level agency, Dunn told members of the hunger commission, including singers John Denver and Harry Chapin, U.S. Ambassador Sol Linowitz and National Council of Churches leader Eugene Stockwell.

"The appeals for an international development cooperation administration merit serious consideration," he said.

Appealing to the presidential commission to work out an awareness of development education across the country, Dunn said a study showed that most Americans believe that "if people are poor, it's their own fault," and "the poor get what they deserve."

"The persistence of such malignant myths about welfare at home and the broad uninformed myths about foreign aid are twin terrors that must be dealt with together," he said.

The church has the task "to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable," said Dunn. "There's a parallel responsibility for the presidential commission."

Dunn said he hopes the world hunger commission will recognize the urgency or rallying those of humane instincts in this

country to build a constituency for foreign aid.

"Appeal if you will to churches and schools and every non-governmental agency in the country to describe development as ways in which we are helping hungry people to help themselves," he said.

He said the goals of doubling food production and doubling per capita income in underdeveloped nations must be a matter of broad public awareness before we will ever develop the public's will to deal with hunger.

"New directions and methods of meeting basic human needs among the poorest of the poor will appeal to Americans if they ever hear about them," he declared.

Strickland, a member of the Interreligious Task Force on U.S. Food Policy, said that despite all the problems in development aid, it has meant the difference between life and death for millions of the world's people.

He said the U.S. Development Aid Program, particularly as it is embodied in Public Law 480, has been consistently burdened with inadequacies and excessive self-interests.

He noted that since the peak years of the Marshall Plan, U.S. development assistance has dropped from 2.75 percent of the nation's total production to 23 percent of the gross national product. "The commission should urge a developmental assistance goal of 7 percent of the GNP," he urged.

He called for closer examination of the potential developmental role of the multinational corporations, separating development food aid from military and security supporting assistance and reflecting Public Law 480 to reflect priority of development over the priority of creating markets.



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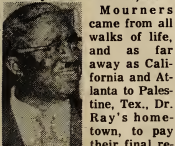
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Dr. Sanly F. Ray Succumbs To Death

BY J. ZAMGBA BROWNE

Amsterdam News Staff
Just as he packed them in each Sunday at his Cornerstone Baptist Church in Bedford Stuyvesant, Dr. Sandy Frederick Ray did the same in death. Police estimated the attendance at his funeral Monday at more than 5,000.



DR. RAY

respects and to acknowledge the countless good deeds which he performed for his people and for humanity.

Mourners came from all walks of life, and as far away as California and Atlanta to Palestine, Tex., Dr. Ray's hometown, to pay their final respects and to acknowledge the countless good deeds which he performed for his people and for humanity.

There was less than standing room only inside the huge church, located at Madison St. and Lewis Ave. Many persons who came while the service was in progress were unable to be seated regardless of their position or social standing in the community.

Councilwoman Mary Pinkett, in whose district Cornerstone Baptist Church is located, and actor Ossie Davis, were among the many notables who stood throughout the 3½ hour service.

A MODERN LEGEND

Dr. Ray's funeral marks the first time in recent years in Brooklyn, that so many heavyweights in the preaching business, as well as high civic and community leaders, have come together to pay final tribute to a man described as a modern legend.

Just about every Baptist organization in the country and other church groups were represented at the funeral services.

The Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, pastor of Central Baptist Church, who eulogized his long-time friend, described Dr. Ray as a "preacher's

preacher, who always preached what he believed."

The Rev. Dan Potter, executive director of the Council of Churches, remembered Dr. Ray as one who always saw the bright side of everything. "He was a constructor and never a destroyer," Rev. Potter said.

TEACH BROTHER

In a special telegram message, the Rev. J. H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, noted that "one of the voices of Christianity will be silent for a while," but he said, he is confident that principles for which Dr. Ray stood will continue to be carried out.

The Rev. Dr. William A. Jones, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, eulogized: "Dr. Ray was a living legend. His contributions transcended the local scene, and we will suffer greatly by his absence for a long, long time. I was privileged to know him, not only as a ministerial colleague, but as a friend and confidant."

The Rev. Vester Johnson, president of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Greater New York, raised Dr. Ray, saying that his departure "marks the end of a life well spent."

But it was Dr. Taylor's emotional 15-minute eulogy that drew tears from many of the mourners and had some jumping and shouting "amen" and "teach, brother!"

Dr. Taylor hailed his colleague as a preacher who was unmatched. "Supremely, Sandy was a preacher because he never had a counterfeited gesture," Dr. Taylor declared.

He added that God must have united Dr. Ray and Cornerstone Baptist Church in Holy matrimony, because the 2 remained together for 35 years through many trials and tribulations.

Emotions were already high among the mourners as Dr. Taylor ended his eulogy on this note: "Sandy, I say goodbye. The day is gone, good night. On some bright eternal shore, we shall meet."

Dr. Ray, who died in his sleep at his home in Brooklyn on April 11, was born in Palestine, Tex., Feb. 3, 1908. He was educated at Arkansas Baptist High School and Morehouse College.

(See DR. RAY, P. 8)



Some of the laymen in attendance at the One Day Session (Chapel Hill) line up on the steps of Terrell's Creek Church just before lunch. Seen (3rd from right, standing on front row) is Mr. D. C. Cole, an active member of the Terrell's Creek Church since 1906—he is 84 years old. He has served as usher, trustee, finance chairman, and on the Laymen's League. (Photo by I. B. Horton)

Laymen's One Day Session: Enthused, Glorious

CHAPEL HILL—The Laymen of the GBS Convention met in an inspired session at the Terrell's Creek Baptist Church, Reverend T. J. Foster, pastor, last April 14. They came to the session enthused as a result of the message of Dr. George Debnam at the annual Laymen's Banquet at Shaw University, April 13. The two great sessions brought together laymen from all over the state of North Carolina.

The new president of the State Laymen's League, Mr. Isaac H. Hilliard, Weldon, challenged laymen and ministers alike. He called upon the men for a "Positive Action" program. In regard to the "Positive Action" program, Mr. O. A. Dupree presented a report from a task force that has been studying ways and means to improve the effectiveness of the laymen's work.

President (GBS Convention) Dr. John Manley told the men that their program could only have vitality when they learn the meaning of and begin to practice "sacrificial living." This, he stated, will enable them to get the work of the convention done.

A moving demonstration by Dr. S. A. Raper, Shelby, gave

the laymen deeper insight into what it means to tithe. He told the men that: "If you do everything God says and leave everything else alone, it (tithing) will work. He concluded

that: "We just don't believe God."

The meeting was closed with an inspiring message by Reverend Spencer Williams, Goldsboro.



Capacity congregation enjoys the inspiration of the annual Leaders' Workshop (WBH&FM Convention) last April 7. (See related stories inside)

Pulpit Must Stir Pew Excitement

WAKE FOREST—William L. Self, pastor of Wiecua Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., told Founders Day participants at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, that any deadness in the church today is

in the pulpit. Self, president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, said four aspects of contemporary church life conspire against good preaching. (See PULPIT, P. 8)

Let Us Keep Before Us Our Urgent Financial Commitment Of \$350,000
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The Unified Front For The Unified Program

From The Executive Secretary's Desk:

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention,

It is our prayer that our One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention, to be held at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, 413 North Church Street, Salisbury, on May 9, will be the greatest in the history of the Convention.



DR. CRAIG

The Moderator's Workshop will be held on the eve of the One Day Session. The theme for the workshop is: "The Challenge of the Unified Plan in Kingdom Building." The moderators will deal with such sub-themes as: "The Unified Plan Challenges Us To: 1. Personal Growth and Commitment; 2. Unity and Cooperation; 3. Christian Missions and Evangelism; 4. Theological Training and Higher Education; and 5. Charity and Benevolence."

The Moderator's Workshop is always a source of information as well as inspiration. We are counting on the Moderators and Pastors, along with Baptists from across the state, to help us in achieving our financial goal of \$100,000 for the One Day Session. Our financial commitment for the fiscal year is \$1,041,966. This money is

committed to Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions, the Central Orphanage and other causes.

We are committed to our tasks and we are doing our very best to help reach the un-reached of today so we can witness a better tomorrow. Without your support, our goals cannot be attained. As Christians, we are the "salt of the earth." It is our duty to act as a moral and spiritual preservative in society to save it from complete corruption and destruction. In God's plan to save and redeem the world, he can only do it through the influence and assistance of those who claim Him as Lord. Christians must let God in Jesus Christ rule in their hearts so that there will be a deep concern for people everywhere, even those we sometimes call the "good-for-nothing nobody from nowhere." We must have a worldwide concern.

The Unified Program of the General Baptist State Convention challenges us to attempt great things for God and expect great things from God.

Let us keep before us our urgent financial commitment of \$350,000 to Shaw University on or before June 30.

I hope to see you at the One Day Session, which will provide an opportunity for us to do four things: 1. Renew our spiritual strength through worship and fellowship. 2. Hear reports on the steward of our work; 3. Make plans for the future growth of our convention; and 4. Report as much money as possible for our objectives.

Thank you for your friendship, fellowship and the support that I am confident you will give to the Lord's work.

Sincerely,
C. C. Craig

S. African Leader Dies

By Religious News Service
RIETFOONTEIN, South Africa — The Rev. Ernest Buti, the first black moderator of South Africa's largest black Dutch Reformed denomination, has died here after a short illness at the age of 67.

A native of Winburg, Mr. Buti had been an employee of the Reef Gold Mines before becoming a minister. He served as moderator of the Southern

Transvaal Section of the Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk in Africa (NGKA) before being elected its moderator in 1975.

In one of his first actions as moderator, Mr. Buti announced that his church would join the South African Council of Churches, thus defying its "parent" church, the all-white NGK.

Mr. Buti's son, the Rev. Sam Buti, is general secretary of the

An Abundant Harvest Awaiting

CHAPEL HILL — This season of the year (April and May) is normally thought of as "seed-time and planting" rather than a time of "harvest." Normally, the term harvest indicates that something has grown to maturity and is ready to be gathered for some type of service to mankind. Solomon, the wise King of Israel, is reported as having said: "To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). When we think in terms of the human soul, the "season" and the "time" is now, today...every day. The "sign of the time" indicate to every alert Christian that there is an abundant harvest of hungry souls awaiting the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

The signs of the abundant harvest are seen in the rapid spread of the Charismatic movement; the constant cry for renewal in the established church; the increase in the number of religious cults the world over; the great spiritual vacuum which has been brought about by a permissive society; the breakdown of moral and family life; spiritual illiteracy that staggers the imagination and an economy that gives red and green signals at the same time. All of these signs suggest a need for and a manifestation of the Holy Spirit. When a spiritual need of this magnitude is combined, with a manifestation and working of the Holy Spirit, an abundant harvest is assured.

Luke tells us that: "The



DR. JOHN R. MANLEY

harvest truly is great" (Luke 10:2). However, we are told in the same scripture that: "The laborers are few." Labors with knowledge and skill, as well as a compassion for leading souls to Jesus Christ, are indeed few. The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., might very well raise the question: "What part shall we play in gathering this great harvest for our Lord?"

The cooperative program of evangelism between the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., and the Baptist State Convention of N.C., is to be commended. I envision many favorable effects upon our state as a result of that program. However, because the need is so great and the time is so short, it seems to me that the harvesting could be enhanced if the General Baptists launched their own "bold missions" program. Since one's attitude is the "father-of-the-act," we might begin by developing the climate for such - why not let the upcoming one day session at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Salisbury, May 9, be the beginning for such a climate?

HELP WANTED Superintendent For Baptist Assembly

Applications are now being received for the position of superintendent of the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill. Official blanks may be requested by mail from the Office of the Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, 603 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh, 27604.

All interested persons are asked to make application within the next thirty days. All applicants must be members in good standing of a Missionary Baptist Church, must have a reputation of honesty and

present acceptable references attesting to mental maturity and emotional stability.

All applications should be sent to:

Dr. O. L. Hairston
c/o Baptist Headquarters
603 S. Wilmington St.
Raleigh, N. C. 27601

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Black Minister Becomes Director Of Housing

BY ANNIE T. MCCRIMMON
GOLDSTON — Rev. Gregory T. Headen, a native of Goldston, was appointed to be the new Executive Director of the Chatham County Housing Authority by unanimous vote of the Housing Authority Board. He has been in this position since March 1. Rev. Headen had worked as Housing Specialist for the previous two and a half years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dorset Headen of Goldston.

For the past eight years, Rev. Headen has been the pastor of the Taylor Chapel Missionary Baptist Church near Sanford. The church has become a station church during this time, and is nearing completion of a new edifice on a new five-acre site. The membership has been and still is growing. Rev. Headen also serves as the president of the Joint Orange-Chatham Community Action Agency's board of directors, which set a policy for a \$1,000,000 poverty program.

Rev. Headen is 27 years old. He holds a BA degree from Pembroke State University in sociology and psychology. He has attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, numerous workshops and conferences at Shaw University in Raleigh, and he holds the Master of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School.

He is happily married to the former Miss Doretha Taylor, who is now studying early childhood education at Shaw University in Raleigh.

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Recognition Banquet Held

The splendor of the first "Recognition Banquet," sponsored by the Wayne County Missionary Union, will be remembered for many, many years by the 225 persons in attendance. The gala occasion was held at the Goldsboro High School-East Cafeteria on March 29, to honor the individuals who are destined to carry the torch of Christian Missions in Wayne County, thus North Carolina and the world, for many years.

Mrs. Lucille Bryant, Associate Young Adult Director (WCMU) and Committee chairman, served as Toast Mistress. Benjamin Johnson accompanied the soloists and provided delightful dinner music.

Mrs. Arlene D. Parks, recently elected County Union president, and Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, Banquet Chairwoman, led the candlelight procession to the tune of "We're Marching to Zion." The lighted candles were placed in two thirteen-branched tree candelabras near the head table. Simultaneously, candles were lighted on the special tables reserved for the honorees.

Greetings were extended by Mrs. Margaret Brown, first vice president (WCMU) and Mrs. Marian H. Bass, High Point, assistant recorder. Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missions Department (WCMU) served as a member of the Banquet Committee.

Sixty-one men and women, some confined to their homes, rest homes and hospitals, were honored by their respective churches with flowers, certificates, trophies, plaques, jewelry, money and personal gifts.

Mrs. Frances Goodman, youth advisor, recognized the following persons for their contribution to the Wayne County Missionary. They were presented permanent orchid corsages and certificates of recognition.

Mrs. Louise Worrells, immediate past president; Mrs. Bertha B. Parks, first vice president; Mrs. Ethel Sykes, past president; Mrs. Nora Stevens, and Mrs. Annie Chestnut, past third vice president; and Mrs. A. O. Kornegay, past recording secretary.

Mrs. Maebell Brown, president of the Bear Creek Woman's Auxiliary, was presented a plaque from the Bear Creek Association for her dynamic leadership in Christian Missions.

Mrs. Genora Braswell, third vice president (WCMU) called the roll of the churches. The pastor, deacon or sister presented beautiful, breathtaking gifts of love and appreciation to a member of member of their respective churches. These were "flowers," "signs," "frowns," and "now me's."

Honorees from the churches included: Mesdames Nra Stevens, Mary Harper, Henrietta Battle, Carrie Dixon, Hattie Petteway, Lillie Deane, Willie Graham, Hattie Moore, Johnnie Wilms, Della Williams, Ethel Sykes, Bertha Bass, Sarah Edwards, Frances Goodman Vera Bryant, Lucille

Reid, Dora Brown, Georgia Phillips, Lovella Lane, Annie Stokes, Georgia Armstrong, Rachel Thompson, Dorothy Jackson, Maebell Brown, Genora Braswell, Alethia Lewis, Mattie Lacy, Madaglene Jones, Viola Jones, Eva Howard, Della Dickerson, Annie Chestnut, Mary Miller, Gertrude Brown, Daisy Thompson, Louberta Langston, Adell Howell, Sadie Sykes, Ada Moore, Navie Holmes, Amelia Felder, Alberta Parks, Katie Dorth, Alberta Hobbs, Hettie Taylor, Luvenia Howard, Emma Langston, Essie Brown and Mattie King.

Mrs. Louise Worrells, President Emeritus (WCMU), presented the newly elected president of the Union, Mrs. Parks, with an engraved card and instructed her "to sound it loud and clear to keep order in the Union meetings."

Mrs. Parks delivered a forceful message from the convention theme: "A Voice, A Vision, A Venture." Her message was filled with challenges for the young people as well as the adults.

The beautiful solos rendered by Mrs. Doris King, Atkinson Chapel Church, and Mack Hicks, Laymen's League, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, were enjoyed by all.

Miss Tamara Taylor, president, Young Adult Missionary Department (WCMU) served as a member of the Banquet Committee.



Mrs. Arlene D. Parks delivering message to Wayne County Banquet, March 29. On her right, Mrs. Louise Worrells, president emerita.

Ministers Emerit From Church

By Religious News Service
HIGH POINT — The pastor and 31 ministers of the 2,868 member Green Street Baptist Church here, resigned after the congregation adopted a position critical of the charismatic movement.

The resolutions, drawn up by the church's Board of Deacons and approved later by the congregation, emphasize that the church is not part of the growing charismatic movement and that its members should avoid participating in religious meetings at which are presented beliefs not consistent with Baptist doctrine.

The Rev. E. W. Price, Jr., pastor of the church for 22 years, resigned as did the Rev. James A. Purvis, minister of youth; Dr. James R. Davidson, minister of music; and the Rev. Melvin Anderson, the church's business administrator.

St. Paul In Grand March To New Church

EDEN—On Sunday, July 16, 1974, a large crowd of members and friends from the Saint Paul Baptist Church in Eden, North Carolina, held its grand march. The new Saint Paul Baptist Church is pastored by Reverend Roy J. Howard. He and his congregation marched from the old sanctuary located at 309 Hairston Street to the new edifice located at 1020 East Stadium Drive in Eden.

Work on the new edifice began with a ground-breaking ceremony held on the fourth Sunday in February, 1977. Since then, the members had anticipated entering the new church.

Reverend Howard and the officers of the church described July 16 as a day of "excitement" and "exultance." A very touching departing service was held before the actual march began. The service included: songs, a prayer and a sermonette. A highlight of the service was a speech made by the chairman of the deacon board, Roger Brown. Mr. Brown said, "We're making the move because we've outgrown the old sanctuary and we're leaving the old building with mixed emotions." He concluded his statements, saying, "Our parents and grandparents alike would rejoice in our accomplishments today. We've reached another milestone in our church history."

The old sanctuary was dedicated on August 11, 1934.

At approximately 10:30 a.m., the congregation lined up and marched from the old site to the new one, led by the pastor, singing, "We're Marching to Zion."

The ribbon cutting was performed by the pastor and the chairman of the building committee. This was the highlight of the day. This occasion initiated the beginning of worship services at the new church.

The day's activities were culminating. Reverend Howard used as a title, "The Blessings of a New Beginning."

In Reverend Howard's remarks, he said that in the age of uncertainty, frustration, confusion and restlessness, "what would we do without the church and its blessings?"

The church in its worship service is always seeking ways to improve its ministry. The church is always seeking ways to improve its ministry.

He spoke before an audience of approximately 400 people. The first service in the New Saint Paul was very inspirational. After morning service, lunch was held in the church dining room.

This day, July 16, 1978, marked the beginning of a two-week dedication service for the New Saint Paul Baptist Church.

On Sunday, July 23, 1978, the service of dedication was held. Persons attending the dedication ceremony included: Clinton Gravelly, building architect; W. J. Leflew, contractor;



Some of the 225 persons who attended the Wayne County Missionary Union Recognition Banquet, March 29.



(L to R) Mr. Waverly Camp, Director of Music and Secretary to Laymen's League State work; Dr. George Debnam, who delivered the address for the Laymen's Annual Fellowship Banquet, April 13, at Shaw University; Mr. Isaac H. Hilliard, newly elected president of the State Laymen's League; and Mr. John McQueen, former president of the State Laymen's League and President of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention of the Laymen's League.



Saint Paul Baptist Church, Eden.

Eden's mayor, John Norman, and Dr. Jordan C. Harris, pastor of First Baptist Church, Statesville and moderator of the Rowan Baptist Association. Dr. Harris delivered the dedicatory sermon.

The new edifice was completed at an estimated cost of \$275,000. The building facilities include: finance room, dressing room, dining room, kitchen, 7 classrooms, entrance chair room, intercom, bay, ismal pool, air conditioning, a built-in lighting system, a multi-purpose room and the pastor's study. The pastor's study was completely furnished. In Rev. Howard's study, the furnishings included a built-in credenza, book cases, desk, sofa, chairs and carpeting that matched the interior of the sanctuary. Also in the study, a private heating and air conditioning unit was installed.

The contemporary style building is beautifully decorated with modern contemporary furniture. A high central roof, with a stained glass clerestory window and lighted cross, is the focal point of the church.

The main entrance to the church is quite spacious. A broad overhang located at the front and rear of the sanctuary

provide ample shelter to the double-door entry. Inside, a spacious foyer gives direct access to all zones. The interior of the building is decorated in emerald green.

The church was built to accommodate the handicapped in the community. A ramp was installed for the individuals who are confined to a wheelchair or who have to use a cane. Accommodations were also made for the individuals whose hearing is impaired.

Scripture Of The Month

"Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

"He hath showed thee, O man, what is good: and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:7-8.

Always strive to do the greatest, rather than the least, for the cause of Christ.

Baptist Leaders Make "Strides Toward Perfection" In State-wide Workshops

BY THELMA C. HORTON

RALEIGH—Some 1,700 senior, young adult and youth missionaries made "strides toward perfection" while attending the tenth annual Statewide Leaders' Workshop, April 7, at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Cross Links Road, Dr. W. B. Lewis, pastor. The workshop was sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N. C., Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention, Inc. Mrs. Georgia M. Turner, Lambert, is the president and Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Franklin, is executive secretary-treasurer. A note of humor was added to the day by Rev. R. D. Lucas, Kings Mountain, when he described the workshop as being "happily overcrowded."

Dr. Brodie indicated to the group, "Our aim is that you, our statewide leaders, will be strengthened, inspired, renewed, and renewed through every feature of the program so that your ministry will be more effective when you return to your different 'valleys.'"

Following a very inspiring worship service by Mrs. Eva M. Pratt, Durham, editor of the Missionary Helper, Mrs. Luella D. Edwards, Fayetteville, second vice president (WBH&FMC), emphasized II Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved..." as the primary purpose of the workshop.

President Turner thanked the leaders for their continued support and challenged them with several thought-provoking questions relative to their purpose in the missionary enterprise.

Mini-Workshop sessions were conducted by Mrs. Pratt on "The Missionary Helper" and past president Johnnie B. McLester, Durham, on "Criteria For Establishing and Maintaining Institutes." Mrs. Pratt stated that the "Helper" is a guide to effective devotion, stimulating creativity and learning. Mrs. McLester emphasized the importance of the Institute Program. She gave the following rules for accomplishing the goals of the missionary task:

"Programs should include (a) the need for everyone to accept Jesus as his personal Savior, and to leave with them the urgency to share with others of all ages; (b) help for those who have already accepted Christ but need motivation to share Him with others; (c) provisions for one to become acquainted with the missionary task and ways to learn how to share, and (d) studies for seniors, young adults and youth to include all related subjects."

Workshop sessions were conducted by President Turner; first vice president, Thelma C. Horton, Goldsboro; second vice president, Luella D. Edwards, Fayetteville; third vice president, Eva Johnson Salisbury; and fourth vice president, Robbie Diggs, Charlotte. They discussed the duties of their respective offices as they related to the

Unions and the State Convention. Their discussions were inspiring, informative, and challenging. Printed copies of these workshop sessions were made available for the participants.

Mrs. Marian Bass, High Point, assistant recorder (WBH&FMC) talked about the duties of the secretary and the treasurer. She stated that: "secretaries have a real service to perform," and challenged them with these closing words: "Without God, I can't; Without Him, He won't."

Dr. J. C. Harris, director of the Youth Bible Camp and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Statesville, spoke from the subject, "Christian Camping for Youth." He stated that the "general philosophy of camping is that both Christian and non-Christian youth must be given an opportunity to discover Christ as their personal Savior without feeling that Christ is only to be sought or housed in a structured church building. There are some things in life," he continued, "that require some isolation from normal daily living patterns in order to accelerate our experiences and Christian growth."

Mrs. Helen W. Falls, state chairwoman for the National Loyalty Fund, suggested that: "Each missionary drop 13 cents in a jar each week for 52 weeks. At the end of the year, you will have \$3 for the National Loyalty Fund, \$3.65 for the Self-Denial Offering of the Woman's Convention, and 13 cents over. Why not add 2 cents to the 13 cents, buy one stamp and mail the \$6.65 to our North Carolina Woman's Convention Office, where you will receive credit for your gifts."

Miss Tamara Taylor, Goldsboro, was quite enthusiastic about the activities of the Young Adult Workshop. Emphasizing the theme, "The Right Way Is The Only Way," Director Bronnie Daniels, Winston-Salem, greeted the group with love and praises to God. After general registration, Mrs. Julia McDowell led the "spiritual awakening," which included strong testimonies and expressions in songs.

Miss Darlene Eaves, president, offered cordial greetings and recognized the new departments, ministries, new directors and presidents, and visitors.

The following announcements were read:

(1) The 95th annual session of the Woman's Convention will meet in Charlotte in July. All young adults were informed of their responsibility to the "Old Fashioned Religion," to be held on Wednesday, July 25. The host county will not be eligible for the attendance banner. Self-denial Young Adult Dollars may be sent to the office and/or brought to the Convention.

(2) Original plays and skits,

also poems, should be submitted to Mrs. Daniels for publication.

The skit, "The Woman's Convention at Work," which depicts the proper and improper procedure for local department meetings, was enjoyed by all.

The summary, in the form of a challenging sermon from the theme, was presented by the Reverend Wayne Hines.

The Youth Department, under the supervision of Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, Clayton, got off to a very good start with a spirit-filled devotion led by fourth vice president Michael Battle.

Then, mini-group sessions were conducted relative to the duties of the various committees and their relationship to the Youth Department's program. Supervisors, advisors and youth lauded their leaders as they experienced a sense of accomplishment at the close of their session.

Dr. W. T. Bigelow, the illustrious pastor of the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, Durham, and the Paulette Choir were presented by Dr. J. C. Harris. From II Kings, 6 Chapter, he asked the following question: "How Large and How Broad is Your Religion?" He preached about the effects of "narrow mindedness" in kingdom building. He strongly urged the leaders to "reach beyond 'self' into the whole world, that all might have the abundant life Jesus spoke of."

Opportunities For Ministers

"Sponsor a boy or girl to the Youth Bible Camp, June 10-15, June 17-22, or June 24-29, at the Baptist Assembly. Cost per day camper is \$26 and per regular camper is \$50.

*NEEDED: 2 basketballs, nets and rims, 4 jump ropes, 1 volleyball and net, 4 softball

bats and 2 balls, and 2 kick balls or soccer balls for Youth Camp. For Missionary Training Conference, 4 vanity screens or folding screens. Send your contributions to the office and designate what is being contributed for. Or send the items to the office.

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Mrs. Marian Bass, recording secretary (WBH&FMC Convention) addressing the Leadership Workshop.

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Our Missionary Training Conference will convene June 4-8 at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill. Begin now electing your delegates (at least 2) and sending in their names and fees.

The fees are: room and board, \$45 and registration, \$5 for a total of \$50.

Make your checks or money orders payable to: Woman's Baptist State Convention.

THE PRE-CONVENTION BANQUET

We are asking that our seniors, young adults and youth plan to attend the banquet which will be held at the Charlotte Civic Center.

Banquet tickets are available at the cost of \$12 each. Begin sending for your ticket(s) now. Please send the money for your tickets immediately after May 31.

RESERVATIONS FOR THE CONVENTION

Our 95th annual convention will convene at the Civic Center in Charlotte, July 23-26, at which time Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Dr. H. S. Diggs, pastor, will be the host church. However, the Radisson Hotel will serve as headquarters for our convention in that it is adjacent to or adjoining the Civic Center which will lessen walking and be quite convenient. Though the prices are higher, please be reminded the Radisson is the headquarters and that we are receiving complimentary rooms there to house our young adults and youth respectively. However, the other nearby hotel-motels have been included so that ample housing will be available if needed.

We are asking that seniors who will accompany our youth, stay in the same hotel-motel as the youth.

The Housing Bureau of the Greater Charlotte Chamber of Commerce will handle all reservations and accommodations; therefore, every housing application, as the one printed here, must be mailed directly to: Housing Bureau, Greater Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 32785, Charlotte, N.C. 28232.

No reservations will be accepted by telephone, but only through written application.

If you desire to share a room with one or more persons, place all of your names on the same application and enclose them in brackets. The confirmation will be mailed to only one person. Please allow at least 3 weeks for the confirmation.

Please select your preference of first and second hotel-motel and send your application immediately to the given address. Your applications must not be postmarked any later than June 22.

Unless your application is accompanied by a deposit of one night's room rate per desired room, the rooms will only be held until 6 p.m. Your deposit will be refundable provided you contact the hotel-motel at least 72 hours

before you plan to arrive.

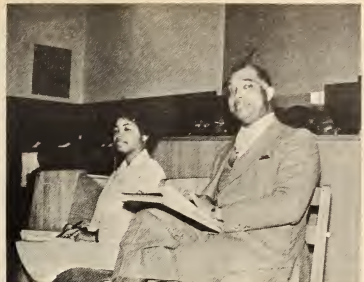
Make your checks or money orders payable to Charlotte Convention Housing Bureau.

The rates are as follows, including 4 percent N.C. sales tax: Radisson Plaza, 2 NCMB Plaza, single, 1 person, 1 bed, \$31.20; double, 2 persons, 1 bed, \$37.44; twin, 2 persons, 2 beds, \$37.44; triple, 3 persons, 2 beds, \$40.56; quad, 4 persons, 2 beds, \$43.68.

Sheraton Center, 555 S McDowell St.: single, \$31.20; double, \$31.20; twin, \$31.20; triple, \$38.48; quad, \$38.48.

Quality Inn-Downtown, 201 S McDowell St.: single, \$26.52; double, \$33.28; twin, \$37.96; triple, \$41.60 and quad, \$41.60.

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WBH&M Convention, and Dr. John R. Manley, President, GBS Convention, enjoy the inspiration of the annual Leaders' Workshop of the WBH&M Convention last April 7. The workshop drew the largest attendance ever.



Instructors for the Bear Creek Training Institute: Reverend Spencer Williams, Jr., Reverend Charles T. Bullock, Jr., Reverend C. W. Pate, Reverend Waymon Walden, Reverend E. L. Daniels, Reverend Macbeil Brown.



A portion of those who attended the Bear Creek Training Institute.

Mrs. Gray Conducts First Missionary Workshop

BY MRS. LOUISE LEE

Mrs. Lucy Gray, a missionary worker of Tarboro, conducted the first missionary workshop for the Woman's Northbound Missionary Union at the Oak Grove Baptist Church in Garysburg, during Feb. 1979.

During the workshop, Mrs. Gray presented the major objectives of the convention which are: home, state, foreign, Shaw University and Baptist Assembly.

There was whole class involvement as were many persons assigned specific tasks to complete. She used the text, The Seeking Woman I Am, which inspired many people to practice meditation.

Because of Mrs. Gray's inspired teaching and dynamic leadership, many programs at the host church have been revitalized.

The union has benefitted as the president and other officers of different circles have carried Mrs. Gray's



MRS. LUCY GRAY teachings back to their members.

Certificates were issued to 29 participants who attended the workshop at least 4 nights.

The Northbound Union is looking forward to the 1980 missionary workshop.

Mrs. Louise Lee, president of the Woman's Northbound Missionary Union, wishes to thank the Woman's Baptist State Convention for sending Mrs. Gray to conduct the workshop.

Bear Creek Ass'n

BY MINERVA EVANS

WALTONBURG—The newly renovated edifice of the Hooks Grove Baptist Church, Pikeville, Reverend Johnnie Sherrod, pastor, was the site of the Annual Cooperative Training Institute of the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association last March 12-16. Classes were held from 6:30-9 p.m. each evening. Following the class period, a worship service was conducted by pastors of the association. Monday: Reverend J. F. Hobbs and the Best Grove Choir and Church. Tuesday: Reverend J. A. Munford and the Mt. Pleasant and Shady Grove choirs and members. Wednesday: Reverend Mason and First Baptist Church and choir of Kinston. Friday: Reverend Johnnie Sherrod and Hooks Grove choir and members.

Instructors for the week were: Reverend Waymon Walden—Ministers; Reverend C. W. Pate—Deacons and Laymen; Sister Lucy Gray—Missionary Department; Reverend Charles Bullock—Sunday School and Baptist Training Union; and Reverend Spencer Williams, Jr.—Youth.

Eulogy For Sandy F. Ray

BY GARDNER C. TAYLOR

Greatest and solemn considerations crowd in upon us all at this hour. Sublime and splendid recollections of our fallen friend and leader converge before us. We all have a sense of how much has been taken from us. The passing of his physical presence radically alters the landscape of our souls. Indeed, the spiritual climate of this borough and this city and this nation perceptibly cools with his departure. I have heard it said, in this connection, that the borough of Brooklyn in which he spent these glorious, shining 35 years, has known the greatest array of pulpit gifts ever assembled in one place in America. Whatever truth there may be in this, we may be certain that the singing of his golden voice greatly weakens that claim, maybe fatally weakens it. As saddened as we are, we still cannot know yet how great has been our loss. Indeed, he was so intensely, ineffably alive that it is hard to realize that we do not have him among us as he was. As for me, I always felt better knowing he was in town. One may not feel the need to call him, but it was comforting, sustaining, rallying, steadying to know that he was there.

We stand too close to the shock of his passing to be able to see clearly or to draw accurate lines as to who he was and what he was through the film of grief. Some qualities he possessed, some circumstances his Lord gave him loom large.

His life was an epic, a grand tale woven by God himself. He spoke often of his family and the years long ago when his native Texas was a far different place from what it is today. He once bragged on the consciousness of many who heard him how as a child, he saw his mother running alongside a sheriff's buggy because his brother was under the threat of a lynch mob. His unvarying support of every civil rights cause, his sterling record as a champion of the poor and oppressed, doubtless found a part of its inspiration in such a circumstance as I have mentioned.

He was a great adventure, a scenario written by God. Born as 20th century boy, poised for entrance, he lived to within 21 years of the 21st century. What a weak moment! Centuries did not limit our friend; he moved as belonging to the ages, a man for all seasons, bound by no years, limited by no century. Now, I tell his brother, alone of his once large family, is left. God wrought a miracle producing a Sandy Ray from the arid political and economic and social circumstances of Texas in the early 1900's.

God does provide! How unmistakable is that comforting truth in the companionship his Lord gave him through this wife who was with him when his summons home came. What a mercy that he was not alone in some distant city or somewhere where loving hands would not be immediately at hand. That she was there when he left us should not surprise anyone; for many of us watched the attention, the unobtrusive, quiet strength she gave to him

wherever he went without ever seeming for a moment that he must have told me to you often, but since he told me, too, I thank you for him.

You who were his children know better than any of us how unflinching and unflinching was the faith that he left to us. A noble heritage and you carry within your veins the blood of one of God's noblest princes.

If some marriages were made in heaven, then the Lord himself must have united Ernestine and Sandy Ray in holy wedlock. Does the history of the Christian Church know any romance between pastor and people sweeter and more lasting than was this one? You honored him as pastor and freed him to be your preacher and my preacher and America's preacher. He made Cornerstone Church an affectionate and admired name wherever Christian people gather in this country. He said often that your appreciativeness and eagerness to hear the gospel made him yearn and dig to find fresh insights and to bring new treasure for your souls from God's word. He strengthened you and you strengthened him. At the end of 35 years in a great outpouring of love, you exhausted his power to thank you. The pulpit was his throne, and he made it to ring with good news and glad tidings. He sent thousands forth from here week after week with a fresh vision, a new walk and a hope in their hearts of a false promise.

It would be a false picture to present him as someone who did not know great personal disappointments. He did, but he spoke seldom of them and he was so gallant that he hid them behind that infectious and enviable humor which so characterized him.

There was something about his presence which guaranteed for him recognition and rank. He had only to enter a room for others to know how ordinary they were in comparison with him. You knew he was a prince, before you knew his tribe or the location of his inheritance. He reduced us all to peasantry by his bearing and yet it was something of which he was totally unaware. I carry, locked in my heart, a touching confession he once made to me about his feeling of insufficiency.

Supremely, Sandy Ray was a preacher. Our history has not produced his equal. His preaching at the last was as fresh as at the beginning. His imaginative power never dimmed. I heard him preach for 35 years and I never heard one fake sound, one insincere pose, one artificial sentiment. He preached with a total sincerity and a touching humility.

How shall we look upon his departure? You will know your grief, as I well know mine. As for me, for nearly 40 years, I knew him and for 30 years, we labored here together. He supported and encouraged my coming here. Great winds buffeted our friendship, but it stood the test of time and stress.

And so our friend crossed over! Quickly, quietly, he closed his Bible and crossed over! Left the pulpit the last time and crossed over! Took his

last text and crossed over! Raised that magic hand the last time and crossed over! He did not have to wait for his transfer, he passed through Jordan with head high, standing up like Moses of old, his Lord lead him from infirmity nor would he let impious eyes look upon his weakening. He crossed too quickly for any watcher to see him break in his stride. That splendid figure never bent, those bright eyes never dimmed, and that unmarked countenance never wrinkled.

Good night, Old Friend, your little day is over, ours nearly so! On some glad tomorrow "When the morning comes, and all the saints of God are gathered home, we'll meet and tell the story of how we've overcome."

Craven County News

BY MISS CLARA HINES

NEW BERN—The Craven County Woman's Missionary Union held its eighth anniversary celebration last March 18 at the First Baptist Church, New Bern. Approximately one hundred people attended the service, which was held at 6 p.m. on Sunday. The guest speaker was the Reverend J. S. Kelly, superintendent of the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly.

Rev. Kelly spoke on the subject, "Come, Tarry, and Then Go." His theme was based on verses of scripture taken from Matthew 11:28, Luke 2:4-49, and Mark 16:15. He told the congregation that, "If you are a child of God, you are a missionary." The speaker mastered his subject with spiritual power and challenged every true missionary to carry the word of God to hungry, lost sinners.

National SS And BTU Congress Buses Charters

BY DR. C.C. CRAIG

RALEIGH—The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. has chartered two buses for the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 17-22, 1979. Passengers may board the buses in Charlotte, North Carolina at 3:00 p.m. and in Greensboro, North Carolina at

Rev. Wilkins Ordained

SPINDELL—The Reverend Spencer E. Wilkins was ordained by the Gold Hill Missionary Baptist Association on Sunday, March 25, at 6 p.m. at the Wheat Creek Baptist Church in Polk County.

The ordination service was well attended by ministers of the Association, as well as ministers not a part of the Gold Hill Association, and well attended by area churches. The Moderator of the Gold Hill Association, the Reverend H. T. Dodd, delivered the ordination message; the Reverend E. W. Bonner gave the Charge to Rev.

Wilkins and the Charge to Wheat Creek Church; presentation of the Bible and the hymn book were done by the Reverend R. C. Carpenter.

The ministers on the Ordaining Council were the Reverends H. T. Dodd, E. W. Bonner, R. C.

Carpenter, J. E. Smith, John T. Hill, J. H. Bailey, W. A. Wright, and D. R. Ross.

Rev. Wilkins was licensed to preach by Union Grove Baptist Church, March 19, 1978 and was called by Wheat Creek Baptist Church to become their pastor in March of this year.



Reverend and Mrs. Spencer E. Wilkins and daughter.

Moustache Ticks Church Into Giving

GREENWOOD, Miss.—Curtis Burge, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Greenwood, brought his moustache to church in an envelope.

He'd taken a lot of ribbing about how much better he'd look without it, so after a church supper, he offered the shavings to the highest bidder.

The proceeds were to go to the annual "Annie Armstrong Easter offering for home missions."

When the bidding got way up past a dollar, Burge's wife walked to the podium and emptied her change purse. Others got into the spirit of it and donated a total of \$42.30.

Please enroll me for the trip to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania June 17-22, 1979. My deposit of \$50.00 per person is enclosed.

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State-Wide Monthly Emphasis A TIME TO SEPARATE

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article concerning J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly is the 7th in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the black Baptists and friends of Baptists in our state and everywhere, become familiar with the work of our state convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders and pastors are asked to secure financial support for the objectives during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about, and as much support as possible should be given through the Unified Program.

The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is: January and July, STATE MISSIONS; February and August, CENTRAL ORPHANAGE; March and September, SHAW UNIVERSITY; April and October, FOREIGN MISSIONS; May and November, J. J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY; June and December, SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL.

DON'T FORGET THAT JUNE IS THE SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL EMPHASIS.

LAUREL HILL—"Wherefore, come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you" (II Corinthians 6:17).

The Christian is admonished through the Holy Scriptures to "separate himself/herself from the world." Understandably, this does not mean that one should literally and bodily remove himself/herself from the physical world. However,

it does help when the Christian personality can find an atmosphere of spirituality in which to mature. Such is the purpose of the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly at Laurel Hill. Those who established the Assembly retreat envisioned a place where Christian youth and adults could recreate themselves without the corrupting influence of a Godless society.

Each of us, as followers of Jesus Christ, can recall the experiences that we have had in public parks and other places of recreation. There is always an element present spewing out foul language without regard to its effect on the tender and innocent spirits of our children. How often have we tried in vain to find a public beach or park where we could have a family outing without stumbling over beer cans and broken alcohol bottles? None of us can ever forget those days which we looked forward to a few moments of peace and quiet in the out-of-doors only to have it shattered by the screaming of the ever-present low-brow radio "sock-it-to me" music.

These are just a few of the annoyances so often found in the public places, not to mention the constant parade of indecent women who advertise themselves before our young sons.

The Baptist forces and Christian community have come forward with the finances to get our children away from the type of influences mentioned above. Therefore, G. B. S. Convention churches are asked to support the Baptist Assembly by sending your youth to camp and attending the Training Institutes held there.

Other articles on the Woman's Page reflect the activities sponsored at the Assembly by Baptists.

theme will be discussed each morning during the 3 days by Dr. W. B. Westbrook.

Dr. O. L. Sherrill will conduct an institute at the Roanoke Institute, Elizabeth City, May 16-18 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. H. D. Cooper, a Shaw University trustee, will assist Dr. Sherrill in conducting the institute.

Mrs. J. B. McLester, Durham, will conduct the Woman's Educational Institute, May 14-18 at the Roanoke Institute. Session will be held during the afternoon each day.



The Youth who attended one week of Bible Camp in 1978.

Shaw News Shaw Jaycees Recruit

BY CHARLES F. BLALOCK, SR.
RALEIGH—The Shaw University chapter of the North Carolina Jaycees held a recruiting drive March 27 through April 3. The goal of the drive was to increase their membership by at least ten percent.

The Shaw Jaycees were established Feb. 10, 1977, and were chartered Nov. 20, 1977. Dr. Stanley H. Smith, president of Shaw, keynoted the drive with an opening night speech on "The Importance of the Jaycees on Campus," in which he stressed the significance of their purpose.

Samuel Roach, chairman of the board of the Jaycees, who led the recruitment drive, expressed a "need for quality leaders and followers."

Other speakers during the week-long drive were: Mack Sowell, director of Student Life, and Mrs. Willie High, associate professor of English.

Shaw Players

BY CHARLES F. BLALOCK, SR.
RALEIGH—The Shaw Players and Company, along with the Theatre Arts department, are traveling to Chicago, Ill.

The purpose of the trip is to attend the annual meeting of the National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts Conference (NADSAC). This year's conference is being hosted by Kennedy-King College of Chicago.

The Shaw Players and Company will participate in the national competition in five categories: (1) one-act plays, (2) oral interpretation, (3) extemporaneous Speaking, (4) acting duos, and (5) dramatic monologues.

Dr. Patricia C. Caple, director of the Shaw Players, is the current president of NADSAC, and H. B. Caple, chairman of the Humanities and Arts Division at Shaw, is editor of the national magazine "Encore." The Shaw Players won top honors at last year's conference in dramatic monologues.

Shaw Student Wins

BY CHARLES F. BLALOCK, SR.
RALEIGH—Cornell Sababu Norris, a senior Theatre Arts major at Shaw University, who is doing his student teaching at

Carnegie Junior High School, won first place with a one-act play in the North Carolina District Drama Festival.

Norris directed Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Birthmark," which was adapted to a one-act play by Robert Brown. Ms. Selena Justice, an eighth

grader at Carnegie, won the Best Actress award for portrayal of "Georgiana."

Norris has announced his intention to enter the play in the statewide competition later this month. Sababu is doing his student teaching under the supervision of Ms. Lola Fuller.



The Other Side Of The Desk

BY MRS. BLANCHE BROOKS

Have you ever thought just a wee little bit Of how it would seem to be a misfit, And how you would feel if YOU had to sit On the other side of the desk?

Have you ever looked at the man who seemed a bum, As he sat before you, nervous, dumb— And thought of the courage it took to come To the other side of the desk?

Have you thought of his dreams that went astray, Of the hard, real facts of his every day, Of the things in his life that make him stay On the other side of the desk?

Have you thought to yourself, "It could be I, If the good things of life had passed me by, And maybe I'd bluster and maybe I'd lie, On the other side of the desk?"

Did you make him feel he was full of greed, Make him ashamed of his race or creed, Or did you reach out to him in his need On the other side of the desk?

May God give us wisdom and lots of it, And much compassion and plenty of grit, So that we may be kinder to those who sit On the other side of the desk.

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Mrs. Broomie Daniels holds a banner with co-workers amidst the overcrowded room during the Leader's Workshop (WBIFM Convention) last April 7.

DR. RAY

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He said many pastors display a scorn for preaching; others become booking agents for a kind of religious vaudeville in which "every converted blackback becomes a theologian," some become caught up in compulsive activism in an effort to convince their church members that they really do work for a living; while others attribute their poor preaching to a lack of freedom.

Self insisted that "a lack of freedom in the pulpit indicates a lack of freedom in the soul."

Self said that preaching is not God-talk or talk about God, but preaching is the speaking to His people. "The preaching of the Word of God is the Word of God," he said.

PULPIT

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He pastored in Chicago and the Shiloh Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. During the tenure of his pastorate in Columbus, Dr. Ray was the first black elected to the legislature in the State of Ohio.

On April 1, 1944, he was called to Cornerstone, where he served faithfully until his death.

The 35 years which Dr. Ray served at Cornerstone earned him a national and international reputation as a preacher. He held the following church related positions: vice president of the National Baptist Convention, USA; president, Empire Missionary Baptist Convention, New York State; moderator, East Baptist Association; lecturer, Minister's Division for the National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress for more than 2 decades.

Dr. Ray loves to cherish his memory, a great church family; a wife, Cynthia; a daughter, Dorothy; a son, Sandy F. Ray, Jr.; one step-son, Talmadge Owens, Jr. of Omaha, Neb.; 3 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, a brother, William Ray of Dallas, Tex.; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

President Issues Memorial Day Proclamation

WASHINGTON — President Jimmy Carter issued a Memorial Day proclamation for 1979 places heavy emphasis on the subject of peace and calls on the nation to set aside the hour of 11 a.m. on Monday, May 28, to pray for peace.

Carter's designation of this year's Memorial Day as "A Day of Prayer for Permanent Peace," also acknowledges the nation's debt to its war dead.

"They have given us a gift too valuable ever to repay, save by preserving that peace, that liberty, that freedom," Carter said, "each generation is called upon to preserve and defend our liberties anew, often with their lives."

Noting that Memorial Day was set aside as a national holiday more than a century ago to honor the dead on both sides of the Civil War, Carter said that "each generation is called upon to preserve and defend our liberties anew, often with their lives."

"The fact that their suffering has not yet brought a perma-



Some pastors who attended the (WBBF&M Convention) workshop for leaders last April 7. (L to R) Reverend D. A. Peace, pastor, Laodicea United Church of Christ, Raleigh; Reverend James E. Daniels, pastor, Good Hope Baptist Church, Knightdale; Dr. W. T. Bigelow, who delivered the inspirational sermon and who is pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church, Durham; and Dr. J. C. Harris, pastor of First Baptist Church, Statesville, and director of Youth Summer Bible Camp at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly.

nent peace does not make their sacrifice in vain," he went on.

"They preserved that which we hold most dear so that we might strive again for what they sought — a just and honorable peace in which all people settle their differences without bloodshed or oppression."

The President also called on "all the people of the world" to join us in our struggle, so that one day all the earth may share the blessings of liberty, justice and peace."

Middle District Tr. Inst. Held

BY R. B. JOHNSON

WASHINGTON — The Middle District Union of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association, recently held a series of 3 one-week training institutes, which were, according to Moderator C. B. Gray, the most successful institutes held by the union in recent years, if not the most successful ever held. The institutes were established as "satellites," and were held at 3 different sites, for the purpose of taking the instructions to the people as opposed to past institutions; which were held at a central location necessitating long travel for many potential participants.

The wisdom of the "satellite" approach was very evident as each institute averaged a larger attendance than the former central institutes. Average attendance at each institute was more than 100 each evening.

Rev. B. B. Felder, pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church, Greenville, served as chairman of the institutes. Rev. J. H. Taylor, III and Rev. Kenneth Hammond, along with Rev. Felder (all members of the union) served as instructors. Visiting pastors were: Dr. T. A. Watkins, Dr. O. E. Sherrill and Dr. G. W. Dudley. Moderator Gray coordinated the activities.

Areas in which instructions were offered were: pastor's responsibilities to the church; church's responsibilities to the pastor; developing a tithing church; church music; church training (Sunday School, BTU) and worship and missions.

The institutes were held at the Spring Garden Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. R. McNairst, pastor, Sycamore Hill Baptist, Greenville, Rev. Felder, pastor; and Dr. Manley addressed the institute at Providence.

Convention Committee Named For One-Day Session

Antioch Baptist Church, Boyden Quarters Baptist Church, First Calvary Baptist Church; Henderson Grove Baptist Church; Fairview Heights Baptist Church; Macedonia Baptist Church; Jerusalem Baptist Church; Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Boyden Quarters); New Zion Baptist Church; St. Luke Baptist Church; Yadin Grove Baptist Church; Oak Grove Baptist Church; China Grove; Rising Star Association, Moderator Rev. John Gaston; Guiding Light Association, Moderator Rev. Levi Reid; Rowan Baptist Association, Moderator Rev. J. C. Harris; Mt. Zion Baptist Church; Gethsemane Baptist Church; Shady Grove Baptist Church, Bear Poplar.

opening day (May 8)—1 p.m. Moderator Clinic; Dinner served at church for at least 50 people. Meal will be catered by Allen's Caterers. To be served in Multi-purpose room. Time: 5-6 p.m.

SECOND DAY (May 9) Opening session at 9:30 a.m.; Welcome Program; Dedication of stone honoring Dr. Harry Cowan, founder of several local churches and also founding father of Black Baptists in North Carolina.

SECOND DAY (May 9) Breakfast (optional at restaurant of delegate's choice). Dinner: served at Soldier's Memorial Church, Catered by Gourmet Food Services. Cost: \$2.75 per meal.

Meal tickets will be purchased at entrance by at least 10 a.m. Committee will be supplied with tickets at entrance. Convention agreed to be responsible for 250-300 persons with college. A cover check will be made out by church for the same when funds are turned in to treasurer by committee.

Entertainment Committee: Each minister who is asked to serve as a guide and member of the entertainment committee. Guide delegates to meal and other assistance if needed. Each minister will be given a badge for the same. He will also be responsible for guidelines to shopping, etc.

Host ministers are asked to be at church at 8:30 a.m. May 9, for instructions. Ushers from local churches to be selected, at least two. To

be informed. Be at church on May 9 a.m. and on May 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Boy scouts will be directed by Jack Kepley's troop. Four larger boys in uniforms. Scouts on duty both days as guides.

Parking across from church. Refreshment center to be handled by young people (Mrs. Ruth Camp and Mrs. Ethel Roberts, supervisors).

Printed program for dedication ceremony. Local men will be pictured. Brief ceremony by president and historian.

Stone will be made by local Salisbury Marble and Granite Company.

Seaside by chairs out of town (Cedar Grove and Sycamore Hill).

Local Chamber of Commerce will present guides. Souvenirs also to be passed out.

Each church assisting in entertainment is asked to make assistance contribution of at least \$15 for expenses.

Brother John Baston will receive monies at least by first Sunday in May. Funds to be turned in to host church treasurer to be used as assistance (Funds for first day's meal, rentals of tables and chairs, service, etc.).

Table Committee On Arrangements
Mr. Pete Hardin, chairman;
Mr. Willie Davis, Mr. Solomon Graham, Mr. Waverly Camp, Mr. M. A. Saulters, Mr. Willie Steward.

First Aid
Mr. Walt Howell, LPN; Mrs. Jessie Woods, Mrs. Margaret Fain.

Hospitality Aids (Food)
Ladies Kitchen Committee; Local Churches assisting; Mr. Willie Granford.

Utilities
Mr. Dennis Wilks, Mr. J. O. Wilks.

Women
Mrs. Louise Hoover, President, Rowan County Missionary Union and Churches.

Ushers
Salisbury Churches Association.

Music
Waverly Camp, Jr., Mr. Mealy Tickets

Mrs. Maury Sifford, Mrs. Nora Robinson.

Refreshments
Mrs. Ruth Camp, Mrs. Ethel Roberts.

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Transportation

The Rev. C. R. Blakely, the Rev. A. O. Walker.

Finance

The Rev. John Gaston.

General Committee

Pastors of Salisbury and Vicinity of Rowan County.

Praying

Holiday Inn, Mrs. Edna Shuping, Inkeeper, Highway 85 and Klumac Road.

Accident Claims

Life Of Professor

WAKE FOREST—Ellis W. Hollon, professor of philosophy of religion at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, died on Sunday, April 8, following an automobile accident on April 6 near the Southeastern campus in Wake Forest.

Hollon, 46, had been on the faculty at Southeastern since 1967. He was a native of Little Rock, Ark., and held degrees from Ouachita Baptist University, Southeastern Seminary, Duke University, and Emory University.

He formerly served on the faculty of Middle Tennessee State University, Mobile College, and Georgia State College. He was pastor of several Baptist churches in Arkansas in the 1950s.

Hollon is survived by his wife, Cora, and two children, a son, daughter, Fay, 15.

Funeral services were scheduled for April 10 in the chapel on the Southeastern campus.

Dr. Hollon was also chairman of the supervisory committee for Reverend I. B. Horton's D. Min. studies at the Southeastern Seminary.

Walstonburg Happenings

BY MINERVA EVANS

WALSTONBURG — St. Delight Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 83rd year. On Sunday night, Reverend Roosevelt Taylor, pastor of St. Delight Missionary Baptist Church, gave the message; His text was St. Matthew 4:4; Job 14:14. The theme he used was, "Meeting the Challenge."

Our guest minister for the week was Rev. E. L. Daniels. On Monday night, he chose for his text, St. John 3:34. His theme was "Lift Up Jesus." On Tuesday, his text was St. Luke 8:44 the theme, "Being Divinely Touched." On Wednesday, his text was St. Matthew 25, the theme, "Are You Ready?" Thursday, he took his text from Daniel 6:22, the theme, "A Great Deliverance." On Friday, his text was from St. Matthew 15:32-34, the theme, "Using What You Have to Serve the Lord." The members were greatly revived.

On Sunday, April 15, Youth Day was observed at St. Delight Missionary Baptist Church. We were honored to have Lewis Chapel Junior Choir as our guests. The tribute to the youth was given by Sister Shirley Anderson of Farmville. Her theme was, "The Holy Bible, A Library of Wisdom." She said we study the Bible, we will find all we need: wisdom, love, and life itself. It also tells us where we will spend eternity. Her message was very inspiring to young and old.

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General Baptist Exceed Convention Goal

Text Of President's Message To GBS Convention Of NC

One-Day Meet Sets Record \$ Reports

SALISBURY—At the close of the One Day Session of the GBS Convention of N.C., Inc. in Salisbury last May 9, Executive Secretary C. C. Craig announced that a record-breaking \$117,166.80 had been reported. This is in excess of any amount ever raised at a One Day Session throughout the history of the convention. Dr. Craig declared that this has been accomplished by making the Unified Program work. (It was reported during the session that Dr. John R. Manley, president of the convention, had led his church to tithe, that is, to give 10 percent of his church's budget to the GBS Convention.)

The session was well attended with representation from all parts of the state, as well as from other states. Dr. Wendell C. Sommerville, representing the Lott Carey, told the messengers that: "We are not even free ourselves, but we have given \$96,000 to help other men be free... I'm proud of that." Lott Carey operates out of Washington, D. C. Dr. Sommerville urged the messengers to take a firm stand for the Lord Jesus Christ. "You can't start doing right until you stop doing wrong," he stated.

President Manley said, "The principles that bind us together are greater than the prejudices that tend to separate us." He declared that the bond that holds the church together is One Lord, Jesus Christ.

The closing sermon was



Some of the messengers who flooded the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Salisbury, during the one-day session, May 9.

delivered by the Rev. B. B. Felder, Greenville, who told the messengers: "If God called you, He will make you somebody." His message was based on Genesis 3:3.

The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTION ON THE WILMINGTON TEN

WHEREAS, nine members of the group

known as the Wilmington Ten are no longer in prison, and
WHEREAS, their plight has caused a great split in the human relations of many citizens of our State, and
WHEREAS, the continued incarceration of Rev. Benjamin Chavis serves as a symbol of oppression to many progressive citizens of North Carolina, and
WHEREAS, there remains little doubt as to whether Benjamin Chavis has been rehabilitated, if any was ever needed, and
WHEREAS, your Christian duty and constitutional authority give you the opportunity to correct a great wrong and demonstrate mercy and Christian love.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina, Inc. petition Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. to pardon Benjamin Chavis and the other nine members of the brotherhood of man.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CHARLOTTE THREE

WHEREAS, during a period of social unrest, Dr. James E. Grant, Mr. R. J. Reddy and Mr. Charles Parker were sentenced in 1972 for allegedly burning the Lary "Dr. Stables in Charlotte, North Carolina, and
WHEREAS, their sentences of twenty-five, twenty and ten years were, in the opinion of many attorneys and law professors, excessive and incongruent with the alleged crime; and
WHEREAS, dubious circumstances surrounding the trial process have been exposed and condemned by such highly respected organizations, such as Amnesty International, and
WHEREAS, we join with the Charlotte City Council through its November 8 resolution whereby they petitioned you to provide whatever relief you deem appropriate through communications of these terms of imprisonment.

BE IT THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., go on record as requesting that Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. allow the "Charlotte Three" to be set free.

(See EXCEEDS GOAL, P. 6)

Dr. J.H. Manley Gives Report To State's Baptists

BY J.R. MANLEY

SALISBURY—Dr. Butler, Pulpit Associates and my fellow Christians:

Thank God and thank you for one of the most challenging experiences of my entire life and that is the challenge of being president of the largest black organization in North Carolina, the General Baptist State Convention, with influence reaching from the poor house to the White House and from the Governor's Mansion to the mansions in the sky. Thanks to the pastor, Dr. S. R. Johnson, his people and associates, who have made thorough preparations for this session. This challenge of being president has been a rewarding challenge; however, as I have worked very closely with our hardworking, effective and efficient executive secretary-treasurer, Dr. C. C. "Work Horse" Craig, who was not only our first million dollar executive secretary-treasurer, with a special drive for one of our objectives, but promises to be our first million dollar executive secretary-treasurer without a special drive for one of our



DR. MANLEY

Father And Son In Graduation

WAKE FOREST—The graduation last May 12th of the editor of the Baptist Informer, the Rev. Isaac B. Horton, with the Doctor of Ministry degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, here, and the graduation May 13th of his son, Isaac Byron Horton, with the Doctor of Divinity degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, marked an accomplishment that was sweeter to him than the nectar that the kings and potentates drink. It was the realization of one of the editor's

fondest dreams.

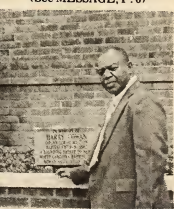
The reader will recall that Rev. Horton has been involved in the doctoral program at the Southeastern Seminary for the last 3½ years. He conducted a project-in-ministry under the title, "Ministry through Christian Journalism: The Baptist Informer Communicating Christ to Youth." Many Christian youth throughout the state took part in the "contest of Christian journalism," and the articles which they wrote relative to vital current issues, were published in The Baptist Informer.

The Rev. Dr. Horton is also pastor of the First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, the birthplace of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. The church has recently constructed a new edifice under the leadership of Horton, following a fire in 1973 which destroyed the old edifice. The First African Baptist Church is the oldest black church in eastern North Carolina and will be the setting for the annual session of the GBS convention, Oct. 29-Nov. 1. Horton has been minister of the church since Feb. 1967. He has been editor of The Baptist Informer since Feb. 1975.

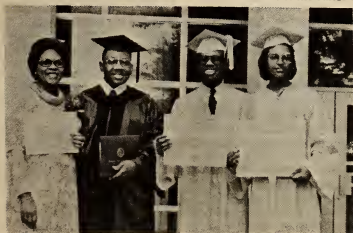


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The stone in this photo was donated by the Salisbury-Rowan Historical Society in honor of Dr. Harry Cowan, founder of the Zion Baptist Church. Known as a "father of Baptists," Dr. Cowan was instrumental in organizing the Rowan Baptist Association and 40 churches. The stone was presented during the one-day session of the General Baptist State Convention, May 12th. (L-R) Dr. J. C. Harris, moderator, Rowan Baptist Association; Rev. A. T. Alston, pastor, Mt. Sinai, Durham; Dr. C. R. Edwards, First Baptist, Fayetteville; and Dr. S. R. Johnson, host and pastor of Mt. Zion, Salisbury.



Left to right: Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, who received the P.H.T. degree from Southeastern Seminary (Putting Hubby Through); Dr. Isaac Baynes Horton, D.Min.; Isaac Byron Horton, III, son of Dr. Horton, holding degree from UNC-Chapel Hill; and Jeannie Mask, special friend and classmate of Byron.

The Unified Dollar For The Unified Program

From The Executive Secretary's Desk:

Dear brother pastor and members of the General Baptist State Convention:

Our president, Dr. J. R. Manley, and other officers of the Convention, join me in expressing our deep appreciation to you for the spiritual and financial support that you gave to the recent one-day session.

Our one-day session, financially, was the best session in the history of the Convention. Our total receipts amounted to \$117,166.80. Never before in the history of our Convention, which is more than 100 years old, has it raised a hundred thousand dollars.

The Lord has blessed our work. He has smiled on us. I am convinced that if we "attempt great things for God," we can expect "great things from God." It is amazing what God can do with us and for us if we let Him.

The success of our one-day session or the success of our work in general, is not the result of an accident, it is not the result of good luck, nor is it the result of our goodness. The success of our work reflects the cooperation and the dedication of the president of our Convention, Dr. J. R. Manley, the cooperation and the dedicated support of the presidents of the auxiliaries: Mrs. Georgia Turner, president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention; J. L. Lassiter, president of the Sunday School Congress; James Bellamy, president of the Baptist Training Union Congress; I. H. Hillard, president of the Laymen's League; Arthur Williams, president of the Ushers Convention, and Dr. Priscilla Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention.

The success of the work also reflects the cooperation and the loyal support of the moderators, pastors and the Christian people called "general Baptists." The success of the work further reflects the hard work, dedication and cooperation of the staff members at the Baptist headquarters: Leo Williams, Jr., Waverly Camp, Jr., I. B. Horton, Mrs. Margarie W. Dunn, Mrs. Captola J. Latta, Miss Shirley H. Williams, Miss Bettie Chisholm, Mrs. Gladys Watlington and Miss Ivory Williamson. The motto of our convention is: "The multitude

which does not reduce itself to unity is confusion."

Thank God for the unity which is reflected in our work. The spirit of God, who is among us, favors neither male or female, young or old, rich or poor, master or slave, but prompts all to act according to the will of God.

With the support and cooperation of our leadership and fellowship, we are moving progressively toward achieving our financial goal of \$1,041,960 for the fiscal year 1978-79. We have done well thus far in meeting most of the needs of our objectives. We are gratified, but not satisfied, our urgent need is to raise one hundred thousand dollars for Shaw University before June 30. In addition to the 75 percent of the suggested quotas due from the churches on June 30th, we need like for the churches and associations who have not sponsored a Shaw Day, to sponsor one and send a special contribution to the Baptist Headquarters for Shaw University before June 30.

Thank you for the support that I know you will give as a result of your commitment to the Lord's work.

Sincerely,
C. C. Craig

Letter To The Editor

Dear Sir:

I hope that each of us will take the time to write to our congressmen, urging them to call upon the new government of Great Britain to introduce safeguards to protect individuals from maltreatment while detained by police in Northern Ireland, under emergency legislation.

As outlined earlier this year, Amnesty International, the organization that was awarded the 1977 Nobel Peace Prize, said some of its main concerns are:

The isolation of persons in police custody, in particular the systematic denial of access to solicitors, which in increases the risk of maltreatment during interrogation; inadequate machinery for investigating complaints of maltreatment by police; and certain aspects of the emergency legislation, particularly the rules relating to the admissibility in court of confessions,

had helped to create the circumstances in which maltreatment could take place.

I hope we will also urge our Congresspeople to call upon Great Britain to allow an independent, impartial, international organization, with particular expertise in the field of prison visiting, to investigate the conditions in the "H blocks" in the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland. Many concerns have been raised throughout the world about these conditions.

Thank you very much.
Sincerely yours,
Richard Byrd
Box 628

St. Petersburg, Fla. 33734

Rev. Mitchell

Honored For Senior Citizenship

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congratulations! In recognition of your achievements and contributions to your community you have been chosen to be honored at the Community Service Awards banquet during the 7th annual conference of the National Caucus on the Black Aged (NCBA) in Jackson, Mississippi, May 13-16.

In a Community Service Award program, similar to our White House luncheon held Feb. 23, we will honor black persons from all over the United States 55 years of age or older for their accomplishments as achievers in their communities.

The White House ceremony was historically significant in that it was the first occasion upon which such outstanding older black citizens had ever been so honored by any President of the United States. Newspapers and magazines throughout the country printed descriptions of this occasion (Jet Magazine, March 22).

You were brought to the attention of the awards committee by the North Carolina Senior Citizens Federation, Inc., who proudly submitted your name, furnished us with descriptions of your outstanding community service and agreed to sponsor you. Your expenses for travel, lodging, meals and attendance at all conference functions, will be met by the sponsoring organization.

We are indeed happy to acknowledge your commitment to your community and look forward to meeting you and honoring you as a model of senior citizenship.

Sincerely,
Aaron E. Henry, Chairman
Dolores A. Davis, Ph.D.
Executive Director



Dr. O. L. Sherrill presents Community Service Award to Dr. H. L. Mitchell.

St. Luke's Building Program Progresses

SALISBURY — The pastor, Rev. W. C. Wilkerson, and members of the St. Luke Baptist Church, embarked on a rebuilding program in June of 1978, confident that the Lord Jesus Christ would prosper their effort. Although the congregation consist of less than 100 members, Pastor Wilkerson is confident that the

construction will be completed in time for the church's 100th anniversary celebration in 1979.

The very substantial and modern facility, now nearing completion, is a good example of what faith in God and dedicated service can produce under consecrated leadership.

Seats Reserved For National Convention

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., has reserved seats with Delta Airline for the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., in Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 3-7.

The round trip fare is \$229. This amount includes your round trip air transportation, transportation from the airport to the hotel, baggage handling, and room at the DR. CRAIG Hollenden House, accommodating 2 persons per room. For those desiring a private room, the round trip fare is \$275. A deposit of \$50 will reserve a



Please enroll me for the trip to Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 3-7. My deposit of \$50 per person is enclosed.

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Woman's Page

What Time Is It?

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRODIE

It is again time for the Missionary Training Conference, June 4-8, which will be held at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill. Come and join in the fellowship, exercise, worship, self-expression, creativity and classes.

Then there are the dates, June 10-15, June 17-22 and June 24-29, the 3 weeks of Youth Bible Camp. As many youth as possible are urged to attend the camp. Do not miss the opportunity to be involved in recreation, Bible study, watermelon feasts, arts and crafts, worship and self-awareness. Come and bring someone with you.

Not much time remains for those of you who desire hotel reservations for the convention and have not sent applications to the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. If you need applications for reservations, please send to your state office in Raleigh and ask for them. Do this now, for applications must not be postmarked any later than June 22. Send the application to: Housing Bureau, Greater Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 32785, Charlotte, N.C. 28232.

Please be reminded that unless your application is accompanied by a deposit of one night's room rate per desired room, the rooms will only be held until 6 p.m. However, your deposit will be refundable provided you contact the hotel/motel at least 72 hours before you plan to arrive. All checks or money orders should be made payable to Charlotte Convention Housing Bureau.

What time is it? It is also gratitude time. Our books closed May 31, and we wish to express our gratitude to all of you who have contributed, whether it be very liberally, liberally, or not so liberally. However, we hope that you will increase your funds, regardless of the category, so that we can reach our ever increasing budget. Continue to share your funds with God's missions and receive His blessings. We are also grateful for your prayerful and participating support. Do continue in this vein as we embark upon another year's missionary journey. It is true, we know not what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future and this bids us onward. Let us continue to work for the cause together.

Timely Advice

If you are impatient, sit down quietly and talk to Job.
If you are a little strong-headed, go and see Moses.
If you are getting weak-kneed, take a good look at Elijah.
If there's no song in your heart, listen to David.
If you are a policy man, read Daniel.
If you are getting sordid, send a white to Isaiah.
If you feel chilly, get the beloved disciple to put his arms around you.

If your faith is below par, read Paul.

If you are getting lazy, read James.

If you are losing sight of the future, climb up the stairs of Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land.

Sent in by MRS. ANNA H. HORTON

5116 Britt Drive
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Pleasant Grove News

BY MISS LOLETHA
FERRELL

WENDELL — Sunday, April 22, was truly another wonderful day at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church; a highlight that we look forward to from year to year — Baptist Annual Women's Day — in which the women in the church have charge of the services. The guest speaker was Mrs. Ruth V. Banks of Albany, N.Y.

Mrs. Banks was born in North Carolina. While still a small girl, her family moved to Albany, where she received all of her education.

She is the mother of 3 children and the grandmother of one grandson. A son, James R. Banks, is serving in the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in Germany; her daughter, Angelique, is a teacher in the Albany Public School System; a niece, Edna Williams, is a stenographer for the Ward Baking

Co. of Syracuse, N.Y.; and her grandson, James R. Banks, II, is a licensed minister studying at the American Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Banks has served as president of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress of the Empire State Convention Sunday School and BTU Congress for the last 13 years; state vice president of the National Sunday School and BTU Congress of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

She is a member of the Mayor's Advisory Committee of the city of Albany, a member of the Metropolitan New Testament Mission Baptist Church in Albany, the Rev. Dr. Earnest E. Drake, pastor.

She serves as vice chairperson of the board of trustees. She is the director of Christian education of the Hudson River Frontier Missionary Baptist Association.

She was the official representative for the state from July 7-11, 1975 at the World's Baptist Alliance in Sweden. In Oct. of 1975, she was honored as the church Woman of the Year by the Herbert R. Henry Scholarship Foundation of N.Y. She conducts institutes and workshops in Christian education throughout the country. She has expertise in the area of interpersonal relationship which involves adults as well as young people.

She has toured many European countries including Israel. Contrary to the biblical statement, namely, that "a prophet is not without honor saving his own country and his own house," Mrs. Banks is respected both at home and abroad.

She had just been appointed by the mayor of her city as a member of the Committee for the International Year of the Child.

Her theme was, Effective Leadership For The Women Of Today. Some of the highlights of her speech were: Will the real Christian woman stand up. Jealousy is feeling envious resentment against a successful rival. Envy is a feeling of discontent usually with ill will, at seeing another's superiority, advantages or success. To be filled with jealousy and envy, you are sinning. Mrs. Banks asked another question, What is a woman? A woman is not a man. A girl is not a boy. A Christian is not given to a jealous spirit. She brought out some very important points in her speech.

Music was rendered by Wakefield Baptist Church, Zebulon, accompanied by Mrs. Ann Raeford at the piano and George Perry on the organ.

Motel Accommodations

Greensboro, North Carolina

For the General Baptist State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress

New Light Baptist Church

1105 Willow Road

Reverend C. H. Brown, Jr., Pastor

August 14-16, 1979

MOTEL'S	SINGLE	DOUBLE
Albert Pick Best Western N. C. 68 & I-40 668-2431	27.00	33.00
Day's Inn I-40 at Route 68 668-0476	13.88	17.88
Golden Eagle Motor Inn 201 East Market Street 275-0811	16.64	19.76 1 Bed, 2 22.88 2 Beds, 2 Persons
Guest Quarters 5929 Friendly Ave. 292-9821	30.00	40.00
Hilton Inn 830 West Market Street 275-0811	29.00	36.00
Holiday Inn-Four Seasons 3121 High Point Road 292-9161	25.00	31.00
Howard Johnson Highways 29-70 and I-85 South 299-4612	28.00	35.00
North Gate US 29 North 621-6210	14.50	16.50
South Gate I-85 and 220 273-5592	14.50	16.50

Please make your reservations early directly to the motel of your choice. It is recommended that as many as possible use the Golden Eagle Motor Inn. Lunch will be served at New Light Baptist Church on the 14th and 15th. The price of meals will be \$2.50 per person.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, July 23, 1979 through

Thursday, July 26, 1979

Sunday, July 22, 1979

6:00-7:00 P.M. Registration

6:30 P.M. Reception, Welcome and Dinner

7:00 P.M. Introduction of Workshop Leaders

Friday, July 27, 1979

7:00-8:45 A.M. Breakfast

8:00-11:30 A.M. Workshops

1:00-1:30 P.M. Lunch

2:00-4:00 P.M. Check out of Dormitories

9:00-11:30 A.M. Workshops

12:00-1:30 P.M. Lunch

2:30-4:00 P.M. Dinner

4:00-5:30 P.M. Informal Activities & Free Time

5:30-8:00 P.M. Films, tennis, swimming, volleyball,

informal meetings with faculty, etc.

Coffee breaks provided in workshops

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Home Address _____

Occupation or Profession _____

Telephone Number _____ Office _____

I wish to register for the following workshop: Please indicate ONE COURSE ONLY

☐ Keynotes Assistance ☐ Minority Training for Personnel☐ Peer Counseling ☐ Working with Blacks☐ Clergy Training ☐ Minority Training for Personnel☐ Physician's Role ☐ Working with Spaniards☐ Community Health Nurse & ☐ Minority Training for Personnel☐ Alcohol Related Problems ☐ Working with Native Americans☐ Managing Alcoholism Programs: a Course ☐ Counselor Training: Short Term☐ For Local Program Survival ☐ Client Systems

1. tuition: \$25.00 for workshop

2. room: "00 for credit as applicable (optional)

Total Estimated: \$ _____

I desire: ☐ Single room (available) ☐ Double room ☐ Will not live in Dorm

Check of monies if any: _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO DUKE UNIVERSITY, and send, with registration form, to:

Dr. J. H. Williams, Summer Educational Programs

605 West Duke Drive

Durham, N.C. 27708

For those registering, by June 15, 1979, you will be sent information concerning location of registration desk, dormitory and room assignment, campus map, and any pre-arranged assignments for your course, along with detailed schedule of events.

POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Duke University does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national and ethnic origin, sex, or handicap, in the administration of educational policies, admission policies, financial aid, employment, or any other university program or activity. Inquiries concerning the University's responsibility may be directed to the Director of Equal Opportunity.

Dr. Sampson To Lead Annual Church Leadership Conference

State-Wide Monthly Emphasis

Divinity School Sponsoring Five Day Session

Dr. Frederick G. Sampson will lead the Shaw Divinity School's annual Church Leaders Conference at Shaw University, Raleigh June 11-15. Dr. Sampson is pastor of the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. The annual Church Leaders Conference is comprised of the 43rd annual Ministers' Institute and the Fifth annual SHAWSON Church Lay Leaders' Institutes. All sessions of the conference will be held in the Student Union Building on the Shaw University campus.



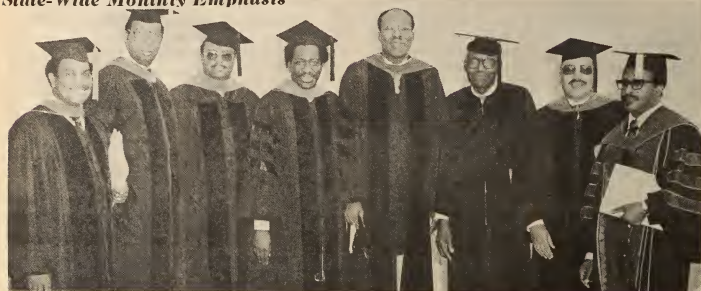
Dr. Sampson will preach the opening sermon of the conference on Monday, June 11, at 8 p.m. and he will deliver four lectures on the theme, "Perspectives on the Church for Local and Global Ministries." The lectures will be delivered on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 12 and 13, at 10:30 a.m. and on Thursday, June 13, at 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.

The conference will also feature sermons by outstanding ministers of North Carolina. Among these are: Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary-treasurer, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; Dr. W. T. Bigelow, pastor, Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, Durham; Dr. H. B. Ferguson, pastor, Rock Hill Baptist Church, Asheville; Dr. W. B. Lewis, pastor, First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh; and the Rev. Jeremiah Webb, pastor, Foster Memorial Baptist Church, Rocky Mount. Dr. Stanley Smith, president of Shaw University, will deliver an address.

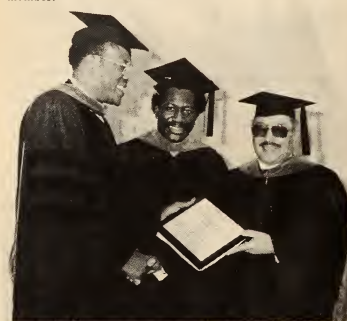
Classes and workshops will also be conducted. Classes include: The Church in Missions; Christian Education and Church Training; and the Lay Program of the Church. Instructors are: Mrs. J. B. McLester; the Rev. Leo Williams; and Mr. Waverly Camp. Workshops will be conducted in each of the instructional areas. A special day for church ushers will be conducted on Wednesday, June 13. Arthur Williams, president of the State Ushers Convention, will be featured. The cost of the full conference is \$52.00. This figure includes \$20 for registration and \$32 for room and board.

Further inquiries about the conference should be directed to: James Z. Alexander, dean of academic affairs, Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, N. C. 27611. Phone (919) 755-4846.

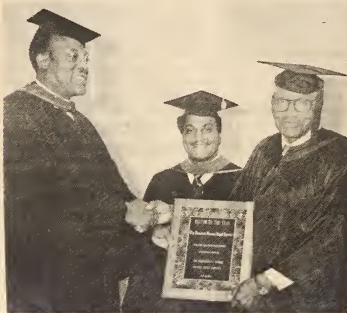
Always strive to do the greatest, rather than the least, for the cause of Christ.



DIVINITY SCHOOL OFFICIALS GATHER WITH GRADUATES AFTER CONVOCATION — The chairman and members of the Shaw Divinity School poses with honorees after the Convocation for the Conferring of Degrees on May 12. From left to right: Rev. James Z. Alexander, dean of academic affairs; Dr. Chancy Edwards, board member; Dr. Louis W. Pointer, Doctor of Divinity honoree; Dr. Lorenzo Robinson, board member; Dr. E. B. Turner, board chairman; Rev. Samuel R. Spencer, recipient of Pastor of the Year plaque; Dr. Thomas J. Boyd, Doctor of Divinity honoree; and Dr. J. Ray Butler, board member.



Dr. Thomas J. Boyd receives congratulatory handshake from Dr. E. B. Turner, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Shaw Divinity School. Dr. Lorenzo Robinson, a member of the Board of Trustees is in the background. Dr. Boyd received the Doctor of Divinity degree from the Shaw Divinity School at the Convocation for the Conferring of Degrees on May 12.



The Rev. Samuel R. Spencer receives a congratulatory handshake from Dr. E. B. Turner, chairman of the Shaw Divinity School Board of Trustees. The Rev. James Z. Alexander, dean of academic affairs, is in the background. The Rev. Spencer received the Pastor of the Year plaque from the Shaw Divinity School at the Convocation for the Conferring of Degrees on May 12.



Dr. Louis W. Pointer receives a congratulatory handshake from Dr. E. B. Turner, chairman of the Shaw Divinity School Board of Trustees. Dr. Chancy R. Edwards, a member of the Board of Trustees, is in the background. Dr. Pointer received the Doctor of Divinity degree from the Shaw Divinity School at the Convocation for the Conferring of Degrees on May 12.

Three Honored At Commencement

RALEIGH—At the Convocation for the Conferring of Degrees on May 12, the Shaw Divinity School conferred the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree on the Reverends Thomas James Boyd and Louis Waylon Pointer. The Pastor of the Year plaque was presented to the Rev. Samuel Royal Spencer.

Dr. Boyd, pastor of Salem Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., was cited for having "...demonstrated the ability to translate a variety of dreams into realities for the common good..." Dr. Pointer, 35th Signal Corps Chaplain in the United States Army, was cited for, "...outstanding Christian leadership in civilian and military life..." The Reverend Spencer, pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church in Raleigh, was awarded the Pastor of the Year plaque, "for long and significant service in Christian Ministry."

Divinity School Confers Degrees Upon 20 Students

RALEIGH—Twenty students received academic degrees from the Shaw Divinity School at the Convocation for the Conferring of Degrees in the Raleigh Civic Center on May 12. Seven received the Bachelor of Theology degree and thirteen received the Master of Divinity degree.

Receiving the Bachelor of Theology were: Kizzie W. Core,

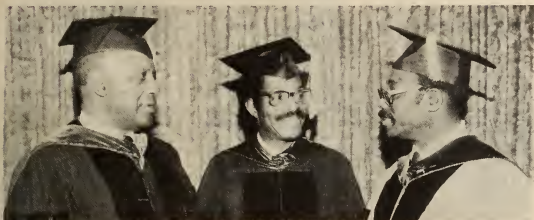
Goldboro; Maurice Earl Laws, Washington; Mack J. Millsaps, Taylorsville; William Royster, Oxford; Charles Edwards Rowe, Taylorsville; William Nathaniel Rowe, Wilkesboro; and James Isaac Thompson, High Point. Receiving the Master of Divinity degree were: Nathaniel Oliver Boykin, Raleigh; George Wilbert Brooks, Greensboro; James Ellis Brown, Siler City; Lott Blair Kee, Durham; John Elbert Hall, Oxford; Clarence Johnson, Jr., Greensboro; Harold Harvey Murrill, Hertford; Thelma Robinson O'Neal, Winston-Salem; Bobby Selander Stewart, Winston-Salem; Ivory Eugene Swann, Spring Lake; Colonel Wesley Sutton, Kinston; David Williams, Fayetteville, and William Frank Wright, Jr., Greensboro.

Don't Forget July Is State Missions Month

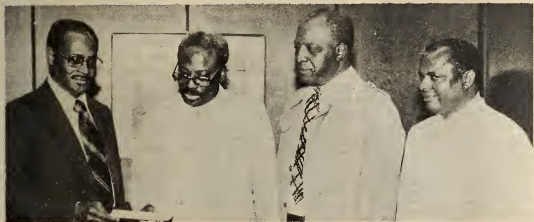
EDITOR'S NOTE: This article concerning Shaw Divinity School is the 7th in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the Black Baptists and friends of Baptists in our state and everywhere, become familiar with the work of our state convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders and pastors (See DON'T FORGET, P. 6)

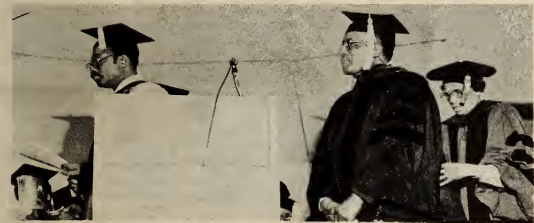
Pictorial Highlights Of Shaw's Commencement Exercises



Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Dr. Alfred L. Moye and Dr. Stanley H. Smith.



PRESENTS CHECK — Dr. C. C. Craig (l), executive secretary-treasurer, General Baptist State Convention, presents check for \$61,914.48 to Dr. Stanley H. Smith, president, Shaw University, as Dr. O. L. Sherrill, chairman, Shaw University Board of Trustees and Dr. George C. Debnam, chairman, Executive Committee, Shaw University Board of Trustees, smile their approval.



Rev. Andrew J. Turner (c) receives Doctor of Laws degree from Dr. Smith (l) as Dr. Carter (r) adjusts hood.



Dr. Elizabeth S. Randolph (2nd, r) receives Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Shown above are (l-r): Dr. Stanley H. Smith, president of Shaw; Dr. O. L. Sherrill, chairman, Shaw Trustee Board; Rudolph Williams, registrar; Dr. Randolph; and Dr. Wilmoth A. Carter, vice president, academic affairs and research.

Money Received By Shaw University From Baptists Of North Carolina

BY CHARLES BLALOCK, SR.
Dr. Stanley H. Smith, president of Shaw University, announced the receipt of \$61,914.48 from the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The check for \$61,914.48 was presented to Dr. Smith by Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary-treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention. In making the presentation, Dr.

Craig stated, "This is a continuation of the commitment that the General Baptist State Convention has made to Shaw. We hope to complete our pledge for this fiscal year by June 30th."

The pledge referred to is the \$350,000 pledged to Shaw for this fiscal year under the "Unified Plan for the Unified Program" of the Convention. Under the "unified plan," as

one of the major objectives for financial support, Shaw receives 34 cents of every dollar given the "unified" way.

Dr. Smith, in a letter to the pastors and moderators of the Convention, stated, "As the chief administrator for one of your objectives, let me personally thank you for what you have done, and will continue to do in support of those worthy causes selected by the General Baptist State Convention as major objectives."



Dr. Smith speaks at annual National Alumni Association meeting. Seated left to right: Mrs. Dimple Newsome, acting secretary; Rev. Ralph Grant, president, National Alumni Association; and David Williams, president, Philadelphia Alumni chapter.



Graduation procession forms on campus.

Shaw Grads Hear Dr. A. L. Moye

BY CHARLES BLALOCK, SR.
Shaw University held its 114th Convocation for conferring of degrees Saturday, May 12 at 3 p.m. in the Raleigh Civic Center, graduating 209 members of the 1979 senior class.

Dr. Alfred L. Moye, deputy commissioner of the Bureau of Higher and Continuing Education, U.S. Office of Education, Dept. of HEW, was the commencement speaker.

Dr. Moye challenged the seniors to "embark on a lifetime of challenging yourself, your intellect. Your careers will stretch into first quarter of the 21st century."

In issuing his challenge, Dr. Moye reflected on the years consumed in arriving at this point in the careers of the graduating class. Hoping that their endeavors had not been solely for this day, Dr. Moye said: "I hope it was a labor in which you have learned to take pleasure in the challenge of new ideas...in stretching your intellect against the mysteries of nature and the minds of great scholars and thinkers who have preceded you."

Reminding the graduates that life is a matter of continuous education, either formally or in the cold face of reality, Dr. Moye told them that they must continue to strive for greater heights. "Important as it is, the amount of knowledge you've gained in college, formally, is equivalent to a pebble in the middle of a football field re-



lative to a lifetime of learning."

Dr. Moye noted, "We have entered the era of the global village, whether we're talking about food and agriculture, its production and distribution, health, inflation, population, energy and natural resources, the environment and the process of organic life, crosscultural understanding, communications, peace and human rights, law-related education, or science and technology, we are talking about global problems, which are not limited to national boundaries. To be involved in solving these problems, you must begin to fully appreciate the fact that the world is interrelated by many points of connection. The big question facing you is how to increase the awareness of the public to the relationships existing in the global community."



The Horton family at graduation, May 12: Esther Marie, 12; Thelma Lmette, 20; Mrs. Thelma C. Horton (wife); Rev. Isaac Baynes Horton, D.Min.; Joseph Samuel, 8; Jeannie Mask (friend of Byron Horton); Isaac Byron, 11, 22; Miriam Bernardeane, 16 (twin); Marian Bernardeane, 16 (twin). All rejoice with Dr. Horton upon his graduation at age 50 years, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, May 12th, was the place.



Left to right: Allen Mask, father of Jeannie; Mrs. Mask, mother of Jeannie; Jeannie Mask, special friend and classmate of Byron; Isaac Byron, 11, oldest son of Dr. Horton; Mrs. Thelma C. Horton and Dr. Horton. The 2 parents and children show off degrees after graduation May 13th at UNC-Chapel Hill. Jeannie Mask, special friend and classmate of Byron.



Left to right: Mrs. Ona B. Compton, mother of Mrs. Thelma C. Horton; Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, Dr. I. B. Horton, Rev. Avery Horton, father of Dr. Horton. These proud parents help children celebrate a significant event, May 12th, at the Southeastern Seminary.



Left to right: Mrs. Miriam Croumer (Dr. Horton's sister, Washington, D.C.); Mrs. Thelma C. Horton; Dr. Horton; Mrs. Palatine H. Jowers (Dr. Horton's sister, Baltimore, Md.); Mrs. Annie H. Mansfield (Dr. Horton's youngest sister, Raleigh, and typist for the 212 page "Project-Report"). These sisters gave unyielding support during Horton's struggle to earn the D. Min. degree.

EXCEED GOAL

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69, and is recorded in full in Resolution Book 13, at page 82.

Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk

RESOLUTION

HIGHER EDUCATION
WHEREAS, the General Baptist State

CITY OF CHARLOTTE

NORTH CAROLINA

A resolution of the City Council of the

City of Charlotte in regular session as-

sembled the sixth day of November, 1978.

The burning of the City of Charlotte in

1968, and the subsequent trial, conviction,

imprisonment, and appeal of three of

Charlotte's citizens is considered by many

to be a most unfortunate incident in our

history. The turmoil and grief which has

heaven evident in the country during that

era can never be eradicated or forgotten.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the

so-called Charlotte Three case. But we can

build on the lessons that that era of our

history has taught us all.

We therefore applaud your willingness

(governor Hunt) to review collectively

and individually the cases of T. J. Reddy,

James Earl Grant, and Charles Parker.

We as a Council are fully aware that the

criminal justice system has run its full

course in this case. The question of these

men's guilt or innocence may remain a

subject of debate among our citizens for

some time to come. But of central im-

portance to us is the question of whether

the public interest is served by further im-

prisonment.

We do think the public interest can be

served by tempering the arm of justice

with the hand of mercy. The release of the

Charlotte Three would unite these men

with their families. The release of the

Charlotte Three would allow a man of

such talent as T. J. Reddy to continue in

making the positive contribution to the

Charlotte community that has been so evi-

dent over the past two years. But most im-

portant, the release of the Charlotte Three

would lift the collective spirit of this di-

verse community and help yet another

struggle to maintain harmony among our

citizens.

We resolve therefore, as elected men

and members of the City Council of Char-

lotte, to petition, pray and request that

you will review both severally and indi-

vidually the cases of T. J. Reddy, James

Earl Grant and Charles Parker, in the

matter of the City of Charlotte, and upon

consideration, provide whatever relief

you deem appropriate through com-

munication of their terms of imprisonment.

Adopted by the Charlotte City Council,

Read, approved and adopted by the City

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the sixth day of November, 1978, the re-

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dominantly black institutions. It is

past time for the State to recognize

great contributions of these institutions by

providing sufficient resources accord-

ingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that

the General Baptist State Convention

of North Carolina, Inc. prayerfully and

vigorously request that the State of North

Carolina commit sufficient resources to

predominantly black universities in like

sums as committed to predominantly

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new and innovative quality programs;

and furthermore that the General

Baptist Convention of North Carolina

stoutly oppose merger of the two bodies

of state institutions as described by race

and we offer our continual support of these

institutions' existence and enhancement.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of

North Carolina recently passed SB382

and SB383 and has thereby declared the

non-public schools exempt from all authority

of the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, teachers in public schools are

required by same General Assembly of

North Carolina to be certified and pass the

State Teacher Examination in order to

be certified to teach in North Carolina;

and

WHEREAS, the makers of the National

Teacher Examinations have testified that

the National Teacher Examination is de-

signed to prove whether a person will or

will not be a good teacher; and

WHEREAS, the National Teacher Ex-

amination requirement is discriminatory to-

ward persons desiring of teaching in the

public schools of North Carolina;

WHEREAS, such flagrant double standard

is a violation of civil rights;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved that,

this assembly go on record as calling

upon the North Carolina General As-

sembly to repeal the statute of 1960 and

1964 and declare the requirement of

National Teacher Examinations null and

void. We further order that the Secretary

make a copy of this Resolution to the

Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the

Speaker of the House, and members of

the North Carolina General Assembly.

MESSAGE

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our work when Dr. Priscilla

Brodie, our dynamic and

progressive executive sec-

retary-treasurer of our Women's

Auxiliary, was selected to

succeed that "wonder woman"

among General Baptists, Dr.

M. A. Horne. It has been a joy to

work with that quiet, but

effective, director of our co-

operators, Peter and John Cor-

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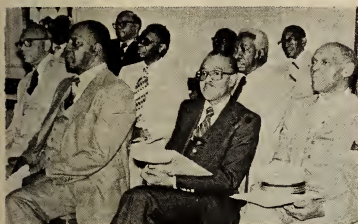
and enhancement.

members of our convention have received me with open arms and I have tried to respond to every call, whether it was from an association, a community, a church or a family when death takes a loved one. The leaders of our objectives, Dr. Stanley Smith, President of Shaw University; Dr. W. C. Somerville, executive secretary-treasurer, Lott Ca- sity of Charlotte; V. B. superintendent of the Central Orphanage, have all been cooperative and supportive, for which I am eternally grateful.

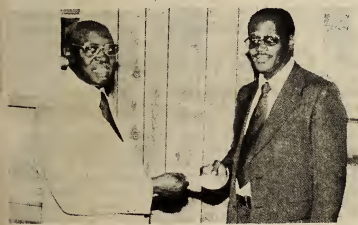
To come to this office at such a time as this makes me know that the Apostle Paul is right and true when he said in Ephesians 4:12, "There is one body, and one Spirit." By this he meant unity, not uniformity or sameness of the Church. It is the unity of the human body, one blood, where transplants work on identical blood. It is the unity of social conditioning, people of the same economy, education, political and social standing, who tend to react and talk alike. Same behavior makes for similar favor. Husband and wife often begin to favor each other. It is the unity of spirit, "One Lord" being the center of seven- body, faith, God, hope, salva- tion and Christ. We, the General Baptists, are one body and many have found it out when they get the "veil" off their "hearts" - "Lott Carey; and get the "veil" off



Three 50-years of service to the GBS Convention plaques were presented during the one-day session to Rev. D. A. Costner (holding plaque), Shelby; Rev. E. H. Martin (far r), Wadesboro; and Rev. R. B. Blanton (standing behind Dr. Manley), Forest City. Mrs. Costner and Mrs. Blanton are seen standing with their husbands.



These pastors sit in the choir left to avoid the overflow during the one-day session of the GBS Convention at Salisbury's Mt. Zion Baptist Church, May 9.



Rev. J. H. Ferguson presents a check for \$7,200, to Dr. C. C. Craig from Union County churches, Monroe County seat, during the one-day session. This is Dr. Craig's home county. The contribution was the result of a 30-day effort.

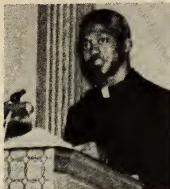
Shaw Day Exceeds Goal

MONROE — Sunday, May 6, was a memorable day for the Baptist churches of Union County. At the request of Dr. C. C. Craig, Shaw Day was observed. This effort was in interest of the \$350,000 needed by June 30th to balance the budget for this school term.

Pastors and churches contributing were: Rev. J. H. Ferguson, Elizabeth, Monroe \$1,000; Rev. J. B. Crowder, Friendship, \$1,000; Rev. J. C. Evans, Nicey Grove, \$1,000; Piney Grove East, \$1,605.72; Rev. J. C. Robinson, Olie Branch, \$605; Antioch, \$500; Rev. J. N. Coble, Mt. Moriah, \$400; Flint Ridge East, \$397; Rev. J. B. Crowder, St. David, \$300; Rev. W. T. Richardson, Mt. Pisgah, \$300; Rev. Donald Miller, Belmont, \$100; and Rev. Nathaniel Workman, Watts Grove, \$92.

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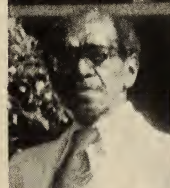
Love: the touch stone of Christianity, "God is love" and Jesus Christ is God in the flesh.



Rev. W. F. Lawrence, associate professor at Hood Seminary, greets the messengers during the one-day session of GBS Convention, May 9.



T. H. Knox, Salisbury-Rowan Historical Society, addresses the messengers during the one-day session of GBS Convention, May 9.



FIRST MALE ELECTED MISSIONARY CIRCLE PRESIDENT — Charlotte — Torrence Powell is the first male to be elected as president of a missionary circle in Mecklenburg County. At the WBH&FM convention's workshop in April, Raleigh, he was awarded a "sincere thanks plaque" by the young adult department of the WBH&FM convention. The award represented the work he accomplished as young adult director of his church, Pleasant Hill Baptist. Mrs. Brommie Daniels, state young adult dept. director, presented the award. Rev. J. A. Culbertson is pastor. His church activities are Sunday School officer, member of the senior choir, officer of Mecklenburg County Missionary Union, and officer of Mt. Peace Association Usher's Union.

Mt. Gilgaid's 1st Annual Banquet Is A "Beautiful Experience"

BY REV. A. D. MOSELEY
DURHAM — Our first annual church banquet was a beautiful experience. Our hats are off to the men of Mt. Gilgaid. You did a great job!

This banquet was planned and carried out by the Mt. Gilgaid Men's Laymen League. William Lucas, president of the league, presided over the banquet. Mrs. Doris Williams, pianist for the young adult choir of Mt. Gilgaid, played for the service in music. Poetry was read by Mrs. Nellie G. Smith. Many beautiful expressions were made by different leaders and lay-people of the church.

Our speaker, Waverly Camp, director of music and laymen's work of the General Baptist

Shaw Gears Towards Personal Thanks By Schedule Development

BY JOHN W. FLEMING
The Dept. of Church Relations, Shaw University, wants to develop a schedule of your annual sessions. It wants to do so because it feels the need to bring greetings to you in behalf of Shaw and to express thanks to you for your support of the Unified Program which has Shaw as one of its major objectives.

There is no substitute for personal contact. We want you to know through the spoken word how much Shaw appreciates the contribution each church has made in helping to maintain Shaw as a vital and viable institution.

Take time out to send us a card giving us the dates of your annual session and letting us know the date and time best suited for a representative from Shaw to attend.

Without the Baptist churches of North Carolina, their moral and financial support, Shaw would find it difficult, indeed, to continue its uniqueness and to move toward the fulfillment of its mission. We would feel remiss if we did not make some services available to you, our supporters. We are available to deliver sermons and give addresses.

State Convention of N.C., Inc., was introduced by Rev. Jackson C. Truitt.

Camp kept us spellbound by his words of wisdom which reminded us of the many remarks made by our pastor, Rev. Alexander D. Moseley on the same subject.

Mrs. Jeanne H. Lucas, wife of the president of our Laymen's League, did an excellent job of providing entertainment for this affair. Remarks were made by Rev. Moseley.

We consider this beautiful affair another step in the right direction. We closed the program with the formation of a love circle, singing, How Great Thou Art.

All of this took place on April 21, at the Holiday Inn West, in Durham.

Working with me is O. A. Dugree, well-known Baptist layman, and one who has great expertise in working with the laity. Let us hear from you. Let us come to your annual sessions, and let us serve your church and your community. Together we can move mountains.

Thanks.



Rev. J. C. Brown, moderator, Cedar Grove Baptist Association, preached the opening sermon on Tuesday evening prior to the Wednesday session. He preached from the theme, This Man Takes Away The Sins Of The World, from Hebrew 10:11-12.

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REV. C. W. WILKERSON HONORED — Albemarle — The Rev. W. C. Wilkerson of China Grove, was honored twice in events during the month of March for his service in the ministry. Here, Rev. and Mrs. Wilkerson display a plaque he was presented during a special service in honor of his 25th anniversary at Shiloh Baptist Church here. The inscription reads: "Presented to Rev. W. C. Wilkerson, 1954-1979, in appreciation of 25 years of loyal and devoted service rendered to all of us. From the members of Shiloh Baptist Church." Rev. Wilkerson was also honored along with 3 other persons, on March 30 here. He received a certificate in appreciation of "outstanding service and conduct in devotion, friendship and dedication."



Rev. W. C. Wilkerson stands in front of the St. Luke Baptist Church edifice which is nearing completion. The church is located a few miles from Salisbury. See story page 2.

Pulpit Excitement Creates Exitment In The Pew

BATON ROUGE, La. — "Preaching is our first and highest calling," Harper Shannon told pastors attending the third annual National Conference on Preaching at Atlanta Boulevard Baptist Church.

More than 200 pastors listened to a long line of well-known preachers and teachers tell them how to preach the word of God more effectively and how to relate their preaching to the needs of the people.

Shannon, pastor of Huffman Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., said preachers must be academically and spiritually prepared. "With the extensive resources available today," he said, "there is absolutely no excuse to come to the pulpit unprepared."

Shannon said church members have a responsibility to come with an attitude conducive to worship—one of expectation, love, respect and a

readiness and willingness to expose themselves to God's eye.

"However," he said, "there will be no excitement in the pew, if there is no excitement in the pulpit."

Clyde Fant, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richardson, Texas, and a former professor of preaching, told the group that the greatest weakness of preaching today is not the lack of creativity, originality or organization, but of theological understanding.

Fant said the Bible and theological textbooks are the truest resources of preaching and that without an adequate Bible and theological foundation, the substance will be meaningless.

"In order for true preaching to occur," Fant said, "contact must be made between historical revelation of the Bible and the contemporary situation."

Several speakers said more preaching is needed that's directly related to the needs of the people in the congregation.

In the opening session of the conference, Grady C. Cothen, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, told the preachers that recently released information confirmed the general belief that morals and ethics are changing drastically today.

"To touch people with our sermons," Cothen said, "we must do our best to know what they are thinking, where they are and how they can relate to them."

Harold Bryson, preaching professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, said, "Preaching must be an interchange with an audience, not standing before people performing, seeking the right gestures, posture and voice tone."

"Preaching is more than giving a speech or lecture," Bryson said. "It is the intimate involvement of the human factor and the divine factor. We study and prepare, then pray."

"We need to preach sermons that relate to the lives of human beings, to get them to know something, feel something and finally, to do something."

Bryson said that in order to find a sermon, "You need to read and study the Bible and listen and listen to the people. It's not easy, it's hard work, but when I have a devotion time, sermons come easier. Changing churches with the same sermon is cheating."

"There's a world of preaching in the Bible," Bryson told the pastors, "and there is a world to preach to."

The National Conference on Preaching was sponsored by the Louisiana Baptist Convention and the church administration department of the Sunday School Board. James Barry, preaching consultant at the board, directed the conference.

Mrs. Slade Retires

It has been reported that Mrs. Vera Slade, president, Lott Carey Woman's Auxiliary, will retire in August, 1979. The annual session of the auxiliary will be held with the parent body, Aug. 27-31 in Washington, D.C.

Rev. J. B. Moore Receives Degree From Howard

WELDON — Rev. John Bee Moore, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Weldon, graduated May 12 from the Howard University School of Religion, Washington, D.C., receiving his Doctor of Ministry degree.

Moore is the son of Mrs. Lucy W. Moore of Washington, N.C., and the late Arthur Moore.

He attended P. S. Jones High School, St. Philip University, San Antonio, Tex.; Kodokan Judo College, Tokyo, Japan; Riverside City College, Riverside, Calif.; Chapman College, Orange, Calif.; the University of Maryland (Okinawa branch), Okinawa; University of the Philippines, Republic of the Philippines; Shaw University, Raleigh, from which he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in religion and philosophy, and Shaw Divinity School, from which he received the Master's of Divinity degree. He also holds the black belt in judo.

He is married to the former Miss Rebecca E. Pruden, daughter of Bruce Pruden and the late Mrs. Delcie Pruden of Washington.



DR. MOORE

Riddick Gets Top Post

BY MS. SHIRLEY JOHNSON

CHARLOTTE — Dr. Leon C. Riddick, pastor of Mt. Carmel since 1965, is the new president of the American Baptist Churches of the South. Pastor Riddick was elected to a two-year term as spiritual leader of the convention at its 9th annual session, April 18-21, in Washington, D.C. He participated in the formation of the region and served for 5 years as vice presidents, respectively, prior to his elevation to the presidency.

Dr. Riddick completed a 3-year term as a member of the Board of the American Baptist Churches, USA, and was a member of the Board of National Ministers. Since coming to Charlotte from Shaw University, where he was vice president for development, Pastor Riddick has served as vice chairman of the Charlotte Area Clergy Association, president of Baptist Metro Ministries, a member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Red Cross, the Family Housing Service, the Christian Rehabilitation Center, the Mayor's Crime Commission, and the Advisory Board of the Charlotte Council on Alcoholism.



N.C. Council Of Churches Honors Dr. Samuel S. Wiley

BY REV. GEORGE E. KLOSTER

The North Carolina Council of Churches presented its Distinguished Service Award to its executive director at the annual House of Delegates meeting. Dr. Samuel S. Wiley was honored for his fifteen years of service to the council and to the ecumenical movement in North Carolina. Wiley will retire on May 31.

The council called on Gov. James B. Hunt to commute the sentences of the Charlotte Three to time served and also requested that the Governor give serious consideration to issuing a Pardon of Innocence to the three men who are presently serving lengthy jail terms for the burning of the Lacy B. Slade in Charlotte.

The council passed a resolution urging the N. C. General Assembly to pass legislation compensating the victims of violent crime. The resolution stated that very frequently, the victims of crime are elderly, poor or members of minority groups who are already vulnerable persons in society. Local churches are asked to fulfill opportunities to assist crime victims.

The General Assembly will also be asked to pass legislation to make more uniform the sentences given for crimes of a similar nature. Tied in with the request to make sentences more uniform is another measure seeking to reduce the length of sentences for most crimes. The council cited the disparity in sentencing as a major cause of unrest within prisons, as well as a cause of the undermining of public confi-

dence in the criminal justice system.

In other resolutions passed by the delegates, the council's Commission on Social Ministries will be asked to conduct an investigation of laws pertaining to driving under the influence of alcohol with a view to seeking more protection for the public. The commission will also be asked to form a committee to make recommendations concerning the use of nuclear power in North Carolina.

Dr. Richard F. Amos of Winston-Salem was elected as the new president of the council. Amos is the president of the executive board of the Moravian Church in America's Southern Province.

Approximately 90 delegates attended the meeting held in Salisbury.

SHAW DAY

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The goal was \$5,000, but this was exceeded by \$2,279.15. Dr. Craig stated, "Now I can go back to Raleigh tonight." He delivered an impressive message to an appreciative audience, graced with Mrs. Craig. His subject was, "God Will Always Have a Witness, Matthew 27:34."

Approximately 90 delegates attended the meeting held in Salisbury.

A fellowship hour followed and refreshments were enjoyed by everyone.

For the young in heart, "where withal shall a young man cleanse himself?" by taking heed thereof according to thy word." Psalms 119:9.

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QUEEN CITY TO HOST 95TH ANNUAL WOMAN'S CONVENTION JULY 23-26

SBC Elects President

BY JIM NEWTON

HOUSTON, Tex.—Taking a sharp turn to the theological right, messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention

meeting here elected a conservative believer in an "inerrant" (error-free) Bible as its new president and moved rapidly down the road of missions and evangelism in high gear.

REVEREND ROGERS

Adrian Rogers, pastor of the 11,000-member Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis and an avowed conservative, won the presidency on the first ballot over five others, by a 51.3 percent margin in an election the messengers later asked officials to investigate for possible "irregularities."

Amid charges and countercharges, the messengers also adopted a motion disavowing "overt political activity and organization as a method of selection of its officers."

The 15,947 convention messengers, in a snarl of confusing business actions some compared to Houston's traffic jams, took several other actions leading toward the conservative right.

They reaffirmed the Scripture portions of the 1963 convention-adopted Baptist Faith and Message statement, elected an active member of the conservative Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship as second vice president, and reaffirmed for the second consecutive year a 1976 SBC resolution opposing abortion by demand.

But the messengers also heeded an impassioned plea by outgoing SBC president Jimmy Allen of San Antonio not to allow the debate over doctrinal integrity to derail the convention's Bold Mission Trust plan to proclaim the gospel to every person in the world by the year 2000.

During the Ball Mission Trust commitment rally at the Astro-

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Discussing a joint convention and evangelism effort for the Baptist State Convention and General Baptists are (left to right) Corbin Cooper, director of Cooperative Missions; C. C. Craig, Raleigh, executive secretary, General Baptist Convention; Cecil A. Ray, general secretary-treasurer, Baptist State Convention; J. R. Manley, Chapel Hill pastor and president of General Baptists, and Mark Cortis of Winston-Salem, president of the Baptist State Convention.

Illustrious Convention Speakers

Among the many illustrious speakers for our 95th annual session are the Rev. James Z. Alexander and Mrs. Louise Slater.

The Rev. James Z. Alexander, a noted preacher, theologian and administrator, will be the speaker for the 6th annual pre-convention banquet on Monday, July 23 at 6 p.m. He was graduated from the Ridgeview High School, Hickory, and later entered Shaw University, Raleigh, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. He has also earned a Bachelor of Divinity degree and a Master of Sacred Theology degree from the Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Mass.

Under a scholarship from the World Council of Churches, Rev. Alexander did post graduate study at the Economical Institute, Chateau-de-Bossey, Cerny, Switzerland.

Rev. Alexander has pastored the People's Baptist Church, Portsmouth, New Hampshire and the Star of Zion Baptist Church, New Bern. He has also served as the university minister and director of church relations at Shaw University.



DR. J. Z. ALEXANDER

At the present, Rev. Alexander serves as dean of the Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh.

On Wednesday afternoon at 7, Mrs. Slater will give the foreign mission address.

Mrs. Slater, the widow of the late Rev. Thomas Henry Slater, having studied business with IBM, worked for 30 years with the Reader's Digest and B. Altman and Co. of New York.

She has served as a volunteer with Social Service, the Red Cross, the YWCA, the Girl Scouts, and some religious or-



MRS. LOUISE SLATER

ganizations. Before accepting her present position, she served as director of the youth dept. of the Lott Carey Convention. She now serves the Lott Carey Convention in the capacity of director of women's work. Thus she brings to our convention fertile experience in foreign missions relationships. Her office is located in Washington, D.C.

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State Missions In Action

RALEIGH—Often, when "state missions" is mentioned, there is a vague and confused mental image that appears in the minds of many Baptists. It all seems so far away and quite unrelated to our local church situation. Nevertheless, concentrated and dedicated efforts are constantly being made by convention leaders and workers to make state missions relevant to the life of each individual Baptist and struggling Christian. The following recommendation by the Joint

(See MISSIONS, P. 4)

From Your President

Greetings,

We are nearing the 95th annual session of our Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C., meeting July 23-26 at the Charlotte Civic Center. The Radisson Plaza Hotel is headquarters. However, our host is the Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church family, Dr. H. S. Diggs, pastor.

Are you ready? I sincerely hope so. We are expecting all of you from the center and all four corners of our great state. Plans have been made for so many "speakers" at our 95th Annual Session. You will surely be blessed by being there.



MRS. TURNER

Thank you again and again for your dedication and support to the convention and its objectives this year. God has been and continues to be good.

Your attention, please, to a special request from your president: Please circle July 20 and 21, Friday and Saturday, as a reminder, youth, young adults, senior missionaries, brothers and sisters. On these 2 special days, I am calling on all of us to turn our hearts and minds to God in personal and consecrated prayer for our 95th

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Support State Missions Through The Unified Plan

From The Executive Secretary's Desk:

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention: Thank you for your loyal support which makes it possible for the Convention to honor its commitments to our objectives: Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions and the Central Orphanage.

We are moving progressively toward reaching our financial goal of \$1,041,960 for the fiscal year 1979-79. If you continue to give us the dedicated support in the next two months as you have given us in the past, I am confident



DR. CRAIG that we will reach our financial goal. We need your prayers and financial helps so we can do a bigger and better job in helping others.

The business of the General Baptist State Convention is a world-wide business. It is a business which includes every body from everywhere — "even those we sometimes call the good for nothing nobody from nowhere." Our business is the Lord's business who tells us in Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

God has called the Christian church to witness for Him in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. We are

obligated to tell the good news about Christ. We are obligated to help and bless others. The work of the church, God's work, must go on with or without us. There is an urgency in spreading the Word of God. The gospel of God's method of communicating redemptive love to lost men, and if the preachers hush, say nothing and do nothing, then God must speak. The stones in the mountains will cry, and the muttering thunder will blast the story of redemption, and the lightning with a fiery pen will write the message on the bosom of the arching skies. When we fail to speak for God, we invite a message from voiceless dust, and tempt the dumb stones to utter their speech. God will have a witness. The church and its pastors are responsible for the unsaved portions of the world. This is the task of every preacher, pastor, teacher and member in the Christian Church.

We are living in one of the most crucial periods in the history of the human race. There is no time for idle hands and slow dragging feet. It is time for courage and heroism, a time for sacrificial giving of both body and soul for the cause of Christ. Let us be about our Father's business in living as well as giving to missions and Christian education.

Because of my commitment to the Lord's work and because of your excellent record of support in the past, I am confident that the Lord and the convention can count you to give sacrificially to the objectives of the convention.

Sincerely,
C. C. Craig
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Rev. Bigelow's Anniversary Is Held In N.C.

BY MRS. V. J. WALTHOUR
Raleigh—Sunday, June 24 was a high day at the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, Durham, as the church observed the 14th anniversary of its pastor, Dr. W. T. Bigelow. The anniversary sermon was preached by Rev. J. Ealey who was accompanied by his people from Second Baptist Church of Rahway, N. J. Following the service, dinner was served to the guests at Morrison's Cafeteria.

Dr. Bigelow is known in and around Durham as "Your

Radio Pastor." He is also moderator of the East Cedar Grove Association, which is composed of 40 churches in and around Creedmoor. Recently, he has led the East Cedar Grove Association to build a modern and convenient headquarters building which will replace the Smith Thomas Building. Construction will begin soon.

There seems to be no limit to this man of God's work, which includes but is not limited to being a national evangelist, recording artist, family man, rancher, gospel announcer, a

Rev. Raynor Celebrates 40 Year Ministry

BY JOAN BANNERMAN
Kinston—The Rev. W. K. Raynor, pastor, First Baptist Church, Kinston, and First Baptist Church, Rose Hill, cele-



REV. WILLIAM K. RAYNOR celebrated his fortieth anniversary as a minister of the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ last June. At age 15, he started on the hard and rough road of Christian ministry, which led through 40 years of dedicated and loyal service in defense of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Neither man nor Satan could darken the way which during the month of June brought memories of a 40-year road.

The Rev. Raynor is loved by his members and friends because of his devotion and spiritual warmth. He serves as secretary for the Trent River-Oakley Grove Missionary Baptist Association, and as counselor for the Women's Auxiliary of the Trent River-Oakley Grove Missionary Baptist Association. He is married to the former Audrey Brown and they are the proud parents of two children. We pray that God will continue to bless and keep Reverend Raynor.



Standing, left to right: Dr. Thomas Walker, Mrs. Delois Cooper (a missionary sister), Rev. Albert Lee, Mrs. Melinda Whitfield (a missionary sister), Deacon McLean (accepting check), and Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Jones. The \$500 check is for a second Golden Heritage NAACP membership.

Pay On 2nd NAACP Membership

ROCKY MOUNT — The First Calvary Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, paid its first \$500 on its Second Golden Heritage NAACP membership during a special service at the church last April 29th. The pastor, Rev. S. J. Jones, and the members believe that theirs is the first church in the nation to undertake the purchase of a 2 Golden Heritage NAACP memberships. An individual or organization becomes eligible for a Golden Heritage membership in the NAACP upon the purchase of the second of 2 \$500 memberships.

The sermon for the special service was delivered by Dr.

Thomas Walker, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount. His subject was, "Too Many Men For God, based on Gideon's selection of an army for God (Judges 7:1-25).

Rev. Jones said that while the church is raising money for a new building, they can raise money for the NAACP, which is one of the world's greatest missions. He also reported that the Cherry Chapel Baptist Church, Hobgood, will be paying on their first Golden Heritage NAACP membership this year. The Cherry Chapel Baptist Church has been led to pay tithes. This is God's plan for supporting the church and no other way.

Thanks Offered For Session

BY J. R. MANLEY

Thank you, thank you, thank



DR. J. R. MANLEY

for the great session we held in Salisbury.

A special word of thanks is in order to Pastor S. R. Johnson and his associates who illustrated the unity of our theme, One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.

The amount of our budget raised before the convention and the amount realized at the convention, puts us in sight of our \$1,041,960 budget and if we do not let up, we will go to Goldsboro, Oct. 28, in our annual session, exceeding our budget. However, it was pointed out that Shaw University needs all of its share of the budget by June 30, making it necessary for us to go beyond three-fourths of our quota by that time.

Our integrity with Shaw is at stake and Shaw's financial stability is also at stake. We dare not fail in this regard. Let us pull and let us pull together.

"The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and we shall see it together." Isaiah 40:5.

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Abortions Outnumber Live Births In D.C.

By Religious News Service
WASHINGTON, D. C. — While there was a slight decrease in the proportion from the previous year, there were still more abortions than live births for residents in the District of Columbia in 1977, the D.C. Dept. of Human Resources has reported.

In 1976, there were 134 abortions for every 100 live births, but in 1977, for every 100 live births, there were 129 abortions in the nation's capital.

Washington may still be the only major city in the country with more abortions than live births, but a National Center for Health Statistics official in its Mortality Statistics Branch, told Religious News Service it does not have complete comparative statistics because "several states have no system of collecting such information," a number of them being concerned with "protecting the

confidentiality of the women getting abortions."

During 1977, a total of 12,718 women residing in the District of Columbia had abortions in clinics or other facilities in the District, while D.C. hospitals reported a total of 9,885 live births. In 1976, there were 12,945 abortions and 9,635 live births.

Other statistics reported by the D.C. Dept. of Human Resources showed that while the number of babies born to teenage mothers in the District dropped slightly from 1976 to 1977, babies born out of wedlock in 1977 (53 percent of the total) remained about the same as the year before.

In most parts of the city, at least 1 out of 5 babies born in 1977 had a teenage mother, but in 1976 babies born out of wedlock 24.2 percent in 1976 to 22.8 percent in 1977 of babies born to teenage mothers living in Washington.

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RULES:

- The Senior Division Contest is open to high school seniors and college freshmen who are active Baptist Training Union or Sunday School students. The Junior Division Contest is open to ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade high school students who are active Baptist Training Union or Sunday School students.
- Contestants must be certified by a local Baptist Training Union Director or Sunday School superintendent.
- Each contestant will choose one of the subjects listed above.
- Each contestant must compose and learn his speech.
- Each contestant will have five minutes for delivery.
- Contestants will be judged by competent judges on content, composition and delivery. Content will count 25%, composition 25%, and delivery 50%.
- The three top winners in the Senior Division will receive scholarships and certificates of participation. First place, \$150.00; second place, \$100.00; and third place, \$50.00. Scholarship checks are awarded after the contestants are enrolled in an institution of further study. Non-winning contestants will receive \$5.00 each and a certificate of participation.
- The three top winners in the Junior Division will receive certificates of participation, and for first place, \$15.00; second place, \$10.00; and third place, \$5.00. Non-winning contestants will receive certificates of participation and \$2.00 each.

Each year, young people are encouraged to enter the James F. Wertz BTU Oratorical Contest, sponsored as a part of the State BTU Congress. This is not only an opportunity, but a privilege.

Churches, Associations and Districts can do much to encourage and inspire young people to take advantage of this opportunity.

Local church contests, associational contests, county-wide contests, district contests, etc., should precede the state contest, and the winner of each district contest will compete at the state level.

CORRESPOND WITH:

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The Annual Session of the GBS Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress will be held at the New Light Baptist Church, 1105 Willow Road, Rev. C. H. Brown, pastor, August 14-16.

The highest rate recorded by the department was 28.5 percent in 1972. The actual number of babies born to teenage mothers who are residents in the District of Columbia declined from 3,028 in 1973 to 2,253 in 1977.

Meanwhile, the overall birth rate in Washington increased 5 percent in 1977 over 1976, with 250 more babies born than in 1976. The 1977 birth rate was 14.3 per 1,000 population.

Department statistics also indicate that an increasing number of women are having babies by Caesarian section, rising from 1 out of 8 births that method in 1973, to 1 out of 5 babies born in this way in 1977.

While high risk, low birth-weight babies are sometimes delivered by Caesarian section to save them from the stress of perinatal childbirth, the practice does not seem to account for the increase in this procedure in Washington, a spokesman observed.

Dr. S.S. Wiley Retires

BY REV. GEORGE KLOSTER

The North Carolina Council of Churches presented its distinguished service award to its executive director at the annual House of Delegates meeting. Dr. Samuel S. Wiley was honored for his 15 years of service to the council and to the ecumenical movement in North Carolina. Wiley retired on May 31.

The council called on Gov. James B. Hunt to commute the sentences of the Charlotte Three to time served and also requested that the governor give serious consideration to issuing a Pardon of Innocence to the 3 men who are presently serving lengthy jail terms for the burning of the Lazy B Stable in Charlotte.

The council passed a resolution urging the N.C. General Assembly to pass legislation compensating the victims of violent crime. The resolution stated that very frequently the victims of crime are elderly, poor or members of minority groups who are already vulnerable persons in society. Local churches were asked to fulfill opportunities to assist crime victims.

The General Assembly will also be asked to pass legislation to make more uniform the sentences given to criminals of similar nature. Tied in with the request to make the sentences more uniform is another measure seeking to reduce the length of sentences for most crimes. The council cited the disparity in sentencing as a major cause of unnecessary prisons as well as a cause of the undermining of public confidence in the criminal justice system.

In other resolutions passed by the delegates, the council's Commission on Social Ministries will be asked to conduct an investigation of laws pertaining to driving under the influence of alcohol with a view to seeking more protection for the public. The commission will also be asked to form a committee to make recommendations concerning the use of nuclear power in N.C.

Words For Busy Pastors

"GOD'S HUMBLING THORN"

BY DR. L. B. HOSKINS

A therapeutic sermon, by attitude or mode:

Text: II Corinthians 12:7. "And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure."

A Textual-Topical Sermon (by structure):

"If you strike a thorn or rose, keep a-goin'! If it hails or if it snows, keep a-goin'! 'Taint no use to sit 'n' whine when the fish ain't on your line; bait your hook an' keep a-tryin'—keep a-goin'!..."

—Frank L. Staton
Introduction to the problem:

Paul, that great Christian Apostle and evangelist, recalled that God gave him a "thorn in the flesh" - a messenger of Satan to buffet him... lest he should be exalted with pride. Like many of us today, he thought that he could do a better job for God without the "thorn in the flesh."

The Theme Rationale (the sense or reason behind the thought):

God's answer to Paul was: "If you don't have something to keep you humble, you will become puffed up with pride because of the great gifts that I have given you. It is far better for you to have the 'thorn in the flesh' and be reminded that I am God than to get an incurable case of egotism and deadly pride; where upon you will be lost forever. The thorn is only

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"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season..."

II Tim. 4:2

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Dr. Richard F. Amos of Winston-Salem was elected as the new president of the council. Amos is the president of the executive board of the Moravian Church in America's Southern Province.

Approximately 90 delegates attended the meeting held in Salisbury.

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Discourse:

One of the soul's deepest agonies is to have a hindering condition of circumstance in one's body or life situation - poor health, poverty, bad marriage, poor education, harsh employer and such like. Many who have such, spend much valuable time trying to get away from it. However, it can make the difference between success and failure or salvation and eternal ruin. As God told Paul: "My grace is sufficient for thee," he also says the same to each of us.

The thorn was given by God.

We must remember that Paul stated that God gave him the "thorn in the flesh." If God has done such a thing, then He must know that it is for our good. We must never begin to doubt His goodness and justice.

Lest He be exalted above measure. When one has a great talent, such as the gift to preach the gospel with the power of the Holy Ghost or to move hearts with song or to inspire by righteous living or to teach, it is not hard to become puffed up or proud. "Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18). When the church fathers listed the most deadly sins, pride headed the list. It was better a discomfort of a "thorn in the flesh" than eternal destruction from over confidence.

God's grace is sufficient. You can depend on God - He will not disappoint you. Trust Him and you will find that His grace, mercy and truth will deliver you. Whatever we have been led to believe, we are dependent on God... He is the source of all strength. When we kneel before Him, we worship Him.

Conclusion:

Abraham Lincoln is quoted as having said: "If you make a bad bargain...hug it the tighter." It has been seen that when we accept what God has done in us and for us, that we get a sweetness and a blessing out of what we once called a "thorn in the flesh." Let God's humbling thorn have its perfect work.

MISSIONS

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Committee for Cooperative Ministries of General Baptist State Convention and Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is just one example of such efforts. The recommendation was made in November,

1978. The photograph (front page) shows Joint Convention officials in a planning session last June which seeks to carry out the spirit of the recommendations which both conventions adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

November 8, 1991

From: The Joint Committee for Cooperative Ministries of the General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc., and the Baptist State Convention of N. C.

The Joint Committee met and approved two suggestions for consideration by the executive committees of both conventions.

1. We recommend that combined sessions of a statewide convention be held in 1981.
 - A. That a program for the joint sessions be planned by a committee representing both conventions.
 - B. That the sessions be held at a place and date suggested by the presidents and executive secretaries. Greensboro, October 24, 1981.
 - C. That the program committee utilize leaders within both conventions on the program.
- II. We recommend a year-long statewide simultaneous evangelistic crusade planned, promoted, and sponsored by both conventions in 1982.
 - A. Establish a steering committee appointed by the executive secretaries and equally representative of both conventions.
 - B. Have a statewide evangelistic rally early in 1982 planned and promoted by both conventions.
 - C. Encourage the churches in both conventions to conduct revival meetings during one of several specified dates during the spring of 1982.
 - D. Develop extensive promotion campaign through the use of mass media and literature.
 - E. Adopt an operating budget.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This article concerning State Missions is the 8th in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the black Baptists and friends of Baptists in our state and everywhere, become familiar with the work of our state convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders and pastors are asked to secure financial support for the objectives during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about, and as much support as possible should be given

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SBC ELECTS

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dome Wednesday night, about 48,000 Baptists filled the Astro-dome when 1,100 mission volunteers knelt for a service of

commitment and dedication. Later, following a stirring message by evangelist Billy Graham, more than 1,100 people came forward to make personal commitments to Christ in an altar call.

Speech after speech during the 3-day convention called Baptists to deeper commitment to missions and evangelism.

During business periods, the messengers adopted an \$83 million Cooperative Program budget goal for 1979-80, and suggested a \$26 million goal for all state conventions to help finance their Bold Mission Plan.

Electing first vice president of the convention was Abner V. McCall, president of Baylor University in Waco, Tex., who earlier had been nominated as a moderate candidate for president.

Tom Touchton, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Brandon, Fla., and an active member of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship (BFMF), was chosen second vice president in a runoff with Homer Lindsay, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

In another election which passed by almost without comment, the convention elected Harold C. Bennett of Nashville as convention treasurer, a position he will hold as the new executive director-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, effective Aug. 1.

Bennett succeeds Porter W. Routh, who has held the position for 28 years and is retiring July 31. Routh, who delivered his last main address to the convention in that role, was honored throughout the meeting, with a resolution of appreciation adopted for his significant contribution to Southern Baptist life.

Unraveling the traffic jam of motions and debates over alleged irregularities in the election of the convention president prompted outgoing President Allen to remark at one point that he was "grieved" by the swirl now moving in the meeting.

During debate on a motion proposed by Ernie White of St. Joseph, Mo., calling on the convention to "disavow overt political activity" in the election of officers, former SBC President Wayne Dehoney, of Louisville, Ky., leveled charges of "overt political activities" at Houston Appellate Court Judge Paul Pressler, whom Dehoney claimed was an "illegal" messenger to the SBC.

After messengers approved the motion, Pressler made an impassioned and tearful personal privilege speech, defending himself of "skyboxes" where he and others watched the convention proceedings. He denied he was an illegal messenger, although he was elected by First Baptist Church, Bellaire, Tex., where he is an "honorary member."

Pressler, who helped lead a conservative coalition to elect Rogers president, denied rumors that he and others encouraged local and area churches to bus messengers to the convention for the election, and that some churches had more than the maximum of 10 messengers.

Shortly after adoption of the motion on "overt political activity," the messengers adopted a motion by local registration chairman James Varner of Houston which instructed registration secretary Lee Porter of Nashville to investigate "registration irregularities" and report to the SBC Executive Committee in September any suggested procedures to correct the problem while maintaining the integrity of the ballot system.

Rogers won the presidency on a vote of 6,129 out of 11,975 ballots cast, a majority margin of 163 votes. He would have had to receive 5,967 votes to win on the first ballot, or be thrown into a runoff with Robert E. Naylor, retired president of the Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Rogers said he supported such an investigation of irregularities, but added he had "doubts in my own heart" that there were widespread abuses of registration and balloting. "I believe there has been no plot or plan or movement to do anything like that and I would be disappointed in anyone who would make such an accusation."

In his first news conference as president, Rogers pledged a "100 percent support" for continuing the emphasis in the SBC of Bold Mission Thrust, and assured Baptists he would not support a "witch hunt" investigation of "liberalism" in SBC seminaries.

Rogers said he would support such an investigation of seminaries "if it were done by a committee that is fair and balanced," but the convention took no action during the sessions later to initiate such an investigation.

Rogers assured Baptists, "I want to be a good, conservative, soul-winning, Bible-believing, church-building pastor and convention president."

Later, the convention adopted a resolution expressing "gratitude to our seminaries" in the face of accusations questioning the doctrinal integrity of seminary staff and faculty members. The resolution encouraged anyone who questions the doctrinal integrity of seminary faculty members to lodge their complaints and charges directly with the boards of trustees of the respective seminaries.

When the presidents of the six seminaries presented their annual report to the convention, messengers applauded comments from the presidents that there had been no liberalism and deviation from Biblical orthodoxy on their campuses. Later, the messengers were braced for a motion introduced by Eli Sheldon of Oklahoma City which would require establishing a "loyalty oath" for future convention officers, but by an oversight the motion was not printed in the last day's convention bulletin an Sheldon agreed to withdraw the motion and consider offering it next year.

In other actions, the convention adopted a motion asking SBC agencies to work with the SBC Annuity Board in considering the development of a uniform retirement program for all SBC agencies, asked the Christian Life Commission to organize a coalition of religious

bodies to establish a committee to evaluate and label television programs, and accepted a recommendation from the SBC Executive Committee to begin establishing a seventh theological seminary.

Messengers rejected several other proposals, including a motion to prohibit the home and foreign mission boards from appointing ordained women as missionaries, a motion requiring the Sunday School Board to include temperance lessons in Sunday School quarterlies, and a third asking for a special committee to study financial practices in SBC agencies.

Out of 57 resolutions introduced, resolutions on 20 subjects were adopted.

Resolutions endorsed the SALT II nuclear disarmament treaties and encouraged peace-making, urged increased U. S. overseas development assistance to combat world hunger, decreased violence and child abuse in America, reaffirmed the 1976 SBC stance on abortion, urged Congress to defeat legislation to rewrite the 1934 Communications Act providing for "public interest" religious broadcasts, advocated more stringent energy conservation efforts by Baptists, and supported the preservation of family income.

Other resolutions condemned a proposed Internal Revenue Service procedure which would deny tax exemption to church schools which fail to prove they are not racially discriminatory, urged Baptists to develop creative ministries to minister to migrant farm workers suffering from poverty, disease and malnutrition, decried pornography as a "moral cancer" in society, encouraged Christian stewardship as a powerful anti-inflationary force, and approved increases in second-class mailing costs for religious publications.

Loud applause and "amens" greeted messages by Graham, Allen, Routh, country comedian Jerry Clower, retiring SBC Foreign Mission Board Executive Secretary Baker James Cauthen, New Orleans pastor Bill Hinson, former Watergate figure Charles Colson, black Baptist pastor Emmanuel Scott of Los Angeles, and Russian Baptist pastor Georgi Vinogradov.

The convention voted to hold its 1984 session in Kansas City, and its 1985 meeting in Dallas.

PRESIDENT

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annual session and the ongoing of the work of our Woman's Convention here and abroad. We are reminded that when we go forth to do the Lord's work, we need to ask His blessings. Ask someone else to join in prayer on these 2 days, July 20 and 21.

We cannot go wrong when we take it to the Lord in prayer. Prayer moves the Hand that moves the world.

May God's presence be with you,
President Turner

Always strive to do the greatest, rather than the least, for the cause of Christ.

Woman's Page

Leadership Training Conference Described As "Just A Little Taste Of Heaven"

BY THELMA C. HORTON

The 44 missionaries attending the 42nd annual session of the Leadership Training Conference coined many phrases to describe the atmosphere they experienced during the week of June 4-8. Perhaps, one of the most outstanding was "My, this place is just like a little taste of heaven; therefore, I feel like going on." In the midst of tears and praises to God, one sister cried out and said, "My gas was running out and I came to the Baptist Assembly to be refueled." Still another confessed that she was not an elected leader in her church, but "I have come to learn how to be a good follower."

The report of the evaluation committee, chaired by Mrs. Martha Turrentine, Chapel Hill, substantiated the sentiments of the missionaries: "Everything was so calm and serene; the spiritual atmosphere produced a feeling of being on holy grounds." This is evidence that the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, continues to provide a place of spiritual renewal, study and recreation.

Prior to the dedication of the assembly, April 27, 1974, this conference (sponsored by the Woman's Union, Johnston District and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C.) was held at Shaw University in cooperation with the Dept. of Religious Promotion. It is through the cooperative efforts of the Woman's Convention, Mrs. Georgia M. Turner of Lumberton, president, and Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie of Franklin, executive secretary-treasurer, that missionaries are privileged to continue to enjoy such experiences. Mrs. Jettie Mae Lucas of Shelby served as coordinator and pianist and Mrs. Thelma C. Horton of Goldsboro served as class instructor.

The theme, a continuation from 1977, commenced, was "Preparing For Christian Growth and Service." The supporting scripture for the week's emphasis was Isaiah 61:1-3 and the main emphasis of instruction provided skills for "helping persons who grieve." The supporting hymn was, Come, Ye Disciples.

Dr. Brodie and her administrative assistant, Miss Bettie Chikman, were present for the opening session. Dr. Brodie greeted the group and gave directions concerning the week's activities.

Mrs. Annie R. Bryant, Supply, and the worship committee helped to set the tone for the success of each day. Hearts were really inspired and uplifted.

A "nature study" was conducted by Mrs. Bryant. She is affectionately called "the Root Doctor," because of her unusual knowledge of our native resources. This study was designed to create an awareness of the provisions God made for us in creation.



THELMA C. HORTON

Mrs. Horton introduced the textbook as number 5 in a mission action series. The rationale of this study was to help a person face and overcome the grief that has been added to an already complicated life. Mrs. Horton also taught the organization and structure of the Woman's Convention program and its relationship to the General Baptist State Convention organization and structure. She also included the topic, So, You're Going To Have A Banquet, as a special feature for the conference.

Mesdames Rosa Holloway, Rachel Nun, Ethel Smith and Alice Wilson, all of Durham, shared their expertise in arts and crafts. Everyone admired the souvenirs they made for the banquet.

Mrs. Lucas taught several new songs and conducted the exercise classes each day. Believe it or not, they were stimulating and challenging for almost everyone.

The memorial committee presented a most impressive service on Wednesday evening. An expression of sympathy was sent to the family of the late Mrs. Edith Samuels, a member of Second Baptist Church, Fayetteville, who attended the conference each year.

The Vesper service on Wednesday was indeed a spiritual blessing, a "mountaintop" experience. Special guests were Rev. Grady Ware and the members of the Jones Chapel Baptist Church, Laurinburg. The music was rendered by the G. W. Ware choir, under the direction of Rev. James Kelly, superintendent of the assembly. Speaking from the subject, Running Interference For Jesus, Rev. Kelly delivered a most dynamic and thought-provoking sermon. Luke 3:1-16 was his text. He gave several steps one must take in order to get in spiritual shape. "The outcome of the game will depend on how well you run interference" in the game," expounded Rev. Kelly.

As the headquarters entered the dining hall on Thursday evening, many were amazed to witness the transformation that had really taken place since lunch. The banquet committee, chaired by Mrs. Lucas, certainly provided a spirit conducive to fellowship, even the program, which mirrored a "red

crosser."

Our "hats off" to the Scotland County Missionary Union and its humble and cooperative president, Mrs. Mable Kelly, who donated the floral arrangements and the delicious assortment of cakes. Mrs. Willie Gales, sister of Mrs. Kelly, worked untiringly to help insure a week of relaxation and enjoyment for everyone. Scotland County Union also presented a beautiful corsage of white carnations to President Turner, guest speaker.

Mrs. Horton, toast mistress, presented Mrs. Lucas as a "jack of many trades." Following Mrs. Lucas' brief presentation of President Turner, the group honored Mrs. Turner by standing. In her quiet, yet authoritative manner, she spoke from the subject, The Penalty Of Leadership. She used Matthew 20:20 as her scripture reference. She said, "Whoever accepts leadership, in any capacity, must be prepared to accept the penalty." As she closed her message, she said, "There is a reward for those who remain faithful until the end."

One of the highlighting joys and blessings of the week was "words of wisdom" from Miss Minnie C. Lyons of Durham. She has attended the conference for 28 years. She was lauded by the group for her faithfulness to the "cause of mission."

The conference came to a close on Friday with the presentation of certificates and reports. Following remarks by Dr. Brodie, a fellowship circle was formed and "A Charge to Keep I Have" was sung.



Reverend Marian B. Glenn receives plaque from Dr. Frank B. Weaver.

Rev. Glenn First Woman To Be Ordained At Watts Baptist

BY DR. FRANK B. WEAVER
RALEIGH—The Rev. Marian B. Glenn became the first woman minister to be ordained at the Watts Chapel Baptist Church on Sunday, May 13, 1979. The ordination sermon was delivered by Dr. Frank B. Weaver, pastor. His message was "Learning from an Ordination," Jeremiah 1:5.

Rev. Glenn was presented the Bible by her brother, the Rev. Stanley L. Ballentine. The hymnal was presented to her by the Rev. Earnestine C. Penny. Other ministers who attended were, Rev. Allen A. Crum, moderator, Johnston District Baptist Association; Rev. Luther Coppedge, vice-moderator, Johnston District Baptist

The 95th Annual Session Events

RALEIGH—It is now time again for members and friends of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina to make our annual meeting. Our annual trip this year leads us to Charlotte, to the Civic Center where the Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church will serve as host along with her pastor, Dr. H. S. Diggs. There during July 23-26, we shall celebrate the 95th Annual Session of the Woman's Baptist State Convention under the watchful eye of God. Let us make arrangements to go Monday and remain until Thursday so that we may at this mountain top in Christian service and mission experience rejuvenation, reassurance, renewing, rethinking, revitalization, and rekindling of our spiritual gifts and powers. Also, let us remember to bring accountable financial support.

Among the many activities of the session, be especially mindful of these:

1. Registration will begin at 9 on Monday morning at the Charlotte Civic Center.

2. The Executive Board Meeting will begin Monday morning at 10:00 in the Radisson Hotel.

3. At 1:45 p.m. is the General Board Meeting at which time we shall hear reports from the Executive Board's representative, State Vice Presidents, the Young Adult Director, the Youth Supervisor, Special Workers, and the Youth Bible Camp Director.

4. The Pre-Convention Banquet begins at 6 p.m. at the



DR. PRISCILLA BRODIE

Civic Center.

5. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings will be Study Classes for all departments.

6. The Welcome Program by the host church will be at the church, Mayfield Memorial, located at 700 Sugar Creek Road on Tuesday night at 7:00 instead of being held at the Civic Center.

7. All Presidents, that is, Senior, Young Adult, and Youth, will make their annual addresses on Wednesday during joint sessions.

The session will end on Thursday afternoon with the installation of officers.

Please do not forget to buy your banquet tickets, \$12 each. Send them or call our office immediately.

We join the President and ask for your prayers for God's guidance during this conventional time. Let us make this a banner year in Christian missions.

Also, please do not forget that the All Baptist Picnic is to be Saturday, July 7, at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill. Let us go and carry our Christian love, food, and fellowship. Worship will begin at 11 a.m., and the Rev. James E. Brown, pastor of Sixth Avenue First Baptist Church, Siler City, will deliver the sermon.

Granville County News

BY MRS. HELEN T. WILSON
Young Adult Director

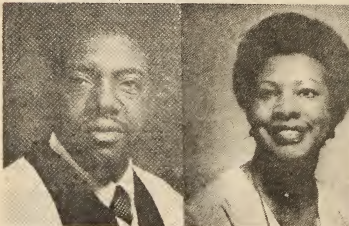
OXFORD—The Granville County Missionary Union held its regular Mission Study Institute at the Hardie Grove Baptist Church, here on 3 nights beginning May 1, with Mrs. J. B. McClester, past president of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C., as guest teacher.

The topic for the week was, Witnessing In Today's World. Our total attendance for the week was 134 people with an average of 45 persons attending each night. The 3 nights of mission study were beautiful ones and we pray whole-heartedly that the information received will reach the lives of many through those who attended. Mrs. Mary B. Williams was the union president and Mrs. Bessie B. Redding is the special worker.

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Gethsamane Is Dedicated

BYSYNTHIA WATKINS GREENSBORO — Dedication Services for the new edifice of the Gethsamane Baptist Church, Greensboro, were held April 29 at its new modern location on Heath Street. Dr. J. W. Reed, pastor, led the church from the old location on Gorrell Street to the new location January 21. The traditional march was a joyous occasion, as the congregation went forth singing, "When the Saints Go Marching In."

The official opening service, Sunday, April 29 at 11 a.m., was attended by more than six hundred members and friends. The message was delivered by the pastor. The dedication service, held at 3 p.m. on April 29, was attended by more than seven hundred members and friends. Dr. C. W. Anderson, pastor, United Institutional Baptist Church, Greensboro, delivered the dedication sermon.

Dr. Reed came to Gethsamane Baptist Church two years ago from Bethlehem Baptist Church of High Point. He has been a dynamic force in the growth and progress of the church along with other dedicated leaders. Since his com-

ing, two hundred members have united with the church. Being a man of prayer and consecration, many have been able to find answers to serious and complex issues under his guidance. Young people from all walks of life have come and found peace and contentment under his ministry.

The Rev. Dr. Reed is a native of Mullins, S. C., where he received his formal and high school education. He is a product of Winston-Salem State University and Hood Theological Seminary, Livingstone College, Salisbury. He also studied at Universal Bible Institute, Piedmont Bible College, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Dr. Reed is married to Mrs. Sadie Mae Reed and they are parents of three children and one stepchild.

In his reflection over his ministry at Gethsamane for the past two years, Dr. Reed stated, "We have realized the longevity of a dream come true. Reflections of our past struggle depict how far we have come. Much of our history has been dark, but with the drive to press on, the light is beginning to break through."

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Rev. Gilbert Campbell, Jr. Elected Pastor Of Mt. Zion Baptist Church

WINSTON-SALEM — The Rev. Gilbert G. Campbell, Jr. of Norwood, Mass., has been elected pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 9th and File Sts., Winston-Salem. His election culminates a 15-month search by the Pulpit Committee and membership of Mt. Zion to choose a successor to Dr. K. O. P. Goodwin, who retired as pastor on Dec. 31, 1977, after 31 years of service as pastor of that congregation.

The Rev. Campbell acknowledged his acceptance of the call to Mt. Zion in a letter to the congregation during the recent celebration of the church's 90th anniversary. Thus, Campbell becomes the 4th pastor in the church's history. He will assume the full responsibilities of his new pastorate on Sunday, July 8.

At the time of his call to Mt. Zion, Rev. Campbell was the pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Roxbury, Mass., having assumed that pastorate in 1976. He has had prior ministerial experience as student pastor of St. Andrews United Church, Philadelphia, Pa., and associate minister of Zion Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Va.

Shaw News Professor Honored

BY CHARLES F.

BLALOCK, SR.

RALEIGH—The Business Club of Shaw University, consisting of students majoring in business, recently honored Dr. Harkant H. Mankad at a banquet and reception at Shaw University.

Dr. Mankad, associate professor of Business Management and Economics, was honored for his five years of dedication to the business department and his outstanding service to the students.

Willie Jones, director of Special Services-Upward Bound, was the guest speaker for the occasion. His topic was "The Need of Educated Students in Society."

The surprise affair was warmly received and was attended by many faculty, staff, and student members outside the business department.

Grad Appointed

BY CHARLES F.

BLALOCK, SR.

RALEIGH — Clarence W. Coleman, a 1968 graduate of Shaw University, has been appointed to the position of Purchasing Director for the city of Yonkers, N. Y.

Coleman, who will serve also as the secretary for the Board of Contract and Supply, took his position as of May 14. The board approves all city competitive contracts.

Coleman was formerly the purchasing agent for Irvinware Division of Beatrice Foods Company in Queens, N. Y. Prior to that, he was employed by Bankers Trust Company in New York City from 1920 to 1978.

Coleman graduated from Shaw University with a bachelor's degree in mathematics, and was a draftsman and construction supervisor with the U. S. Air Force Civil Engineering Division.

Presently, Rev. Campbell is a doctoral student at Andover Newton Theological School,



REV. GILBERT CAMPBELL, where he earned the Master of Divinity degree in 1978. His undergraduate work was completed at Norfolk State College in 1975, which he entered upon graduation from John Marshall High School in Richmond, Va. In 1971, Campbell is a Richmond native.

Affiliations and activities in national and regional organizations have given Campbell prominent exposure and have alerted others to his leadership

qualities and civic interests. His list of memberships include: the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Association of Black Social Workers, the Ministers' Council of the American Baptist Churches and the Progressive National Baptist Convention, USA. He has also been associated with the United Baptist Convention of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and was former member of the Child and Family Services of Portsmouth, Va.

Rev. Campbell has been the recipient of a number of significant awards during his educational and ministerial careers, 2 of which were a Rockefeller Protestant Fellowship and the Whitmore Award for outstanding preaching and promise in the Parish ministry. At the Andover Newton Theological School, he was the student representative on a number of major faculty committees.

Rev. Campbell is married to the former Miss Shirley Reid of Philadelphia. She is an instructor in English in the Newton public schools. Campbell is a third generation preacher. His father and grandfather are Baptist ministers.



Michael J. Darby (Youth Director of the Department of Cooperative Ministries) poses with some of the summer missionaries during the orientation proceedings May 29-June 2nd. Front Row (l-r) Johnnie Smith, Michael Darby, Stanley McClamb, David Motion, Sylvester Colvin, Back Row (l-r) Linda Brown, Sharon Moody, Lorie Thorne, Cora Taylor, Joyce Brake.

Student Ministries Orientation Held At Wake Forest University

BY MICHAEL J. DARBY WINSTON-SALEM — The 10th annual session of the Student Ministries Orientation, sponsored by the Dept. of Cooperative Ministries, was held May 29-June 2, at Wake Forest University here.

Over 200 enthused young men and women commissioned to be summer missionaries embarked upon a week of sharing and fellowship. They praised God and participated in a variety of seminars and conferences. Seminar leaders were Dr. Byard, administrative assistant, Southeastern Seminary; Kathy Gore, minister of youth, First Baptist Church, Cary; Art Herron, associate pastor and minister of youth, Colombia Baptist Church, Fall Church, Va.; Jack Nofsinger, pastor, Knollwood Baptist Church, Winston-Salem; Tom Stallworth, minister of youth, St. John Baptist Church, Charlotte.

The theme of the week was, Lead Me Lord. Emphasis

throughout the week was placed on the importance of seeking God's will and being obedient to His will in all things.

Several student ministry departments were represented. Michael J. Darby, youth director of the Dept. of Cooperative Ministries, presided over the cooperative ministries portion of the orientation proceedings. He presented a slide presentation of past orientations and gave lectures on "How to Design a Youth Program" and "How to Involve Youth in More Effective Bible Study." The department has appointed 43 workers for the summer.

As the orientation came to a close on Saturday, many of the young people expressed their appreciation and that a week of Christian fellowship and looked forward with anticipation to serve in their prospective places of summer missionary service among Baptists through the state.

First Lady Asks, "Meet Family Challenge"

BY STAN HASTEY

ORLANDO, Fla. — Declaring that help for families "may well be the most significant service" that churches, state, or individuals can render in our time, First Lady Rosalynn Carter called on Christians to "meet the challenge" facing the family.

Mrs. Carter, scheduled for a personal appearance to address more than 700 participants at the Southern Baptist Convention Christian Life Commission's annual seminar, spoke instead via telephone so she could be present at the signing of a peace treaty in Washington between Egypt and Israel.

She noted that the nation "is being altered in unprecedented ways," including international instability, economic uncertainty, and the specter of nuclear war.

"In all this tumult," she said, "the family alone provides the basic place to stand."

The First Lady acknowledged that Americans are worried about the family if they believe the family is in trouble," she said. "They yearn for strong family ties."

She predicted, nevertheless, that the family will survive.

Quoting Ralph Waldo Emerson's statement that "the lesson of life is to believe what the years and centuries say against the hours," Mrs. Carter said that while "the hours say the family is in trouble, the centuries say that the family will survive."

She also said that "the need for healthy family life presents a clear challenge to the churches of which we are a part," to "demonstrate how our faith strengthens our families."

At the same time, she acknowledged the role of government in strengthening families. In such areas as housing, welfare, education, employment and health, "government has a responsibility," she said. "Attention should always be given to the ways families are affected by government action," she continued.

Mrs. Carter said in spite of the demands on her own and her husband's time since he decided to seek the presidency, "we have tried to create spaces for our children. We've tried to give our children a sense of stability and longing," she declared. "We are a close family."

Strong family life meets 2 basic human needs of being taken seriously and belonging, she said. "People are of paramount worth and value... and the family is best equipped to take its own people seriously."

Because it meets such needs, she continued, the family is best able to develop character and to form moral values, including a sense of justice and a practice of honesty.

"Families can provide an atmosphere for love to develop and flourish," she said. "It is in this atmosphere of family love that there are opportunities for intimacy and communication, for acceptance and security, for growth and development, for discipline and affirmation."



New Light Baptist Church, Greensboro, host church for the upcoming session of the GBS Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, Aug. 14-16.

Ushers To Convene July 10-12th

BY ARTHUR WILLIAMS
KINGS MOUNTAIN — The 29th annual session of the General Baptist State Ushers' Convention will convene at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. Rev. D. W. Whitten-



ARTHUR WILLIAMS
President, State Ushers' Convention

burg is pastor. The convention will be held from July 10 to 12.

"We are expecting a large attendance throughout the three days," stated Mr. Arthur Williams, president of the Convention. "We believe that every church would like to be involved in this 1979 annual session."

The ushers' processional will begin at 10 a.m. on July 11. Lady ushers will wear white uniforms and men ushers will wear their dark suits and white shirts. Workers among the state are chartering buses that will



Dr. Cardes H. Brown, Jr., host pastor for the upcoming session of the GBS Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, Aug. 14-16.

3 Religious Editors Oppose Church Business Secrecy

NEW YORK — The idea that the business of churches and religious institutions can be done in secret is "imprudent and downright impossible to carry out," 3 of the nation's best known religion editors told the 50th annual convention of the Religious Public Relations Council.

"The more interesting a story is, the more likely it is to come out," Marjorie Flyer of the Washington Post said. "Secrecy in the church is a problem for the church, not for the press."

She said reporters will find out the details of a story when they have the desire to do so. "What churches need to realize is that when a story breaks, that news and the way it is released reflects on the institution involved."

Richard Ostling of Time magazine said more secrecy is associated with churches and religious institutions than most realize. "However, the situation is better than it was a few years ago," he said.

The improvement can be traced to the move toward openness by the Roman Catholic Church, Ostling said, noting that a tendency still exists among many "mainstream Protestants to be defensive about the information they release."

Ostling pointed out 2 ways to approach the question of openness as it relates to churches: One is that it is smart to be open and, secondly, it is right, God's will and justifiable for the people to know what is going on."

Kenneth A. Briggs of the New York Times expressed concern about increased use of the words "secrecy" and "privacy" by some religious bodies as they relate to the release of information.

He said the cloak of secrecy is often raised because of the attitude of self-preservation held by many churches; more

bring large numbers to Kings Mountain for the 1979 session. The Kings Mountain Motel is located not far from the host church. Other motels in the area are the Ramada Inn and Rates Inn.

Rates are \$22.88 for a double and \$17.22 for a single. All meals will be available at nearby restaurants.

competition among the so-called "growth churches" for dollars and members; and the heightening of the wall between the "world" and the religious community.

Briggs expressed reluctance to name the organizations he had in mind because "behavior in those organizations is not always consistent." However, he did say it is "hard to get close to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and the Unification Church."

He urged the public relations persons to develop a "working relationship" with members of the press. "It is perfectly possible in most cases to talk to reporters about what can and cannot be said about a certain issue."

Warren Day, of the National Council of Churches in New York, who moderated the discussion, said talking about openness is not enough to get the job done.

"We often become so concerned with a short-term problem that we compromise on a long-term principle," he declared. "Too seldom are we willing to stand as the keeper of the watch."

"To make sure that the leaders of our churches and organizations are never comfortable in making decisions in windowless rooms is our mission," said Day.

New Light Baptist Gears For GBS Sessions

BY REV. LEO WILLIAMS, JR.

GREENSBORO—The Reverend Dr. Charles H. Brown, Jr., pastor of the New Light Baptist Church, Greensboro, stated recently that the church is preparing to host the upcoming annual session of the General Baptist State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, August 14-16. At the present all lights say "go," and from all indications the officers and messengers can look forward to some of the warmest hospitality ever extended.

New Light Baptist Church has one of the most notable histories of any church in the state of North Carolina. During its more than 80 years of service, the church has been led by the following ministers: The Reverends Floyd Long, Neil Brown, J. B. Ellis, and S. G. Griffiths. The current minister, the Reverend Cardes H. Brown, Jr., was officially called as pastor in January of 1975.

The Reverend Brown immediately sensed the concern of the members and saw a need for building a new church. Formal ground breaking ceremonies were held May 9, 1976 and the building was started. Several members of the Trustee Board of the church served as subcontractors for certain aspects of the building.

Today, New Light Baptist Church, a beautiful edifice situated on 1105 Willow Road, stands with open doors to the more than five hundred members, and the community, as a beacon light drawing those weary travelers who would seek Christ in this day and time with the promise of a bright future.

Pastor Brown stated, "This edifice has been erected, not for ourselves alone, but for our children and their children and all who will worship for generations to come."

We will see you at New Light on August 14-16.

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Why Don't You Do It?

BY CLIFTON STONE
President, BTU Congress
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Association

CARBORO—In the realm of the real world, just as in the world of make-believe, there is always the tendency of replying to a request to do something: "Why don't you do it?" Many times it is just a natural reflection and sometimes we just do not want to do it. So we say, "Why don't you do it?" Sometimes the request is so simple that it would be a waste of time to stop and do it; other times, what we are doing is so important that we cannot do it, and sometimes it is too complex for us. So rather than admit failure, we just say, "Why don't you do it?"

The scriptural account under consideration recalls the setting in Cana of Galilee in ancient times. This was the social event of the day; everything must be ready and nothing must go wrong. If anything went wrong, the host would be ridiculed, humiliated, and would never have the pleasure of sponsoring such an affair again. At this affair, when the evening's events were at their climax, the wine gave out. Since the stores were closed and the wine-makers were not available, it became a crisis situation. But Jesus' mother, knowing of his supernatural power, asked him to assist them in making some wine. He replied in the context of the fifth verse, "Why don't you do it? My job is to do other things and the wine-makers do not arise that I should manifest my power now, so why don't you do it?"

Now let us take a look at this topic through the eyes of Jesus: First, let us look at the negative approach of the answer of: "Why don't you do it?" (1) "Since the affair was so important and all the necessary arrangements were made, yet the wine ran out, why come to me now? Don't you know that I am a guest and I'm supposed to be enjoying myself?" (2) "Suppose I had not been here, then what would you have done?" (3) "How do you know I have the ability to make wine?" and finally, "If I make the wine, what will this do to my reputation? Wherever I go, the people will disturb me being concerned about my powers; so why don't you do it?"

Secondly, let us look at the positive approach and what would have happened if he had

consented to make the wine. (1) After he had done it, they would be looking for him to do other things at other places. (2) They would have neglected the wine-makers and those who sold wine and the economic situation would have been affected. (3) The purpose of the affair would have been distorted and all eyes and thoughts would be on the miracle of Jesus and in future occasions, they would not be invited. And finally, the art of wine-making would have been damaged, for all the wine-makers would have to compare their wine with the wine that Jesus made.

Third and finally, let us compare this thought with present day affairs, because in the Church as well as the secular world, this question is always prevalent, for when you appoint someone in the Church to do certain things, they will mostly say, "Why don't you do it?" Our world is mixed up, stunted, and on the way downward, because many of us will not accept our responsibility as citizens; not only this world, but as citizens of heaven, and do what needs to be done. We will just sit around, complain and shout out loud, "Why didn't you do it?"

Many times, we will refrain from doing anything, because we are afraid we are not qualified, or afraid we will make a mistake, or maybe that we cannot do it as well as the other person, or that we don't have time to stop and try, or since you were doing it before, why not continue to do it, and so goes the reasons why we refuse to do it. But on the other hand, if we did not maybe those reasons that it before would get jealous, maybe ours would be so much better that no one else would even try again or maybe if we stopped to do this, some other project of more importance would go on, or maybe the act is so simple, that if I did it, it would lower my standard in the light of others. And finally, maybe my calling is greater and I'm supposed to do greater things, and when I stop to do this, it will impede my most important job. So, why don't you do it?

It's not because I don't want to do it, it's not because of who is asking, it is not because of who I am, but because of the inner voice that is compelling me to move forward and do greater things. I must say to you, "Why don't you do it?"

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NEW KING JAMES BIBLE

After more than 4 years of work by an international team of 119 scholars, editors and church leaders, the New King James Bible, New Testament, will be released to the public in May and June, 1979.

Different from all other modern translations and paraphrases, The New King James Bible, New Testament, is not a totally new translation. Instead, The New King James Bible project team has applied both Greek and English scholarship to make the historic and popular 1611 King James Version more understandable for today's readers.

Even though the King James Version is 368 years old, it is still preferred by more readers than all other translations combined. However, during this time the English language has changed substantially and many of today's readers find Elizabethan English difficult to understand.

"The King James Version is widely revered for both its style and authority," said Dr. Arthur Farstad, executive editor of "The New King James Bible, New Testament." "So the scholarly team focused on keeping the originally intended meaning and poetic beauty of the 1611 version alive in 'The New King James Bible, New Testament.'"

"The New King James Bible, New Testament," will be unique among the many modern New Testaments available because it is the only one which reflects the same process of Greek manuscript selection as the 1611 King James Version. "Recently, there has been a growing body of careful scholars," said Farstad, "who maintain that the traditional Greek texts used for the King James Version are, in fact, superior to those used for most translations."

The editors and scholars on "The New King James Bible" project considered it far wiser to accept the consensus of thousands of manuscripts that are in basic agreement rather than the few different but older

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manuscripts which have so heavily influenced recent translations." This "majority text" concept, which is the foundation of "The New King James Bible, New Testament," is the same theory which undergirds the 1611 King James Version.

Some of the most obvious differences which readers will notice in "The New King James Bible, New Testament," are the changing of the "thee" and "thou" pronouns and their accompanying verbs like "shouldest" and "doest" to more contemporary forms. Simple changes like the addition of quotation marks to set off dialogue and the capitalization of pronouns which refer to God will likely be appreciated by most readers as much as some of the more sophisticated changes. Neither of these features of modern usage is used in the King James Version.

More technical—but more critical to making the text understandable—are the changes of small words and archaic words, of words whose meanings have changed, and of the handling of grammar and punctuation. However, the editors and scholars maintain that, with only minor exceptions, the basic King James Version word order has been preserved so carefully that persons will be able to listen to the King James Version being read and to follow along, word for word, in "The New King James Bible, New Testament." "It is tempting," said Farstad, "to assume that 'The New King James Bible, New Testament' is merely a casual updating of the King James Version. In reality, the level and intensity of both the Greek and English scholarship on this project is unsurpassed in Bible publishing, and we believe that 'The New King James Bible' will have greater impact on English speaking society than any publication since the 1611 King James Version."

The sponsors of the project, Thomas Nelson Publishers and the International Trust for Bible Studies, say "The New King James Bible, New Testament," will be released to the press and church leadership in May, 1979 and will be available in bookstores in June. The Old Testament is tentatively scheduled for completion by 1981.

Shaw's Dr. Gil-Smythe Retires

BY CHARLES F. BLALOCK, SR.

RALEIGH—The last of Shaw University "old guard" is giving it up. Dr. Harry Gil-Smythe, professor of music, is retiring after 47 years of service.

Dr. Gil-Smythe, who's the director of the University Choral Society, was one of a corps of teachers developed at Shaw in the early 1930s. They were to become known for their dedication and commitment to educating young men and women.

An accomplished pianist, well known choral conductor, and music teacher extraordinaire, Gil-Smythe served at Shaw during the administration of seven presidents and three interim presidents.

During his tenure at Shaw,

Final Rites Held For Rev. J.W. Brigeman

Zebulon - The Zebulon First Baptist mourns the recent passing of its associate minister, Rev. J. W. Brigeman. A funeral service was held at First Baptist, and final rites were performed at the National Cemetery, Raleigh. He was eulogized by the pastor, Rev. C. L. Manning, assisted by Rev. John Mangum, and Rev. Avery Horton, former ministers of the church.

Many ministers of the Wake Baptist Association and the General Baptist Convention, laymen and laywomen were there to show their respect for the late Rev. Brigeman.

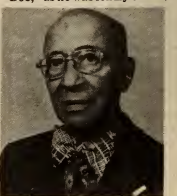
His contributions to the ministry were in evidence throughout the state as well as the local area, where he resided.

Rev. Brigeman was born in Jackson, Tenn., became a Christian and entered the ministry at an early age at Cumberland Street Baptist Church in Jackson, La. He served as minister of that church. He attended and finished Merry High School, and did his undergraduate college work at Lane College in Jackson.

He served in the U. S. Army for several years and after his departure, he came to Zebulon, united with First Baptist Church, and served as its associate minister, and pastored at Woodland Chapel Baptist Church in Wake Forest. Rev. Brigeman has been a great asset to First Baptist for the 36 years he was a member. His services were in great demand by other churches to fill their pulpits. He was a great singer, and the Wake Association will miss his presence when they meet.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bernice D. Brigeman; 2 daughters, Mrs. Sharon Montague of Zebulon and Mrs. Mary Hodge of Wendell; 2 brothers, Hollis of Jackson, Tenn. and Al Brigeman of St. Louis, Mo.; 4 sisters, Mrs. Ruth Dennis of Dorchester, Mass., Mrs. Kizzie Hunt of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Amanda Farr and Mrs. Walker Kent, both of Jackson, Tenn.; 4 grandchildren, Nikki, Marc, Jason and Sean; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

"Doc," as he was fondly called.



DR. GIL-SMYTHE

became a "legend in his own time." Now, he's going home—home to Baltimore, Md. Shaw will experience the loss of "an indispensable legend," and Baltimore will gain an incomparable citizen and human being.

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12 Thousand Witness Spirit-Filled 95th W.B.H.&F.M. Convention

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BY MRS. AUGUSTA WHITE CHARLOTTE—The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, which comprises three departments—senior, young adult and youth, observed the 95th annual session, August 23-26, at the Charlotte Civic Center, the Radisson Hotel and Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church. Approximately 12,000 missionaries from across the state attended the convention.

Hundreds of happy souls engaged in hearty fellowship and a delicious meal at the sixth annual Pre-Convention Banquet on Monday evening. Rev. James Z. Alexander, dean of the Shaw University Divinity School, inspired the group with his message, "The Silence of Jesus." Rev. Alexander said, "Silence can be used as a means of registering our disinterest, retaliation, or rejection." Black people are accustomed to hearing, "There is no job, there is no money." "Rejection is nothing new to them. Our struggle is a great struggle; like the old slave, we must keep our heads up and press forward to the mark of high calling in life. There is a mission of the church, and the church must realize that a cup of water can still be given in His name. Sometimes groups are used for keeping certain people out of the church. Groups are okay if they are used for fostering the activities of the church and for kingdom building."

The inspirational message from Rev. Alexander was followed with a soul-stirring selection, "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me," by Dr. Priscilla Brodie, the new executive secretary-treasurer of the convention. Mrs. Robbie Diggs, fourth vice president and wife of the host pastor, presided at the banquet.

Mrs. Gargia Turner of Lumberton, president of the Woman's Baptist State Convention (the largest organization of black women in North Carolina, representing 1700 churches and more than 350,000 baptists), presided at the first business session of the 95th annual session of the convention.

Memorial service was led by (See 12200, P. 4)



Dr. Priscilla Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer, reports to the Convention.

Remembering

By Executive Secretary Brodie

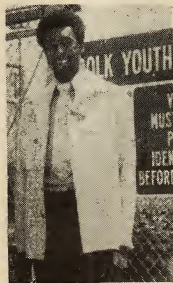
We wish to pass, as we reflect on the sixth annual pre-convention banquet and the 95th annual session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C., and express a congenial thanks to each of you who participated on the program, prayed for our success, attended the session gave of your finance, and worked on different committees and in official positions. Certainly, without you, we could not have witnessed the rewarding session which we had.

Being still caught up in the spirit of this session, we remember your voices singing to the highest; your amen's punctuating the program where needed; your prayers invoking the presence of God; your smiles and handshakes, communicating fellowship. Of course, do we also remember the teaching and preaching and the reporting of the committees' work. How well you did! For certainly, your actions embodied our theme, Christ, The Challenge To A Desperate World.

We hope that you experienced redemption, rejuvenation, reassurance, and the rekindling of your spiritual gifts and powers so that now you have returned home, you are now ready and able to launch out on a more involving and informative program in promoting the mission God has given to your convention. Let us continue to remember and implement the good things we heard, saw, and felt until we meet at our next annual session.

We could not close this article without expressing our gratitude to the host church, Mayfield Memorial, and her pastor, Dr. H.S. Diggs. You also meant much to our session, and we are grateful for your having invited us.

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CHAPLAIN MOORE

Chaplain Moore Resigns

It has been a long time since my last communication about the ministry at Polk. There have been many joyous moments—full of grace and love. Let me share a few. Just a few weeks ago, one of my leading deacons spoke to me for the first time in several months—reconciliation. An-

(See RESIGNS, P. 3)

Lott Carey Convention To Convene August 27-31

WASHINGTON—Baptists across the state of North Carolina are busily engaged in preparation for the upcoming session of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention. Lott Carey, declared to be the "greatest mission in the world," will be convening in our nation's Capitol this August 27-31. The President and Executive Secretary of the Convention have joined hands and hearts to bring the 82nd Annual Session to the Convention's home base.

The Executive Secretary, Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, commented recently: "As we near the end of our 1978-79 fiscal year and look forward to the forthcoming Annual Session of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention which meets with the Bethesda Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. August 27-31, 1979, all indications point to the fact that this current year will exceed any previous year in its overall outreach."

The spirit of cooperation and increased contributions excel any previous year. Our host pastor, Reverend John D. Bussey, has extended himself in securing the cooperation of the Baptists of Columbia and vicinity in perfecting plans for the entertainment of our delegation on a high note of expectation; and the local pastors of the District

of Columbia are unanimous in their spirit of cooperation in every possible way.

The renowned Shoreham American Hotel that has been selected for our headquarters is making full and complete preparation for a warm and cordial entertainment for all of our delegates. It is suggested, however, that all delegates should file their requests for lodging in the Shoreham Americana Hotel immediately, for the rooms are rapidly being taken, and of course we would



Dr. John D. Bussey (L), president, Lott Carey; Dr. Wendell C. Somerville (R), executive secretary, Lott Carey.

like for all of our delegates, if possible, to be housed in the Shoreham Americana.

We shall eagerly look forward in uniting in a glorious manifestation during the 82nd Annual Session of the annual session of the Convention.

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New Hope Elects New Moderator

BY JUANITA BRIGHT

APEX—The New Hope Association, in its annual session at the First Baptist Church, Apex, elected a new moderator, the Rev. Charles R. Tyner. Dr. J.R. Manley resigned as moderator after leading the New Hope Association.

REV. TYNER turned to a stronger unified program to give more time for the work of the General Baptist State Convention.



Rev. Tyner, a native of Murfreesboro, received his B.A. degree from Shaw University and M.A. degree from North Carolina Central University. Presently, he is pastoring the White Oak Baptist Church, Apex, and has led his church from an approximately 300 membership to a 500 church membership. Also under his pastorate, a new church edifice, costing more than \$450,000, has been built. Rev. Tyner is also principal at a school and this demonstrates his ability in administration.

As the new moderator of the (See ELECTS, P. 3)

"Vacation Issue: Relax, Renew, Remember The United Program"

From The Executive Secretary's Desk:

Dear Brother Pastors and Members:

Your financial support of the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention has been encouraging. The officials of the General Baptist State Convention, Shaw University and the Divinity School, the Lott Carey Convention and the Central Orphanage join me in thanking you for the excellent way that you are supporting the objectives.

I am gratified with the progress that we are making as we seek to reach our financial goal of \$1,041,960 on or before August 31. Many of our churches have raised their suggested quotas sent to them from the Baptist Headquarters, and other churches are in the process of reaching theirs. If all of the churches reach their suggested quotas, we would have no problem in realizing our financial goal in order to honor our financial commitment to Shaw University and the Divinity School, foreign missions, state missions and the Central Orphanage.

The fiscal year 1978-79 promises to be another banner year in the history of the General Baptist State Convention. You can help us make this a good year by:

1. Giving your support and cooperation; 2. praying for the work and the workers of the convention; and 3. leading your church to meet its suggested quota on or before Aug. 31.

With God's help and support, we can become more than what we are and we can do a greater work in the interest of people. We are blessed to bless. We are the 'salt of the earth' and the 'light of the world.' Jesus tells us in the gospel of Matthew that "if the salt have lost it savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candle stick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, which is in heaven." Matthew 5:13-16.

We become the salt of the

earth and the light of the world as we commit ourselves to support missions and Christian education. The business of our Christian efforts is to make man a new creature in Christ.

WHAT NO ONE ELSE CAN DO William Fisher, in Herald of Holiness, says that "the basic fact about man is that he is a sinner, and his desperate need is for a Savior. Nothing else and no one else will do.

Let a mango to a psychiatrist, but what can he become? An adjusted sinner. Let a mango to a physician, and what can he become? A healthy sinner. Let a man achieve wealth, and what does he become? An affluent sinner. Let a man join a church, sign a card, and turn over a new leaf, and what does he become? A religious sinner. Let a mango to a sincere repentance and faith to the foot of the cross, and what does he become? A new creature in Christ Jesus, forgiven, reconciled with meaning and purpose in his life and on the way to marvelous fulfillment in God's will."

The business of the convention is the Lord's business, which is a world-wide business. Let us continue to give ourselves to the task of comforting the wounded, leading the lost and helping the needy to bear their crosses.

We would like for all of our churches to meet their suggested quotas on or before Aug. 31. With your support and cooperation, I am confident that we can achieve our financial goal.

Sincerely,

C. C. Craig

"The United Dollar for the Unified Program"

Unchurched Sought

BY DR. MARK CORTS
WINSTON-SALEM
Baptists in search of unsaved and unchurched persons are joining together in a statewide evangelistic crusade scheduled for 1982. It is expected that the effort will include simultaneous revivals with dates and other activities to be announced soon. The Joint Evangelistic Crusade Committee, composed of both white and black Baptists, is chaired by Dr. Mark Cortis of Winston-Salem, and co-chaired by Dr. C. W. Ward of Raleigh. The committee requests the prayer support of the churches for this effort to reach every person in North Carolina with the gospel of Christ by the end of 1982.

Major Makes Outstanding Record

JACKSONVILLE — George E. Major, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph A. Major of Jacksonville, N.C., graduated magna cum laude on May 12, from Shaw University in Raleigh. He received a bachelor of arts degree in history and international studies. Major is a graduate of Jacksonville Senior High School and attended Coastal Carolina Community College before transferring to Shaw, where he was active in many organizations: president of the History Club, second vice president and secretary of the Theological Fraternity, supt. of the University Sunday School, member of the Baptist Student Union, Committee on Religious Life, chaplain of the Alpha Eta Omega Christian Fellowship and usher board, chairman of the Men's Day Committee, Shaw University Security Force, and a member of the Shaw University's marching, pep and concert bands. Along with many awards from Shaw, Major was selected to the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Major returned home June 7 from Georgetown, Guyana, South America, where he participated in the study of that country's culture, history and education at the University of Guyana.

His joys of accomplishments are shared by his parents, sister and brother, Mrs. Josephine Wooten and John Major.

Major is a member and youth dean of the Washington Church, Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. W. L. Griffin, pastor.

Letter To The Prexy

Dear Rev. Prexy:
The Sickle Cell Syndrome Program of North Carolina is proclaiming September as Sickle Cell Month. It is striving to reach as many North Carolinians as possible, especially those of African ancestry and is geared toward public awareness.

Without recognition of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., this program would have on a course headed for failure. Your assistance and expertise is graciously requested assuring success in this endeavor.

In view of the fact that Sickle Cell trait is found in one out of 10 black Americans and Sickle Cell Anemia is likely to be found in one out of every 400 black Americans; the following is requested: (1) that each minister who subscribes to "The Baptist Informer," or with whom we have contact, be asked to include on his/her church bulletin and/or program the following:

September is Sickle Cell Month in North Carolina. Sickle Cell Anemia is an inherited blood disorder which affects the shape of the red blood cells. Red blood cells are normally round shaped like a doughnut. If a

A Call To The Ministry

BY J. R. MANLEY

The value system of the Christian faith as most Christians know, is not the value system of modern culture. The value system of the Christian faith is, however, the value system that makes for life. High on the scales of values of the Christian Dr. MANLEY faith is ministry, that helps someone or meets some need. In fact, Jesus said, "Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister, and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." (Matthew 20:26-27).

Again Jesus said: "Whosoever shall save his life shall lose it and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." (Matthew 16:25)

Dr. Justus Morikawa, minister of the First Baptist Church

person has Sickle Cell Anemia, the red blood cells change into a pointed half moon shaped like a farmer's sickle. For further information about Sickle Cell Anemia, contact your physician, your local health department, or your local Sickle Cell program.

Respectfully yours,
Mortel R. Jones
Educator/Counselor, OSC, Inc.
Member/State Program Com.

Letter To The Editor

BAPTIST MINISTERS OF THE LOTT CAREY BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION CONVENTION

Dear Brethren:
To make your stay in the nation's capital more enjoyable during the 82nd session of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention August 27-31, 1979, the Pulpit Placement Committee is endeavoring to find pulpits for all visiting ministers who desire to preach either on August 26 or September 2, 1979.

Ministers who desire to preach in Washington at the time of the convention should address their correspondence to:

Rev. Raymond R. Robinson
Pulpit Placement Committee
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In addition, in addition to the 216 "Magnificent Men and Women of Troas of 1978," as of this date, there are 15 new "Magnificent Men of Troas" who have qualified as "Men and Women of Troas of 1979."

A special feature is this 82nd annual session is pre-regis-

tration. A form is also enclosed for this purpose. Send a check or money order for \$1.50. Make the check payable to the Lott Carey Entertainment Committee. Do not send cash through the mail. Your kit will be waiting for your claim upon arrival.

Through your cooperation in the above mentioned areas, we can be assured of a grand and profitable session in Washington, D.C.

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ther of my deacons felt the pressure of my sufferings and counseled me—brotherly affection. My number one deacon went home—personal anxiety; and the president of my deacon board said, "I'm still here and can handle things"—responsibility. Several saw me to the basketball court—relaxation or meditation, at any rate a clearing of the mind. New men observed my deacons and me and became interested in God and Christ—missions or living day to day in Christ. These are just a few of the joyous moments. There were baptisms, marriages, willingness and desire to change, especially in all programs—Bible classes, prayer meetings, worship services, Deacon Board membership, the choir, and other programs.

All has not been pleasant, however. There were times when I was to testify, especially about the death of a loved one, or comfort and help them accept the denial of honor grade or parole, or the loss of a key deacon to disciplinary proceedings. There has been as much pain as joy; but both have served their purpose as a learning experience for the men and me alike. As I see ministry, it is all about growth and development in being children of God of infinite worth. That is much more difficult than it sounds, especially when you are an 18-21-year-old male locked up for trying to be someone and not knowing how because you have been told to the point of belief that you are no good and never will be. It was a great challenge and I enjoyed it.

Three years ago, you, the General Baptist State Convention, called me from Illinois to accept the position of Chaplain at Polk Youth Center in Raleigh. You commissioned me to establish a quality program of Chaplaincy Serv-

ices there and to manage it until the State Program of Chaplaincy Services could be established. I have often done that, even though the state program is not fully established. There is still much work to be done to complete the state program and I enlist your help and support in that endeavor.

However, I feel that I have gone as far as I am able to go. Therefore, I, with mixed emotions, inform you that as of May 29, 1979, I have resigned my office as Chaplain at Polk Youth Center. I most graciously thank you for affording me the opportunities I experienced at Polk. To joys, even the sorrows, I shall ever cherish. I have undergone sufficient "changes" during these three years to make me stronger and a much more mature minister. I have spent the month of June resting and emotions. I am something long overdue for me.

At this writing, I am hopeful of returning to Illinois to continue in Chaplaincy services there.

I shall continue to pray for Correctional Chaplaincy Services here on for you and your work for God in this state. Again, my many thanks to you and may God ever bless you. For those who wish to get or stay in touch with me, you can do so at Route 4, Box 102, Abbeville, N.C. 28710.

Love in Christ,

REMEMBERING

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It has been recommended that during the first quarter of our fiscal year, we observe August as the Month of Prayer for the family, inasmuch as our convention's motto is "Christ in Every Home." Thus we are asking that in August, members of the family choose different times to pray together, for a praying family stays together and helps to build a stronger and better church and convention. More will be said later concerning the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention's Ministry to the family.

Notes First Anniversary

BY DR. A. O. WALKER
SALISBURY—The Gethsemane Baptist Church of Salisbury paid tribute to its pastor, Dr. A. O. Walker, in a very impressive ceremony last July 15th.

Dr. Walker came to Salisbury as pastor, Dr. Lo-oust Grove Baptist Church DR. WALKER in Brown Summit, where he had been pastor since 1967. Prior to that, he was pastor of Coat's Chapel Baptist Church, Coats; Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Durham; and Burlington Grove Baptist Church, Erwin.

He holds the bachelor of the-ology and doctor of divinity degrees from the Clarksville School of Theology, Tenn., and has completed courses in cardinal teachings of the Bible at Nyack Missionary College, a ministers' institute course at A&T WALKER University and an institute on family life problems given at the Greensboro Family Life Center.

The anniversary message was delivered by the Reverend Rufus Wyatt, Antioch Baptist Church, Granite Quarry, N.C. Members of the Gethsemane Church paid Dr. Walker the following tribute: Gethsemane Baptist Church deems it a sacred honor to pay tribute to our pastor who has done so much for all of us in such a short time.

As a tribute to Dr. Walker, no other words than those of Ida S. Davis would be appropriate for this occasion. Her words characterize what we see in this messenger of God—"It is well to have longings and aspirations, to have ambitions and desires, but right should inspire them, truth govern them and self-control keep them in check. Above all, let us hold fast to the hand of God lest we go beyond his guidance and forget that without him no good is worth striving for. He will show us the right way and help us to walk in it, if we only trust His guidance."

ELECTS

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New Hope Association, Rev. Tyner has endeavored to support the work of our state convention to assure that New Hope Association stand firm in its support of the president, Dr. Manley, to bring about unity with the auxiliaries of the association and to bring a closer working relationship with the 36 churches in our association.

It is revealed in our historical data that Rev. Tyner was the youngest man to pastor a church in our convention and likewise is the youngest man to become moderator in our state convention.

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season..." II Tim. 4:2



MRS.

Words For Busy Pastors

'Take A Taste Of God'

BY REV. AVERY HORTON
(Guest Writer and Father of Dr. I. B. Horton)

A Textual-Topical Sermon
Text: Psalm 34:8, "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusteth in Him."

An Evangelical Sermon:
David, the King of Israel—"man after God's own heart (I Samuel 13:14)."

Introduction to the Problem:

There is a sense of need among God's people in our world today for the kind of man that King David was. The need for leadership in the Christian Church cries out for the type of character which King David portrayed. He was an honest young man with a strong feeling about life. He was strong in intellect, with a deep sense of responsibility to God and a sense of loyalty to his fellow man. His moral convictions were deep; he loved God's people and cherished fellowship with them.

Theme Rationale (the sense or reason behind the thought):

As we note, the key to understanding the great strength of King David's life is his dependence on God. He points us to "Taste of God and see that He is good."

Discourse:

There is much logic in the saying, "Mother may have and father may have; sister may have and brother may have; but blessed is he who has his own." Nothing can substitute for personal experience when it comes to faith and trust in God as David revealed to us. Christ, Job said, "I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eyes see Thee (Job 42:5)."

John Narciso and David Burkette in their book, "Declare Yourself: The Me in Relationships," state that most people are trapped in an endless cycle of sin and corruption. The pattern is: "Confess, repent, forgiveness and keep on sinning." But salvation can come to the soul and when one is willing to "do" what Jesus told the

woman taken in adultery (St. John 4:5-24): "Confess repent, forgiveness, and quit sinning (go and sin no more). One must forsake sin if he is to 'Taste God and see that He is good.'"

Taste:

I. To See How God Loves Mankind

We see this love demonstrated in how He has given man power over the earth and everything that creepeth upon the earth. His love is seen in how God loved man in Noah's time, in preparing the Ark to save Noah's house, who can honestly doubt God's love for mankind when he observes how He has provided for him?

Taste:

II. To See How He Calls Man

To The Promised Land

God's goodness is symbolized in his call to Abraham to go to a land of promise. How God would bless him and make him a blessing to the world if he would have faith and trust in Him. What man among you who has trusted in God can say that faith in God will not lead to a fulfillment of God's promises in your life?

Taste:

III. To See How Life Begins

At The Cross

No man can see God outside of faith in Jesus Christ. Nothing but the blood of Jesus can bring about redemption from the power of sin. "You must be born again (St. John 3:5)." Yes, this is a general order for all men... even you. It is at the cross of Jesus that one receives forgiveness of sin, and the power to live the regenerated life.

Conclusion

I admonish you also to taste like King David and see that the Lord our God is good. "He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed (Isaiah 53:5)." Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you a rest (Matthew 11:28)." Take Him at His word; you will see that God is good.

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Mrs. Christine Avery of Asheville for those persons who had passed since the last convention.

Many souls were lifted up by the dynamic message from Dr. W. B. Lewis, pastor of the First Cosmopolitan Church, Raleigh. He stated that the WBH & FM Convention had challenged the forces of evil throughout the world, through their great work for missions. Rev. Lewis spoke on the subject, "A Desperate Question At A Desperate Time." The question was, "Carest thou not that we perish?" (Mark 4:38). The message, based on the incident when Christ calmed the stormy sea, challenged the delegates to "Keep Christ in your ship." Mrs. Luella Edwards, second vice president, presided over the Tuesday afternoon session.

The outstanding feature of the session was a program presented by the Baptist Ministers' Wives Fellowship, which was organized in 1974 to aid Shaw Divinity School students. Mrs. Omega Johnson, Fairview, was the first to speak to the group. The discussion revolved around the convention theme as the wives were called upon to live holy lives in this sophisticated society. They were urged to tithe and witness.

Mrs. H. V. Bryant, superintendent of the Central Orphanage, expressed gratitude to the convention for the manner in which they supported the orphanage by helping us to make a home for the children away from home.

On Tuesday evening, Rev. Harold S. Diggs and the members of Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church presented a unique program, officially welcoming the convention to Charlotte and to the church. Councilman Ganti presented Emblems of Charlotte from the Mayor to President Turner and Executive Secretary Brodie. Four choirs from Mayfield Memorial presented musical selections during the program of welcome.

Following the welcome program, the gospel choir from Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, stirred our souls with a prepared message and an electrifying message from Dr. J. Ray Butler, vice president at-large of the General Baptist State Convention and pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church. He carried us up on the mountain to the place he talked about in "Breaking the Roof to Get To Jesus."

Wednesday morning, when Mrs. Horton, first vice president, WBH & FM Convention, called the session to order, the center was lit up with people who came from all over North Carolina in buses and cars. Some traveled for many hours to attend the Wednesday meeting to hear the three presidents speak, to get financial information from our new executive secretary and to fellowship with each other. Mrs. Eva Pratt, editor of the Missionary Helper, called on all missionaries to help distribute the Helper to all of our churches. She stated that the Missionary Helper was our

own book.

Mrs. R. B. Mc Lester reported on the Baptist Woman's Day of Prayer. She stated that this year the Day of Prayer would be observed on Nov. 5.

Greetings were extended by Dr. C. Craig, executive secretary of the General Baptist State Convention.

Dr. Priscilla Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer, expressed her gratitude to all ministers and missionaries for supporting given during the year. She urged the members to "continue to pray together because these are praying times; let us work together, these are working times. We have hard work for 95 years, but we continue to stay on the battlefield for the Lord." Total amount of money given for the objectives during the convention was \$79,256.50 and \$256,336.50 for the year. Net increase in cash from operations was \$3,215.22.

Dr. Brodie said, "We have come here for many reasons: some for joy, some for peace, others for Christian fellowship. For whatever reasons we have come, let us remember that Christ is a challenge to a deeper commitment."

Brief remarks were given by Dr. Manley, president of the General Baptist Convention. He stated that more serious than the economic recession was the moral recession. We must all be willing to save the souls of our nation.

Vice president Horton presented President Turner for her second annual message. Some highlights of her message were:

"The Woman's Baptist Convention has a stalwart brother, sisters. The wonderful, dedicated, strong women and men who have been touched by her outstretched arms through the years, are scattered across the continents in this vast world, making their contributions to humanity and answering the call of the Master. She has stood 'through many dangers, toils, and snares. Grace has brought her safe thus far and God will guard her on." President Turner also spoke about "The Challenge of an Educated Heart."

"What is an educated heart? An educated heart knows how to weigh. There are four things concerning heart education that we must accept: the 'Book of Gold.' Like all education:

1. You must want it. Nobody will make you go through the heart education process if you don't want it.
2. You must accept it. God offers the gift, but you cannot claim ownership until you accept it.
3. You must grow into it. It doesn't happen overnight. Anything that grows takes time. Educating a heart does, too.
4. You must learn by doing. That's just practice. Practice weighing values. Christ is a heart educator if you will let Him do the job that it takes to be done. He'll put your heart in useable condition."

The following recommendations were made by the president:

1. That we recognize in our Circles, Unions, Auxiliaries, and District Confer-

ences for the remainder of this year 1979 as The International Year of the Child. Missionaries are to be transmitters of love for and understanding of children.

2. That we work with all diligence in order to double our Self-Denial Offering by the close of our Convention year in 1980.
3. That each union president and her members cooperate with your special worker in planning and experience offering to the Meeting before our 1980 annual session convenes.
4. That we continue our Second Mile for Shaw University. A \$100-a-month contribution to your circle, above and beyond your regular contributions, for the support of our school, Shaw University—\$12.00 if you decide to give all of your contributions at once.
5. That each Year Round Committee chairperson add two new members to her committee. Register these names and addresses in our Woman's Convention office.
6. That those sisters attending the 1978 Missionary Leadership Training Conference at our assembly in Laurel Hill, who come again next year, 1980, and bring another sister who has not attended for the week will receive a Special Stewardship Award from your convention.
7. That we establish a Missionary Helper Committee to help distribute the Helper.
8. That all Senior Missionary Circles reporting regularly, who contribute \$1,000 or more to all the objectives of our Woman's Convention before the books close each year will receive a Lydia Circle Award for your circle.

Mrs. Eva H. Johnson, third vice president, presided over the afternoon session. The young adult department presented a most inspiring and challenging program reviving and recommitting "Give Me That Old Time Religion."

The youth department was truly in action when they presented their program to the joint session. The president, Letitia Lewis, stated in her address that the young man, Christian and relying on Christ as our personal Savior is a great help in our youth. As young people, we should serve God and seek after Him daily.

Dr. Priscilla Brodie presented Mrs. Louisa Slone, pastor of Woman's Work. Lot Carey, Woman's Auxiliary, during the Wednesday evening session. She extended gratitude to the women of North Carolina for their support and loyalty. Mrs. Slater said that North Carolina was known as the million dollar state because of the fine manner in which support was given to all of their objectives which included foreign mission.

The evening message was delivered by Rev. P. E. Graves, pastor, St. James Baptist Church, Greensboro. Rev. Graves spoke on the subject, "The Low Way Up."

On Thursday morning, Mrs. Robbie Diggs, fourth vice president, presided over the

closing session. Dr. O. L. Sherrill, chairman of the Trustee Board of Shaw University, presented Dr. Stanley Smith, president of Shaw University. Dr. Smith expressed his profound gratitude for the manner in which they had supported Shaw University. He stated that our theme, "Christ, the Challenge to a Desperate World," was appropriate for our times and conditions today. He said that love is the basic philosophy of Shaw University. The four-day meeting with approximately twelve thousand and persons from all sections of North Carolina. The spirit was high and the cooperation was superb.

Thanking officers were installed to lead this great organization for another year: Mrs. Georgia Turner, Lumberton, president; Mrs. Thelma Horton, Goldsboro, first vice president; Mrs. Luella Commey, Charlotte, second vice president; Eva H. Johnson, Salisbury, third vice president; Mrs. Robbie Diggs, Charlotte, fourth vice president; Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Franklinton, executive secretary; Mrs. Novena Whitted, recording secretary; Mrs. Marion Bass, High Point, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. Bronnie Daniels, Winston-Salem, young adult director; Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, Clayton, youth director; Mrs. Faye Norman, Charlotte, assistant youth director; Mrs. Clara Hayes, Winston-Salem, chairman of Executive Board; Mrs. Helen Falls, Winston-Salem, assistant chairman of Executive Board; Mrs. Maggie White, chairman of General Board; Mrs. Mildred Chavis, Raleigh, secretary of Executive Board; and Miss Cheryl McCullough, Charlotte, president of the youth department.

Young adult officers for 1979-80 are: Rev. Wayne Hines, president; Mrs. Sharon Jones, first vice president; Mrs. Linda Jones, second vice president; Miss Phyllis F. Kelly, third vice president; Darryl Patterson, fourth vice president; Mrs. Jean Burkins, secretary; Mrs. Zenobia Howard, assistant secretary; Mrs. Mary Watson, financial secretary; Mrs. Annie Ragland, assistant financial secretary; Mrs. Julia McDonald, worship chairman; Donald Crawford, organist and director; Mrs. Louise Lassiter, choir director; and Mrs. Hermena Bostick and Mrs. Betty Irwin, program coordinators.

VISITS

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was indeed a surprise visit and truly a great honor.

Rev. W. Ealey, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Rahway, N.J., choir and congregation rendered the service. Dinner was served to family of Dr. Bigelow, guests and officers of the church at Morris's Cafeteria immediately following service.

The anniversary was a dynamic success and was enjoyed by all who attended.

As a born-again Christian, love compels me: always to strive to do the great rather than the least for my brother.

A Layman's Retreat

Theme—"God and Church."

The General Baptist Laymen will hold a retreat for laymen and young boys, September 14-16, at the J. J. Johnson Assembly, Laurel Hill. This year's retreat promises to be more spirit-filled than any other.

Come let us study together...
Come let us worship together...
Come let us fellowship together...

Please start registering now for this event. Registration fee is \$15.00 per person, which will include materials for study, food, and board.

This is a tentative schedule listed below:

Friday, Sept. 14
5:00 p.m. Registration, Dinner and Opening Convocation.

Saturday, Sept. 15
7:30 p.m. Breakfast, Worship, Day of Study and Fellowship—activities throughout the day.

The Laymen Study Commission and the Executive Committee will also meet on this day.

Items Needed For the Retreat

1. Towels, Wash cloth, soap, sheets, pillow cases, etc.
2. Bible, notebook, pencil and pen.
3. Come prepared to meet God.

Remember: \$15.00 per person.
Deadline: Sept. 7, 1979

The Laymen President is H. Hillard, Laymen Fieldworker is W. J. Cane and Retreat Chairmen is Frank Marshall.

Given Honor For Service

BY J. W. WALLACE, SR.
CHARLOTTE—The pastor of the Rose Hill Missionary Baptist Church feels that the Baptist Church, family and Christians in general should thank God for this church.

The second Sunday in July marked 30 years that J. WALLACE have been with these very fine members, and they still accept my leadership; many pastors in this community come and go, but the Lord keeps us together.

The Lord has blessed the church with many new members, a new house of worship, land to bury our dead, lots for parking.

I have been blessed also because in 1977, I received a bachelor of theology degree; in May of 1979, I was blessed with a bachelor of divinity; I have a teacher certificate and have been certified by the Southern Baptist Convention to teach the Bible curriculum in the Rose Hill Information Extension Center.

Thanks to the educational department of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., for asking me to serve as a member of the committee on Christian Education.

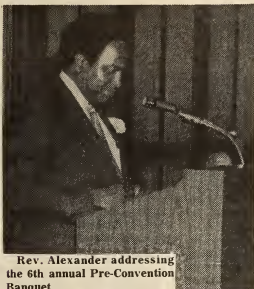


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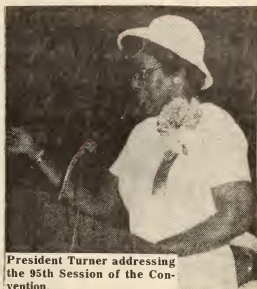
Highlights Of The 95th W.B.H. & F.M. Convention



Greetings from Dr. Manley, President of the General Baptist State Convention.



Rev. Alexander addressing the 6th annual Pre-Convention Banquet.



President Turner addressing the 95th Session of the Convention.



The Wednesday morning Session of the 95th annual WBH & FM Convention.



Host pastor, Dr. H. S. Diggs, addressing the 6th annual Pre-Convention Banquet.



Winners of the Shaw Contest sponsored by the Youth Department: First place winner, Lynn Charles; Second place winners, Rhonda Hairston and Tonya Howell.



SCENES FROM THE 6th PRE-CONVENTION BANQUET



President Turner addressing the Young Adult Department. The young women on stage are being promoted to the Senior Department.



Winners of the Have A Heart Contest sponsored by the Youth Department: First place winner, Diedre Dunlap; Second place winner, Milton Todd; Youth Director, Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell.



MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH WOMAN'S DAY—From left to right: Mrs. Jettlean Pettiford, Mrs. Mable Butler, Mrs. Catherine Ferrell, Mrs. Corinne Morrison, Woman of the Year at Mt. Gilead for 1979; Mrs. Mary E. Short, Mrs. Marie Council, Mrs. Carolyn Long, Mother of the Year at Mt. Gilead for 1979; Mrs. A. D. Moseley, the wife of the pastor; Mrs. Luella Edwards, guest speaker from Fayetteville, 11 a.m. service; Mrs. Ora Bryant, 8 a.m. speaker, and the Rev. A. D. Moseley, pastor of Mt. Gilead.

Rev. Cleopatra Lacy Named 'Outstanding Young Man' Of U.S.

BY DOUG BLANKENSHIP
The Reverend Cleopatra Lacy has been selected for inclusion in the 1979 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America."

Doug Blankenship, chairman, Board of Advisors, says, "The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding REV. LACY Young Men of America Awards Program announced today that the man named on the attached listing have been selected for inclusion in the 1979 edition of 'Outstanding Young Men of America.'"

"These men were selected from nominations received from Senators, Congressmen, governors, mayors, state legislators, university and college presidents and deans, as well as various civic groups—including the United States Jaycees, which also endorses the Outstanding Young Men of America program."

"In every community, there are young men working diligently to make their cities, as well as their country, better places in which to live. These men, having distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor, are outstanding and deserve to be recognized for their achievements. The criteria for selection include a man's voluntary service to community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement and cultural accomplishments and civic and political participation."

Native Achieves First
GRIFFIN, GA.—A Bladenboro native has achieved two firsts in his present residence of Griffin, Ga.

Rev. Cleopatra Lacy, on May 30, delivered the baccalaureate sermon at Griffin High School. Earlier in the month, he was elected president of the Griffin Spalding County Hospital Chaplains' Association. In both cases, it represented the first time a black had filled either position.

Reverend Lacy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Lacy, Jr., of Bladenboro. He is pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Griffin, where he lives with his wife, Patricia, and their daughter, Petrice.

In his address to the Griffin High graduates, Reverend Lacy recommended that God be allowed to control their lives.

It is like riding the Scram Machine or the Mind Bender at Six Flags, he suggested. There will be highs and lows, curves and twists, he said. But just as someone is in control of the rides at Six Flags, God can be in control of your lives, the Mount Zion Baptist pastor said.

Graduation does not end development, the minister said, continuing, "You are never to stop developing your ability to do what you do best."

He based his "Generation of Progress" sermon on II Timothy 1:3-7 and suggested the graduates take the advice Paul gave to Timothy. "Strive up the gift that is within you by continued preparation," he

said. "Whether your gift be sports or speech, music or math, English or electronics, use it so you won't lose it, he said."

Rev. Lacy added, "Show gratitude to your parents and grandparents by respecting yourself and others."

"Gratitude means being grateful for the good times and the bad. Be thankful for your talents, and be appreciative of the achievements you have made."

"Gratitude is never to forget your roots. Wherever you go in life, always remember the fine things you have learned here at Griffin High and the people who helped you along the way."

He quoted Chicago minister Jesse Jackson as saying, "Children must know that it is not their aptitude, but their attitude that will determine their altitude."

"Gratitude is indeed the love we must have to make life worth living. Where there is genuine love, you can do the impossible. Thus, gratitude and love will help light up your life," Rev. Lacy said.

He commended the graduates on their "stick to it" performance. When the going got rough, you did not give up, he said.

"You have cleared the hurdles of English, math, science, reading and writing. Now you have written your name in Griffin High's history book to never be erased by time or eternity," the Baptist minister closed.

Obituary

Reverend Roosevelt Joyner departed this life Monday, June 4, 1979. He was a native of Bladenboro, N.C.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helena Joyner. Other survivors include a stepdaughter, Mrs. Blanche Dupree of Brook-REV. JOYNER, lyn, N. Y.; two grandchildren and nieces and a nephew.

He was a devoted father and husband and loved all who knew him. He will be sadly missed.

He joined church in North Carolina at an early age and later started his ministry under Reverend John McNair. He was a member of Rising Sun Lodge No. 2, where he served as their chaplain.

We feel so sad when those we

Love

Are touched by death's dark

Hand

But it would ease our sorrow

If we could but understand

That death is just a gateway

That all men must pass

Through

And on the other side of death

In a world that's bright and

New

Our loved ones wait to welcome

Us

To that land free from all

Tears

Where joy becomes eternal

And time is not counted by

Years.

Sorrowfully,

The Family



STATE BAPTIST SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
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1. PASTORS
"The Pastor's Role in Building a Ministering Fellowship"
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Text: "Growing a Loving Church"
2. SUPERINTENDENTS AND SECRETARIES
"The Superintendent Directs the Teaching Fellowship"
Instructors: Mrs. W. B. Bryant and R. B. Stewart
Text: "Working In Sunday School"
3. SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND COUNSELORS
"The Teacher Implements the Learning Fellowship"
Instructors: M. W. Hartley, G. H. Jones and L. Lassiter
Text: "Helping Teachers Teach"
4. VACATION BIBLESCHOOL WORKERS
"Applying Bible Truths to Life's Needs"
Instructors: Mrs. Ursula Jones
Text: "Working In Vacation Bible School"
5. CHURCH TRAINING (BTU) WORKERS
"Training the Fellowship for Service"
Instructor: Julius Montague
Text: "Church Member Training Manual"
6. YOUTH (YOUNG PEOPLE—SENIOR HIGH 15-17)
Instructor: Mrs. Hazel McLean
Text: "Your Life and Your Church"
7. YOUTH (INTERMEDIATE—JUNIOR HIGH 12-14)
"Learning Basic Truths About the Christian Life"
Instructor: Mrs. Inez Wickert
Text: "The New Life"
8. CHILDREN (JUNIOR 9-11)
"Thinking About a Very Important Decision"
Instructor: Mrs. M. Grimes
Text: "I Will Follow Jesus"
9. CHILDREN (PRIMARIES 6-8)
Instructor: Miss Bernice Patterson

PROGRAM

Tuesday Morning, August 14, 1979	
9:00 a.m.	Enrollment of Messengers and Registration for Classes
10:30 a.m.	The Opening Assembly..... James Bellamy, Jr., Presiding Devotional Leader..... George Edwards "Christ Introduces the Church to the Minister" Music Leader..... Waverly Camp, Jr.
11:00 a.m.	Introduction of Program and Personnel..... Waverly Camp, Jr.
11:20 a.m.	Class Period (First Period)
12:30 p.m.	Break for Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Lunch (New Light Church's Dining Room)
Tuesday Afternoon	
2:00 p.m.	Devotional Leader..... J. M. Jones "The Church Builds Christian Character" Music Leader..... Waverly Camp, Jr.
2:20 p.m.	Continuation of Classes (Second Period)
3:20 p.m.	Classes (Third Period)
4:30 p.m.	Assembly in Church Auditorium Questions and Answers—Information Appointment of Committees
5:30 p.m.	Dinner (Church's Dining Room)
Tuesday Evening	
7:00 p.m.	Devotional Leader..... J. H. Thomas "Building the Ministering Fellowship Through Bible Teaching" Music Leader..... Waverly Camp, Jr.
7:20 p.m.	Program of the Evening..... Host Church Response to Welcome
7:50 p.m.	Offering Introduction of Guest Minister..... E. Millap Music..... New Light Church Choir
8:10 p.m.	Annual Session..... D. U. Cooper Invitation to Discipleship..... Presidents Information..... D. U. Cooper Benediction..... D. U. Cooper
Wednesday Morning, August 15, 1979	
9:00 a.m.	Devotional Leader..... Mrs. Hazel Logan "The Church Builds Christian Character" Music Leader..... Waverly Camp and Willie Jordan Williams
9:20 a.m.	Classes (Fourth Period)
10:20 a.m.	Assembly in Church Auditorium—Music
11:00 a.m.	Panel: "God and Government"..... J. L. Barber, Moderator
11:00 a.m.	Panel: "Some Ministries of the Minister"..... Prince Graves, Moderator
11:30 a.m.	Prayers and Information General Baptist State Convention..... J. R. Manley and C. C. Craig
11:50 a.m.	Offering
12:00 noon	Introduction of Speaker..... C. C. Craig
12:40 p.m.	The Convention Address
12:45 p.m.	Benediction
12:45 p.m.	Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

2:00 p.m.	Devotional Leader..... W. J. Walls "Training The Child Through Involvement" Music
2:20 p.m.	Junior Oratorical Contest..... Mrs. Beatrice Branch, Director
3:20 p.m.	Senior Oratorical Contest..... Mrs. Emaretha Polon, Director
4:20 p.m.	Decisions and Awards
5:30 p.m.	Dinner..... Dinner Director
Wednesday Evening	
7:00 p.m.	Devotional Leader..... Waverly Camp, Jr. "Building Through Music in Worship"
7:20 p.m.	Memorial Service..... Weddie Gabriel
7:45 p.m.	Applaud Training Union Congress President's Address..... James Bellamy, Jr.
8:15 p.m.	Sunday School Congress President's Address..... James L. Lassiter
8:45 p.m.	Pageant..... "The Prodigal Son" Benediction
Thursday, August 16, 1979	
9:30 a.m.	Devotional Leader..... George Allen
9:45 a.m.	Class Reports (Five Minutes Each)
9:45 a.m.	Awarding of Certificates
10:15 a.m.	District Presidents' Period
10:45 a.m.	Committee Reports
11:00 a.m.	Financial Report
11:10 a.m.	Closing Remarks
11:30 a.m.	Adjournment



DR. J. H. JACKSON

Dr. Jackson Visits Durham

BY MRS. V. J. WALTHOUR
DURHAM — Dr. W. T. Bigelow, pastor of the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, Durham, was honored by members and friends as they gathered in numbers to help him celebrate his 14th anniversary Sunday, June 24 at 11 a.m. Among the many persons present was the honorable Dr. J. H. Jackson, President of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Dr. Jackson felt the need to personally come by to wish a happy anniversary with much continued service to Dr. Bigelow as he labors in this corner of the Master's vineyard and throughout the USA as well. Dr. Jackson congratulated Dr. Bigelow with a warm handshake. Although Dr. Jackson's stay was brief, duties which he had been previously committed by him, his presence on this occasion shall always be remembered. This (See VISIT, P. 4)

Show To Sponsor Divinity Confab

BY DEAN JAMES Z.

ALEXANDER

RALEIGH—The Shaw Divinity School will sponsor its second annual Christian Leadership Workshops for Church Secretaries and-or church clerks, deacons, church music leaders, and other persons interested in these positions. The workshops will be conducted in the Student Union Building at Shaw University, Raleigh, August 10-11. Registration will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, August 10, followed by a banquet, also on Friday, at 7 p.m. The workshop sessions will be conducted on Saturday, August 11.

The full cost is \$49. This includes registration, the banquet, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and lodging in Shaw University dormitories.

Brother pastor, we need your help in promoting this program among your people. Please announce it from your pulpit and promote it among your membership. Please enter the names of persons from your church who will attend on page 2 of this memorandum and return it as soon as possible.

SS & BTU Themes

NATIONAL FOUR-YEAR THEME:
"Rethinking the Meaning of Christian Education"

NATIONAL WEEK-END EMPHASIS:
"Building Upon the Foundation of Christian Education"

STATE CONGRESS THEME:
"Building a Ministering Fellowship Through Christian Education"

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND FORMS



THE H. E. ROOKS FAMILY

Rev. Mrs. David Rooks Are Commissioned As Missionaries

BY MRS. H. E. ROOKS
WILMINGTON—Rev. David A. Rooks and wife, Barbara, were commissioned March 2, 1977 to serve three years as missionaries in the United Republic of Cameroon by the National Baptist Convention of America's Foreign Board. Rev. Rooks is supervisor of missions for West Africa and superintendent of missions in Cameroon. Barbara is assistant medical director. On their arrival at the Cameroon airport, April 15, 1977, a welcoming committee was there to greet them, providing an atmosphere of festivity through song and dance with a candlelight parade throughout the entire route to their motel. The following day, they were met by many of the officials, who also visited Village Lysoka, site for the Health Clinic, where another welcoming festival took place.

Rev. Rooks is very active in his administrative duties of the Health Clinic, as well as his church work, inclusive of travel by canoe to serve communion at one church. Through fully understanding the meaning of trust, faith, and prayer, Barbara and David have progressed wonderfully with their work. In one and one-half years, they have built and worked in a Health Clinic. There is still a great need for additional equipment.

Barbara reports that a mobile van operates daily in a month for 100 miles during a two-day period, once with

patients in the village, serving as many as 100 patients daily, many of whom walk one or two miles to receive medical care. This area is known as the Bush Area, an area which carries many diseases that are read about only in books. They are hard working people, some who have small farm areas selling their products at the market place. The country is overwhelmed with beauty, surrounded by flowers, hills, trees, and national streams.

Rooks is very much involved in community and church work, while Barbara actively involves herself with the children's choir, with their children participating. Barbara and David also sing in the English Choir. As a family, they have become adjusted to the many customs and traditions. They find the family meals very similar, with chicken, known as "Gospel Bird," a custom that comes from our ancestors' land, Africa, and fish being a part of the basic diet. Serving as missionaries has been a rewarding experience.

Dedication of Dorcas Luke Health Centre Lysoka was on Saturday, Dec. 9, 1978.

Rev. Rooks is the son of Mrs. Hannah E. Rooks and the late Rev. Beal S. Rooks, Sr., 1407 Norman Street, Wilmington. Your prayers are solicited for this family that they may continue to serve spiritually, physically, normally, and mentally as they strive to do the work that God has inspired them to do.

Roxboro's First Baptist Church Dedicated

ROXBORO—"The Lord has multiplied the 'crumbs' of the membership and friends and helped them build an edifice in which we can praise and glorify His name," says the pastor, Rev. J. Willie Barnes. For this cause the church held a week of dedicatory services during the week of July 16-22.

On Monday, July 16, our guests were the Rev. J. L. Thomas and congregation of South Boston, Va. On Tuesday, the service was conducted by Rev. U. R. Booker and the

churches he pastors. On Wednesday, Dec. Dr. C. R. Trotter and the First Baptist Church of Graham conducted the service. On Thursday, Rev. Al High and the Pine Grove Baptist Church of Creedmore conducted the service. On Friday, Rev. T. J. Foster and the Terrell's Creek Baptist Church conducted the service.

On Sunday, two services climaxed the dedicatory services, at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The pastor was in charge of the morning worship, followed by a grand march from the old

Letter From Shaw

To The President, The Executive Secretary, The Moderators, The Pastors of the Priesthood of Believers of the General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc.:

Shaw University is indebted to all of you for the way you have supported it during the University's fiscal year, July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979.

The support from all levels of the Convention and its membership churches has been most gratifying. We want to thank you for making Shaw's cause your cause, for showing through your contributions that you appreciate Shaw and what it is doing, and for your willingness to sacrifice that Shaw might grow and glow.

Having been among you once as Director of Christian Education for the Convention, I know your works and what you can do. I know your love for Shaw and for education in general. I know that you can do whatever you make up your mind to do.

Let me speak briefly about education and what it means to our black youth. To be very blunt, without it they cannot make it. The largest unemployment percentage in this country today is in the black youth group. With a sound education, they do have a chance of making it.

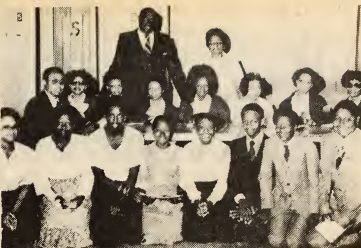
Secondly, black youth need institutions that understand and are sympathetic toward their educational needs, institutes which believe that all young people are educable but in some cases developmental and compensatory programs are needed to nurture the student in his intellectual growth. Shaw, as well as most predominantly black institutions, has always had an awareness of that need. It has, over the years, taken students where they were and nurtured them to arrive at the point where they become full-fledged college graduates.

Education is not solely an intellectual pursuit. It is also social, in which the developing student seeks identification, both personal and communal. Shaw University, as well as the other predominantly black colleges, has provided an atmosphere in which the student could find answers to such basic questions as: "Who am I?" "Where did I come from?" "Where am I going?" In a word, Shaw has striven to give its students a sense of belonging, a social consciousness and a community awareness.

Finally, Shaw has emphasized

church to the new. Dinner was served in the fellowship hall at 2 p.m. The final worship service began at 3:30 p.m., with Rev. Dr. Percy High and the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, conducting the service. During this service, the contractor for the church presented the keys. Expressions from the city and county government, East Coast Grove Association, were made.

The theme for the week was: "A Heritage To Remember, A Present To Serve, A Future To Hold."



Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Bigelow and the Youth Movement Staff of the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, Durham. Standing: Dr. W. T. Bigelow and Mrs. Bigelow. Seated (L to R) Supervisors: Robert Debose, Patricia Raines, Janice Sanders, Leola Jenkins, Susan Norman, director, Janie Harrell, Leona Whittington, Saravette Williams, Front row (L to R) Aides: Linda Carrington, Doretta Winston, Lovely Ghee, Tonya Robertson, Annette Carrington, Julius Harrell, Adrian Carrington and Clifton Carrington. Supervisors not present: Cathy Debose, Mary Tisdale, Delores Washington, Otis Harris and George Johnson.

Youth Movement Busy

BY SUSAN NORMAN

DURHAM — The youth department of the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, Durham, rings with the chatter of laughter, excitement, seriousness and dedication as the children of the Youth Movement and its staff carry out its weekly activities.

ized in many ways the spiritual component of its students. It has, through religious services, counseling, religious education, forums, etc., said to its students, you are in the image of God.

Education at Shaw is designed to reach the whole man and to develop the total personality. Seeing the student as an economic, political, intellectual, social and spiritual being, Shaw has been constant in its vigilance against a one-sided education.

Your contributions have helped in the promotion of Shaw's unique approach to education. Your continued support will not only enable Shaw to maintain its philosophy of education, but also to enhance it.

John W. Fleming
Director of Church Relations

Dr. W. T. Bigelow, pastor of Greater St. Paul, organized the Youth Movement in 1978 for the purpose of ministering to the "total needs" of the youth of the church, including those needs which extend beyond the traditional confines of the church. The Youth Movement activities accentuate the theme of the church: The Church Which Speaks To The Issues Of Life.

Some of the youth activities include Sunday morning Bible-oriented activities, the development of Christian journalism and speaking skills, training youth in their Christian duties and responsibilities of the church, participation in religious-oriented contests at the state and local levels, provision of programs to provide an awareness of the physical and social well-being of its youth and participation in special community programs pertaining to the youths.

Plans are now underway for a puppet theatre to provide a more meaningful approach to the teaching of the Bible and Christian principles to the youth of the church. The Youth Movement staff has a total of 28 workers.

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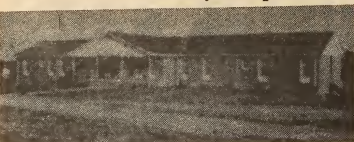
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This cottage is one of three that have been completed as part of the plans to replace the older buildings at the Central Orphanage. This year's project is to continue the building program with the construction of a cottage for boys.

Central Orphanage: "Can These Bones Live?"

OXFORD—"And He said unto me, son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest... Then he said unto me, son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, our bones are dried, and our hope is lost; we are cut off in our part (Ezekiel 37:3, 11).

These words are a part of one of the many visions which the Lord God showed Ezekiel when he came upon him to be his spokesman during the time of Israel's exile in Babylon (sixth century B. C.) God showed Ezekiel a valley of dry bones which represented the dry and hopeless condition of Israel as it languished in bondage in Babylon. The bones were "very dry," bleached by the scorching sun in a desert valley. As Ezekiel observed the bones scattered and piled throughout the valley, God Almighty asked him: "Son of man, can these bones live?"

Ezekiel, who was human and subject to all the frailties of the flesh, like you and I, answered God out of his doubts and flickering-fainting faith: "O Lord God, Thou knowest! What he meant was, 'Lord, Thou who can see the innermost secrets of my heart, You know that I cannot bring myself to believe that these bones can live. You know that I want to believe that they can live, but I just don't have that kind of faith.'"

Trembling there before the all-seeing eye of the Almighty, Ezekiel began to realize that he had lost faith in the Word of God... that "all-powerful word" by which the worlds received their frame." So God spoke to him, saying, "Prophesy upon these bones and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord." Whereupon he preached the "word" unto them.

When the bones had "heard" the "word" of God, "they came together...sinews and flesh came upon them, and...they lived, and stood up upon their feet (Ezekiel 37:10)." "This is the day a symbol of what God could and would restore Israel from its seeming hopeless condition.

Is it not true that far too many "Christians" look upon children, such as those at Central Orphanage, and say: "Can these bones live?" that is, can anything worthwhile be made of these forsaken, broken human wrecks? Like Ezekiel, a great many will have to sadly confess: "Thou knowest, Lord God, that we do not have to believe that anything good can come of these broken lives."

Yet superintendent Bryant and his staff at Central

Orphanage can answer: Yes! When the "word" of God is preached to them. How is it preached to them? By loving acts of helpfulness in the name of Jesus Christ. By supporting the Unified Program so that they can have the necessities of life: food, shelter, clothing, emotional and spiritual support when they need it most. Yes! "These bones can live." Your support of the General Baptist State Convention's Unified Program, which is the Lord's work, is your "Voice of Prophecy" to those dry and desolate souls.

As Christians, we must never forget that the word of God contains the salvation of the world. The Gospel must be continuously preached because it is the word of God that "feeds the sheep (church)."

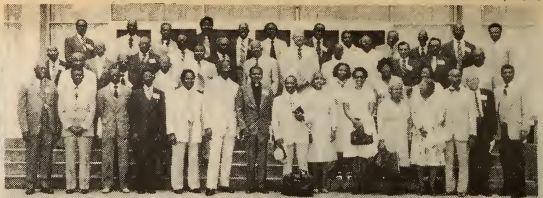
Ministers must never lose faith in God's word. Each Christian must take the "Great Commission" seriously. The church needs the word of God, the entire world needs the word of God. It is the "power of God unto salvation to everyone who will believe."

Like Ezekiel, many ministers have lost faith in the "word" of God but when it is preached in its fullness and with confidence by the preacher, the "bones will live."

(Editor's Note) This article concerning Central Orphanage is the eighth in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the black Baptists and friends of Baptists in our state and everywhere, become familiar with the work of our state convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders and pastors are asked to secure financial support for the objectives during the month of its emphasis. July, STATE MISSIONS; February and August, CENTRAL ORPHANAGE; March and September, SHAW UNIVERSITY; April and October, FOREIGN MISSIONS; May and December, J. J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY; June and December, SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL.

DON'T FORGET THAT SEPTEMBER IS THE SHAW UNIVERSITY EMPHASIS.



Pictured above are participants in the Shaw Divinity School's annual Church Leaders' Conference, June 11-15. The conference was comprised of the 43rd annual Ministers' Institute and the 5th annual Church-Lay Leaders' Institute. Dr. Frederick G. Sampson, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., was the principal resource person.

McEachern

Re-Elected, Grant Co-Chairman At Church Confab

RALEIGH—The 43rd annual Ministers' Institute and fifth annual Church-Lay Leaders' Institute, sponsored by the Shaw Divinity School, held at Shaw last June, were among the best ever. The inspired messages of Dr. Frederick Sampson were more than ordinary and profitable for those who heard him.

Participants who attended the Institute re-elected the Reverend Eli McEachern as chairman of the Ministers' Institute. The Reverend Wesley Grant, of Asheville was elected co-chairman.

Johnston Co. Union Dinner Held July 14th

BY JANIEW CLAYTON SMITHFIELD—The annual benefit dinner, sponsored by the Junior Dept. of the Johnston County Missionary Union, was held on Saturday, July 14 at the Agricultural Building in Smithfield. Miss Alice Perry, president of the junior department, presided at the dinner. The invocation was given by Mrs. Jochlin Williams of Strickland Grove Baptist Church.

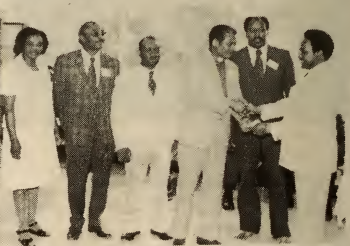
The speaker for the occasion was Miss Tasha Jiles. Tasha is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Jiles of Raleigh. She is a member of the Springfield Baptist Church, where she serves as a member of the intermediate choir. Tasha used as a topic: Give Us A Chance. The speech was informative as well as enjoyable. The Johnston Missionary Union presented a piece of luggage to Tasha.

The entire evening was a gala affair. Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, who serves as the state youth supervisor as well as Johnston County youth supervisor, presented certificates of appreciation to churches, as well as individuals who worked diligently in order that the program would be successful.

Mrs. Clara Ballentine, president of the Johnston County Missionary Union, brought greetings and remarks.

Philip Mitchell, Sr. sang the closing song, Amazing Grace, and the benediction was given by Rev. Thomas Jiles, pastor of Lee's Cross Road Baptist Church.

Proceeds from the banquet will be used to help the junior dept. reach their financial objectives for the year.



Reverend Eli McEachern (L), Chairman of the Minister's Institute, presents a check to Dean Alexander as an annual gift from the conference.

Ebenezer 2nd Stage Finished

BY REV. THOMAS WALKER

ROCKY MOUNT—Reverend

the Ebenezer Baptist Church completed the second stage of approximately 3 quarter million dollars structure which they are building on a pay as you go plan. The third stage will consist of the roof and connecting walls within the structure. At completion, the complex will consist of a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 900 and approximately 24 classrooms.

The church launched out into this project on May 19, 1978 and projects completion Dec. 1979. The pastor, Rev. Thomas L. Walker, stated the church is experiencing tremendous progress and with all indications should meet its goal. He also stated that the step-by-step construction serves as an excellent motivation for the stewardship of the members. In addition to the titles and offerings of the membership, Pastor Walker has recorded a single record entitled, One Day At A Time. The royalty from this project is also being used for the building fund.

Upon completion of this project, the church has a great vision for the community at large. They are as follows:

1. To develop a full-time Hunger and Benevolence Program to bridge the gap between the social services (welfare) and the church.
2. To perform an on-going ministry on a day-to-day basis designed to train youth in

biblical and secular education.

3. To develop a senior citizens' program.

4. To improve the church's recreation facilities for youth and adults.

5. To change the present sanctuary to a multi-purpose hall to provide various services for the church and community.

6. To tithe the income of the church to mission (The United Program) of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. The United Programs: state mission, foreign mission, Shaw University, Shaw Divinity School and Central Orphanage.

7. To hire a full-time person to assist the poor in contacting various agencies in the community designed to help them.

8. To develop an evangelistic program aimed at reaching every person within a 100 mile radius of the church with the gospel of Christ and to followup on them once they have come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

They also have other long-ranged objectives.

According to the chairman of the Building Committee, Trustee Chester Williams, Jr., the third stage is scheduled to be completed Sept. 1.

The congregation decided to build a new church after being constantly faced with an overflowing crowd in both the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. services on Sunday morning. They also have inadequate space for their growing Sunday School.



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At S. S. And B.T.U. Congress

Baptists Upbraided For Christian Ed. Laxity

Repeated Rebukes
Heaped Upon
Baptist Leaders

GREENSBORO — Messengers to the 106th annual session of the State Sunday School Congress heard repeated rebukes heaped upon Baptist leaders, educators and pastors for alleged laxity in Christian ministry and Christian education. The congresses which convened at the New Light Baptist Church, Greensboro, last Aug. 14-16, drew hundreds of Baptist leaders and pastors from every section of North Carolina.

Mrs. Willie Jordan Williams told the congregation that "the church needs to train new members now to carry on the functions of the church because this is one of the responsibilities of church leadership." She declared that "the church needs training on a continuing basis for all members of the church. Show me a member who feels that he/she no longer needs training and I will show you one of the biggest stumbling blocks in the church," continued Mrs. Williams. Calling attention to church leaders, pastors, and church members whose attitudes become fixed on doing things, she asserted: "The 7 most deadly words in the church are - 'we never did it this way before'."

The convention address was delivered by Dr. Joseph H. Williams, assistant dean, National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. He told the delegates that "It is an indictment upon Baptist leaders that the Christian instructors at Shaw University and the Shaw Divinity School are not in attendance at the largest educational convention that North Carolina Baptists have." He pointed out that "the role of Christian education is so vital to the Christian church until every segment of the Baptist forces should be coordinated to function together to make every effort more effective."

The theme of Dr. Williams' message was, Building A Ministering Fellowship In Education. According to his message there are 4 main resources in the black community that can be utilized in building a ministering fellowship through Christian education: black students, black families, black churches



(L to R) Dr. Joseph H. Williams, Rev. William Sexé Epps, and Reverend Prince Graves. Principal speakers at the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, August 15.

and black paternal orders such as the Masons and fraternities.

The Rev. William S. Epps, pastor, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, postulated that "black theology, like all true theology, is a theology of liberation." He pointed out that the "black experience" leads black people to discover that God in Jesus Christ is a deliverer. "The key," he said, "is to discover that whatever your experience is - whether black, white, yellow, orange, polka-dot, rich, poor, ignorant, educated, or whatever - Jesus is a liberator. One who can free you from that which hinders you from being what God has made you capable of becoming." He also pointed out that some people's minds are enslaved by racial prejudice, some by fear, some by greed, some by pride, some by social customs and many other enslaving pitfalls. But Jesus is able to liberate us from all of these. Black theology deals with how Jesus delivers one through the black experience, black church, black home, etc. We need to liberate black leaders that have high paying jobs," he chided, "so that they can truly represent blacks rather than having to fear for their jobs."

The Rev. Prince Graves, pastor, St. James Baptist Church, Greensboro, led a discussion entitled, Some Ministers Of The Minister. In his discussion, he emphasized the need for the type ministry that

(See EDUCATION P. 8)

Educational Congress Under New Leadership

GREENSBORO — New leadership in smooth transition, moved into command of the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress at the

New Light Baptist Church of Greensboro, last August 16, according to constitutional guidelines. The session was marked by a serious but peaceful and reverent at TURNER

The new leaders which moved into the various offices for the year 1979-80, were as follows: the State Sunday School Congress: president, Althornton Canada, First Baptist, Powellsville; first vice president, Mrs. Hazel McLean, Bethlehem Baptist, Laurinburg; second vice president, Cedric H. Jones, First Baptist, Charlotte; third vice president, M. W. Heartley, First Baptist, Clayton; fourth vice president, Michael Boone; recording secretary, J. T. Doc-



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secretary, Mrs. Janie Clayton, director of music, Mrs. Gwendolyn Stewart, Shiloh Baptist, Winston-Salem; pianist, Mrs. Leola T. Harris, First Baptist, Statesville.

The State Baptist Training Union Congress: president, Richmond Turner, Sherrill's Ford; first vice president, Ms. Inez Wicker, Roberts Chapel Baptist in Goldston; 2nd vice president, Jonathan Byers; third vice president, Julius Montague, Greater Provident, Charlotte; fourth vice president, Miss Jeanette Tyner; recording secretary, Mrs. Frances Tate, Valdese; assistant recording secretary, Mrs. Mary L. Mitchell; director of oratorical contest, Mrs. Emaratta Felton; assistant director of oratorical contest, Mrs. Beatrice Branch.

Cason's Green Thumb Aids Black Baptists

ATLANTA—Durwood V. Cason's green thumb helps black youths study for Christian vocations.

Cason, 78 and white, operates

(See CARSON P. 8)

Floyd McKissick
Gets Call To
Enter Ministry

DURHAM — Civil rights activist Floyd McKissick, who has been the prime mover in the financially troubled Soul City interracial community near here, has decided to enter the Baptist ministry.

He preached a "trial sermon" at Union Baptist Church here Aug. 5, and is being examined by the board of deacons in preparation for a possible call to the ministry.



McKissick, 57, has been a member of the 200 members of the congregation for several years. paternal grandfather a Baptist preacher.

Dr. Grady Davis, pastor of the church, said McKissick told him he decided to "answer the call" while waiting to be rescued from a wrecked automobile on March 9.

"He told me in the hospital that while they were getting him out of the car, he was talking with God and that he told God that he would preach for Him," Dr. Davis said. McKissick suffered severe head cuts in the accident.

McKissick served as national director of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) from 1966 to 1967, when he took a leave of absence to work on urban projects. He resigned from CORE in 1968 to devote full time to black economic power projects, and the following year became involved in Soul City, a projected interracial community in North Carolina.

Although McKissick is making a salary of \$70,000 as president of the corporation attempting to develop Soul City, which has run into problems in meeting financial aid goals, after 10 years and a federal investment of \$28 million, the community has a population of only 134 persons and 33 houses.

The U. S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development announced recently that it would stop providing financial aid to the project. Several churches, including the Lutheran Church in America and United Church of Christ, have supported it.

"The Unified Dollar For The Unified Program"

From The Executive Secretary's Desk:

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents, other leaders and members of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.:

Your financial support of the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention for the fiscal year 1978-79 has been heart warming. Accept my personal thanks for the excellent way that you have supported the Lord's work through the structure of the convention. Because of your dedicated support, cooperation and prayers, I hope to report in our annual session that the fiscal year 1978-79 has been one of our best years.

The success of our work reflects the cooperation and the support of the president of the General Baptist State Convention along with the vice president, presidents of the auxiliaries, pastors, moderators, district presidents, staff members at Baptist headquarters, and the Christian people called "General Baptists." We are attempting "great things" for God and we are expecting "great things from God" as we seek to promote the work of the convention at home and abroad.

The General Baptist State Convention has grown more effective in doing God's work in the world. Through our Unified Plan, we have been able this year to share with homeless and parentless children through the channel of the Central Orphanage. We have responded to the financial needs of Shaw University and the Divinity School; we have extended a longer run of outreach to foreign missions through the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention; and we have promoted our plans and programs in our state work. We are fully committed to the task of working with the 1,700 plus churches across our state in an effort to lead the members to become tithing members and lead the churches to become tithing churches to the General Baptist State Convention. I hope that the day will soon come when the vast resources of wealth in the hands of Christians will be brought under the sanctifying

power of the Holy Spirit. As we close the books for the fiscal year 1978-79, and begin the fiscal year 1979-80, I am convinced that there is a need for the General Baptist State Convention to recommit itself to the Unified Program. The Unified Program, which is the adopted program of the convention, is a plan designed to make one, to bring together the undersigned financial support of the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention on a percentage basis. Each unified dollar gives Shaw University 44% and 10% of the 44% goes to the Divinity School; 30% is used for state missions; 20% is used for foreign missions and 6% is used for the Central Orphanage.

Since the Unified Program is the adopted program of the convention, I am asking that we begin the new fiscal year 1979-80 on a high note by supporting the Unified Plan. Let us make every dollar a "Unified Dollar" for the "Unified Plan."

"Thank you for the support and cooperation that I know you will give. Sincerely, C. C. Craig

Sept. N.C.'s Sickle Cell Month

Sickle Cell Month. Sickle Cell Anemia is an inherited blood disorder found primarily in black people. Sickle Cell Anemia affects the hemoglobin in the red blood cells. Red blood cells are normally round-shaped (like a doughnut) or crescent-shaped (like a farmer's sickle). This changed shape makes it difficult for sickle cells to flow through the small blood vessels. Instead of flowing freely, often times they block the blood flow passage like a "log jam" causing severe pain which is called a "sickle cell crisis." The red blood cells contain a substance called hemoglobin which carries (supplies) oxygen to all tissues and organs of the body.

Sickle cell trait is different from sickle cell anemia. Sickle cell trait is not a disease. Sickle cell anemia is the disease. Sickle cell trait will not change to sickle cell anemia and sickle cell anemia will not change to sickle cell trait. Both sickle cell anemia nor sickle cell trait are contagious. A person is born

with either sickle cell anemia or sickle cell trait or neither. For a child to be born with sickle cell anemia, he/she must have received a gene for sickle cell hemoglobin from both parents; and a child with sickle cell trait, he/she must have received a gene for sickle hemoglobin from only one parent.

Sickle cell anemia, in most people, is diagnosed in early childhood. Signs and symptoms of the disease often appear around the first 6 or 9 months of life. Presently, there is no cure for sickle cell anemia; however, people with sickle cell anemia can lead productive lives by maintaining good health practices, and by having periodic doctor visits. One of the important service components of the North Carolina Sickle Cell Syndrome Program is medical reimbursement services to individuals and families with sickle cell anemia and other related sickle cell diseases (hemoglobin C and D diseases and hemoglobin C-sickle-thalassemia).

For information on the statewide Sickle Cell Syndrome Program in North Carolina, call George Cherry, program manager, at (919) 733-7437, or Care Line (toll free), 1-800-622-7030.

Suddenly, A Breakthrough On WFU Relationship

By Morse Grant
RALEIGH—At long last, optimism suddenly appears on the horizon for the Wake Forest relationship with the release of a well-thought-out report of a special committee. (See editorial below on work of the committee). This is a monumental step forward.

Details were reported in last week's Recorder and are not necessary to repeat them here; however, the two basic features of the report need to be clearly understood as the plan is considered between now and convention time in Winston-Salem, Nov. 12-14.

Under the plan, Wake Forest would have 12 trustees, all of whom would be Christians of any denomination, not necessarily Baptist. Their election, as well as the remaining 24, would still be by the Baptist State Convention.

As to support, each church, in keeping with the autonomy of the local church, would make its own decision about supporting Wake Forest since the university would no longer be a formal recipient of Cooperative Program funds.

Key convention and WFU leaders agree on the plan and this spirit should not be minimized. Some give-and-take had to take place and all parties are to be commended for their willingness to sit down and reason together.

As developments have taken place for the last year or so, something had to give. The work of both the convention and Wake Forest was being affected. It was a draining experience for both as differing legal opinions, etc., stayed in the news.

Other approvals of this report will be necessary before the

From The President's Desk

BELLS ARE RINGING

By Dr. John R. Manley
CHAPEL HILL — The Executive Committee of the GBS Convention, meeting in the Baptist Headquarters building, Raleigh, last July 30, not only made landmark decisions for the work of our convention, but also set in motion bells ringing for our next annual session.

According to all indications, our 61st session to convene Oct. 28-Nov. 1, with the First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, Dr. I. B. Horton pastor (the birthplace of the convention), will be a history making one of the mag. DR. MANLEY nitude as great as the one that witnessed our birth.

Indicators suggest that our annual session will exceed all others in money contributed, numbers in attendance, enthusiasm for the cause and

commitment to the objectives of the convention.

Along with strengthening the unified program, many new features are in the making. One such feature is the recognition of program planning of the local church through the architecture of new church buildings.

The Executive Committee has voted that we give such recognition. Therefore, I am asking that the pastors and/or churches willing for such recognition be given their work in church building, to send the information to the Baptist Headquarters immediately: a picture of your edifice and a brief statement concerning the program promoted within. "Men do not light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

Another new feature for our annual session will be the President's Banquet, which will be held Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 6 p.m. in the Boys' Club on Royal Ave., Goldsboro. Dr. Matthew Silver, a former North Carolinian and now president of the United Baptist Convention of Maryland, will be the guest speaker.

We have a great heritage, but we have an even greater challenge "to serve the present age our calling to fulfill; or may it all our power energy, to do the Master's will."

Reynolds Named Shaw Coach

By Thomas E. Kee

Warren Reynolds, assistant basketball coach at Delta State College, Cleveland, Miss., has been named head basketball coach at Shaw University.

Prior to his appointment at Delta State, Reynolds was head basketball coach at A&T State University in Greensboro, from 1974 to 1977, where he compiled an admirable record at the MEAC school. Reynolds was named Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament Coach in 1973, 1975 and 1976; Outstanding Coach (See COACH P. 5)



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Dr. G.E. Brown Observes 30 Yrs. Of Service

Gold Point—Dr. G.E. Brown observed his 30th year as moderator of The Middle Ground Association, Sunday July 29, 1979 at the Roanoke

Taberna cle in Gold Point, North Carolina. The anniversary sermon was delivered by Rev. Henry H. Moore. Remarks were given by the president of Dr. BROWN



the auxiliaries of the association. Namely Deacon Seamore Staton, Deacon Isiah Pippin, Deacon Clarence Goss, Rev. Henry H. Moore, Rev. Joseph Thigpen, Sisters, Vivian Lacy, Thelma Brown, Mary Pippin, Minnie Council, Beulah Williams, Rosa Perkins and Bertha Wilkins. It was well attended. Dr. Brown received many gifts. In Dr. Brown's remarks he thanked everyone and said I haven't done my best but I am not working for the praise but I am working for the cause, and as long as I am able I will work until the Lord says well done.

Always strive to do the greatest, rather than the least, for the cause of Christ.

Baptist Assembly Camp Held

BY YVONNE I. MITCHELL

"Wow! I'm going next year," was the reply of Sherill Clayton after

Monica Gallette told of her experiences at the Baptist Assembly Camp this summer. Monica, who had very few comments at camp, showed by telling her story to her friends, how much she enjoyed every activity there. I feel there are



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many Monicas who were privileged to attend camp.

The program consisted of a Bible study hour each day, group sessions which used the Mission Bible Study series, singings, afternoon vespers, swimming, art and crafts, and a variety of team sports and games.

Special features included an inspirational vesper service led by Rev. James Kelly, who aided several youth in making contact with God. It was so impressive many returned to their cabins to let the Spirit have His way. Maurice Brown presented a religious film which answered many questions on Christian family life. A delightful fashion and talent show put on by the youth counselors, added enjoyment. To top it all off, delicious watermelon was served at a watermelon feast.

The theme: Loving God And Neighbor, could not have been expressed better than in the tears shed by the youth on Friday for fear of losing a friend met at the camp. The 245 youth from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia conveyed in their conduct this Spirit throughout the week.

The convention and youth department expresses its thanks to the associations, county unions, auxiliaries, churches and parents who support this program. We encourage your continued support of this program that helps develop our youth spiritually, socially, educationally, intellectually and physically.

For Busy Pastors

Seed For Sermon Thought

"HEALING BALM"

By Dr. I. B. Horton

A Textual-Topical Sermon:

Text: "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" (Jeremiah 8:22)

A Thematic Sermon:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." (Luke 4:18-19)

Introduction to the Problem:

Deep down in the human soul there is a great need for healing. The restlessness that the lost soul experiences is a cry for the healing that needs to take place within. The church, the home, the schools, the nation needs to be healed... deep down in the soul. Jesus offered me a great invitation to every sin-sick soul: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28). The root of the problem is that men doubt the word of God when it tells us that God is willing and able to heal every sin-sick soul, even ministers of the gospel can get sick with a doubt like that... Jeremiah did. Theme Rationale (the Sense or Reason Behind the Thought):

The major emphasis of the Holy Scriptures is on man's need for a Savior. Deep down in the word of God there is a "Healing Balm."

Discourse:

There is so much sickness around us in every walk of life that it is more than difficult for an individual to believe in healing, wholeness, and good health. This is why it is necessary that the word of God—the good news of the Gospel—be preached in its fullness, with power, on a continuing, non-personal explication of that there is a "Healing Balm" in the word of God.

I. There is always an attack on the body by evil

Because there is a continual attack on the body by alien forces, God has put healing in the body. Deep down in the blood, white cells work to destroy any infection that invades the body systems—when trash gets into the eye, there is something in there that will gather it up and pitch it out. All of us experience that when we sleep. When God made the body He knew that evil would attack it, therefore He made provision for that.

II. As physical forces attack, so sin attacks the soul

Jeremiah looked about him and observed the people of his day going down to Gilead, where the styx trees grew. There the doctors lived because the herbs and resins that they used in medicine were plentiful there. Yet the people were sick. He charged that they were attending the wrong doctor because they could not get well like America today: Boasting

that we have the best hospitals, yet we have more death and sickness than ever before. Boasting of our great schools, yet our youth come out uneducated and unable to do anything. Boasting of their justice system, yet our prisons are full, our youth are homosexuals, on drugs, and alienated from parents. Boasting of our great churches and fine talents, yet our churches are in utter confusion and there is no spiritual healing going on.

Jeremiah told the people of his day... "To go to a doctor that can reach your case—one who can truly heal your disease. Try the eternal God."

III. The Gospel is God's healing balm for sin-sick souls

The Gospel will heal. It is the only thing that can penetrate to the "fountainhead" of soul sickness and administer the touch of healing. "Tempted and tried, I need a great Savior... One who can help me..."

Conclusion: Jeremiah could preach this 'Healing Balm' to his generation. His soul got sick and he wanted to quit preaching. He sat down and declared that he "would not speak in His name anymore." But when the healing balm reached his sin-sick soul, he cried out, "It was like a fire shut up in my bones, and I couldn't stay." There is a "Balm in Gilead" to heal the sin-sick soul. Deep down in the word of God, if you believe it, there is a "Healing Balm."

Mt. Vernon

Installs Rev.

F.O. Bass, Jr.

High Point—The Reverend Frederick O. Bass, Jr. was installed as pastor of the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in a three-week series of impressive services on August 5-19. He succeeds

his father, the late Reverend Fredrick O. Bass, Sr. Among the outstanding outstanding church leaders, the illustrious services were: The Reverend J.M. Kennedy, pastor emeritus, Second Calvary Baptist Church, Charlotte, Jessup, pastor, Memorial United Methodist Church, High Point; The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Sr., pastor emeritus, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia; The Reverend G. Ray Coleman, pastor, St. Stephen A.M.E. Zion Church, High Point; The Reverend Howard W. Creech, Jr., pastor St. Peter Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia; and the Reverend Howard Creech, Sr., pastor Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia who delivered the Installation Sermon. The Reverend Doctor J.C. Harris, Moderator, Rowan Baptist Association, gave the



REV. BASS JR.

(See INSTALLS P. 6)



Officers of the Ebenezer Baptist Association and its Allied Bodies. (L to R) The Reverend Willie Maddox, Treasurer; Dr. R.E. Devoe, Moderator; The Reverend Wade Wallace, Vice Moderator; and The Reverend J.C. Robinson, Recording Secretary.

Ebenezer News

By D.A. Costner

SHELBY—The Ebenezer Association and its allied bodies held their Annual Session at Eskridge Grove Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Shelby, June 26-29. The session was very successful and challenging. Some highlights of the session were: Dr. E. B. Turner brought an inspiring and challenging message, "Men, Stand on Your Feet," for the Laymen's Department. Dr. H. S. Diggs conducted a splendid workshop on ushering. Mrs. I. B. Horton was the dynamic speaker for the Woman's Auxiliary. Dr. C. C. Craig brought inspiration and challenges for the General Baptist Convention. Dr. C. V. Owens installed the officers for the ensuing year and gave an annual message.

Dr. R. J. Davidson, who formerly served in several capacities in our field, was presented a plaque by the Sunday School and BTU Department, for his many years of service as its president.

The association chose Dr. R. B. Devoe to continue as its chieftan. The Rev. Wade Wallace was elected vice moderator. Rev. J. C. Robinson as recording secretary. W. A. Maddox, treasurer. Other stations were filled. Officers were

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"Compared To What"

(The full text of President James Bellamy, Jr.'s Annual BTU Address, Aug. 15, 1979) GREENSBORO — Presiding officer, President Manley, Executive Secretary Craig, host pastor, Congress and Convention officials and to all of you, I have come to the fourth and final chapter in my role, duties and responsibilities as president of the North Carolina State Baptist Training Union Congress. A position of trust and high standards; an obligation to mankind and God; a responsibility that cannot be excused by ignorance, unbelief and previous good—but my responsibility is increased by showing or presenting a light that others can see; an opportunity and privilege to serve; rejection of sin and evil and I cannot get away from my accepted and elected responsibilities by blaming another person or other people for what I have not done.

We begin this challenge of accepted responsibility with specific goals—"You must have a goal because it is just as difficult to reach a destination that you don't have as it is to come back from a place you have never been." What were our major goals?

1. To give our Congress vice presidents and officers greater responsibilities.

2. To create a junior division of our State Oratorical Contest.

3. To develop job descriptions for our Congress officers.

4. To plan quarterly meetings to help accomplish short term and long term objectives.

5. To develop an annual Congress budget.

6. To develop a training guide and handbook.

7. To develop a specialized and comprehensive training program for trainers.

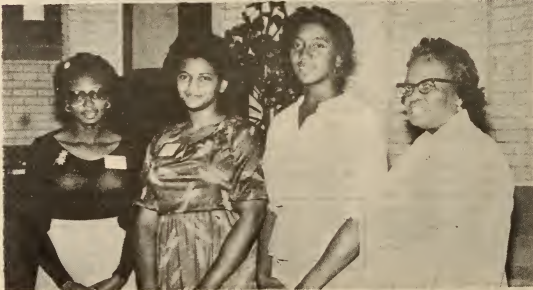
8. To initiate a new financial representation plan for our BTU Congress.

What were the results of these planned goals? Overall, I feel an awareness has been created and established that we need to take a look at where we are with our Baptist Training Unions today and compare them with where we need to go tomorrow with our church training in the 1980s and 1990s. History will show the impact of these accomplishments in relative and comparative terms. The three previous unfolding chapters in my presidential responsibilities confronted all of us with a challenge to change the meeting today and tomorrow's church training objectives. Chapter 1, "We Are At A Crossroad in Our Church Training;" Chapter 2, "Is Anybody Listening to all of us?" Chapter 3, "Training Needs;" Chapter 4, "Action or Reaction to Meeting Our Church Training Needs."

As we gave some prayerful thought to my final chapter (Chapter 4) as President, I reviewed the following scripture: "Hearken unto me ye stouthearted that are far from righteousness. I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off and any salvation shall



Some of the hundreds of messengers that attended the S.S. and B.T.U. Congress August 14-16.



The winners in the Senior Division of the J.W. Wertz Annual BTU Oratorical Contest (L to R): First Place winner, Waltrina Ragland, Big Run Creek Baptist Church, Henderson; Second Place winner, Jeanette D. Tyner, Nebo Baptist Church, Murfreesboro; Third Place winner, Carla Denaise Edwards, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Marietta; and Mrs. Emaretta F. Felton, Director.

not tarry; and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory." Isaiah 46:12-13.

I believe this scripture is comparing God's greatness and man's littleness. My fourth and final chapter is from the theme, "Compared to What?"

The Bible often speaks of comparisons: good and evil, love and hate, rich and poor, believers and unbelievers.

The Bible is able to answer "Compared to What?" We are often confronted with comparisons in our churches today: church training and the lack of church training; church budget and the lack of a church budget; church job descriptions and the lack of church job descriptions; leadership and the lack of leadership; planning and the lack of planning; communication and the lack of communication. All of these comparisons and more are things that we should do. Training is more than this, it is a way of life.

"Compared to What?"

I believe our outcomes can be compared to the past, present and future. In the past during the late 1980s, we had the beginning of our Baptist Young People's Union (BYPU). In the late 1940s there was a need to move forward through change for improvement to the present Baptist Training Union (BTU). As we move into the future in the 1980s and 1990s, I believe there is a significant need to develop comprehensive and specialized church training programs, built on the training concept of "Learning by Doing." A concept that has

proven to be successful in meeting measurable outcomes. Change is difficult because of fear of the unknown; because we are sometimes too close to our thing to recognize the need for change; because I may lose my church position if someone has received comprehensive and specialized training and can do the job better than I and because I call myself a church leader. Training is more than a lament for leaders, it is the backdrop to effectiveness.

As a leader, "Compared to What?" The one major goal that was not realized during my presidential term was the development of a comprehensive training for trainers program across the state of North Carolina. I believe this approach would have enabled us to identify the untapped talent in our Baptist family and train this tremendous personal talented resource that we have at our hands but have not fully utilized, that we have not identified and a talent that is waiting and hoping and I believe ready to be identified and ready to be utilized. Sometimes our search for talent is based on a narrow perspective, a narrow viewpoint, narrow expectations and standards. It is sometimes based on the region of the state we live in; the size of my church and the size of my financial contributions and the score is often decided in advance for a thoughtful search for the best talent and put on video tape and played back under the concept of business as usual. Training is

more than an endless process, it is the door to develop and maintain talent to do the job. What is our search for talent? "Compared to What?"

This can be our next step forward toward church training. There are three (3) kinds of steps that we can decide to take. We can decide to step backward; we can decide to step still; and we can decide to step forward.

I believe we want to step forward from more than a sometimes Sunday night training meeting because training is a daily adventure. Let us take the eight steps of comprehensive and specialized training one step at a time and each step is dependent on each other to meet our goal successfully:

Step 1—Set the church training climate;

Step 2—Develop church communication;

Step 3—Complete a church training needs assessment;

Step 4—Develop plans to meet the identified needs;

Step 5—Carry out and work our training plans;

Step 6—Evaluate our church training;

Step 7—re-evaluate our church training;

Step 8—let us start the steps over again if we missed our goal or target or if we need to improve.

Training is more than this organizational process, it is the concern a church feels for its members. A training program within itself isn't a cure-it-all for all of our training needs. Training can help us realize and



Some of the dedicated youth that met at the S.S. and B.T.U. Congress last August 14-16.



Outgoing B.T.U. President, Mr. Ja... his "special guests" during his Annual...



Participants in the drama "The Bible" at the S.S. and B.T.U. Congress after...

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recognize what our Christian motivations are. Are we motivated through fear? Fear is a temporary cure for training. Are we motivated through rewards? Earthly rewards will run out. Are we motivated from the heart? Motivation from the heart means that you don't have to beg someone to do an ongoing church job and a job beyond the call of duty. It is everlasting through the love of our God and the love for mankind.

As we go back to our churches and communities and decide our next step, let us remember that training is more than taking a part—it is a God-given assignment. Training is more than an optional experience, it

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SOME OF THE STATE S.S. AND B.T.U. LEADERS AND SPEAKERS—Left to Right: Dr. J. Ray Butler, Mr. Atherton Canada, Dr. Joseph H. Williams, Mr. Richard Turner, Mrs. Hazel McLean, Mrs. Inez Wicker, Miss Bernice Patterson, Dr. J. R. Manley, Mr. James Lassiter, Mr. James Bellamy, Dr. C. C. Craig, Mrs. Frances Tate, Mrs. Cedric Jones, and Mr. M. W. Heartley.



Winners in the Junior Division of the J. W. Wertz Annual B. T. U. Oratorical Contest (L to R): Mrs. Beatrice Branch, director; First Place winner, Atondra M. Williams, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville; Second Place winner, Regina Howard, Nebo Baptist Church, Murfreesboro; Dr. C. M. Creeley, pastor, Northhampton County; Third Place winner, Marinda Davis, Spring Street Baptist Church, Reverend Burnette, pastor, Vance County B. T. U. Convention.

Ministers Must Set Priorities In Lives

By Jim Lowery

GRAND PRAIRIE, Tex. — Ministers cannot serve a church 24 hours a day without other, more important priorities in their lives suffering damaging consequences.

"You can't save all the people, solve all the problems or mend all the broken marriages singlehandedly," explained Ernest Mosley in a Priorities in Ministry conference to church staff members and their spouses from throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

"For the Christian person, above all else, the meaning of life in relation to God must be healthy," said Mosley, supervisor of the pastoral section in the Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department. "Being a Christian is the high calling of God."

Mosley listed six priorities staff persons need to maintain for an effective, successful ministry. They are: Christian person, married person, parent person, church member person, called-employed person and community person.

Of these, Mosley said, marriage "could be the keener testing ground for experiencing and expressing Christian values."

"It requires giving all of your attention part of the time," he

said. "Marriage ought to provide a feeling of emotional security in addition to food, shelter and clothing."

"There is not much room in Southern Baptist life for ministers with broken marriages. For ministers, the church can be the problem. You can't meet the needs of family members if you stay at the church all hours of the day and night."

The minister's credibility can be lost or damaged, according to Mosley, if family members are continually relegated to second place on a busy calendar. Children need affection, honesty and availability of the minister-parent.

In spite of all the other demands made daily for the minister's time and attention, at times it is necessary to become an active part of the local community. "As Christians, we are members of two societies," Mosley said. "We can't just exist inside the church and not make an investment in our community."

"Home problems with children or spouse and conflict with a church member can often lead to a loss of spiritual excitement," Mosley said. "Ministers can suffer from a lack of motivation because the relationships out of which ministry

must be performed weigh heavily on actual ministry situations.

"You need to say, 'I'm a person with some gifts and some problems.' Then you need to decide whether you feel good or disappointed, angry and cheated. Each one of us is responsible for giving his life to God as a gift, one that is not worn out, torn up and destroyed."

"Don't make unrealistic goals for yourself and don't try to do what only God can do," Mosley emphasized. "Ours is a job of humanity, linked up with the divine resources of God."

"Success in the ministry is not measured just in terms of numbers. Your responsibility is to be available to God so your leadership will produce growth."

COACH

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ing MEAC basketball coach in 1973 and 1975; and in 1976 he was named MEAC Coach of the Year. In 1975, his A&T Aggies participated in the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) in New York.

Reynolds replaces Ira Mitchell, who was head coach mentor at Shaw during the 1977-78 and 1978-79 seasons.

A graduate of Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., Reynolds was also formerly head

By Waltrina Ragland
First Place Winner, BTU
Oratorical Contest

Mr. President, honorable judges, ladies and gentlemen... I have chosen for my subject, "Good News in a Time of Crisis."

Through the media, we realize that the world is truly in a time of crisis. But what is crisis? Crisis can be defined as an unstable or crucial time or state of affairs.

At the present, we are deeply concerned about the gas shortage, inflation and the relationship between the United States and other nations. But what are we to do while worrying? When in fact, worrying displaces trust?

Trust, that's the key word. Through my limited experience, I've learned the meaning and advantages of trusting. For example, when friends come over and my parents are not well acquainted with them, they hesitate in letting me go out with them, simply for the lack of trust.

Referring again to my subject, "Good News in a Time of Crisis," who can we trust? Could it be our parents for a right decision? I could rely on them, for they have always tried to do what is best for me. But even so, this does not build up all the confidence I need when a crisis arises.

Supported by the scripture, Proverbs 3:25 and 26, "Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked when it cometh. For the Lord shall be thy strength and shall keep thy foot from being taken away."

Thus, the answer to the previous question, "What shall we do in a time of crisis?" it is to rely on God. Rely on God? Why? Because He said that His word shall never fail.

Referring again to the scripture, "Be not afraid of sudden fear." This establishes the fact that we will become fearful at times. It also says that fear will come suddenly.

So I believe that the Lord is the one for me to confide in, then surely I should be able to trust Him. This means that if I trust Him for one thing, then I should be able to trust Him for all. Thus, I can now see growth, and I possess the ability to tell others that "Christ in a crisis" is a real fortress.

We can help others, when we live and exemplify our trust and allow it to spread abroad. "Good News in a Time of Crisis:" I've suddenly realized that I may be a part of one's crisis. For if I fail to impart that knowledge of Him I possess,

then there are those who may never be reached.

But, if I share this knowledge then those whom I am able to reach will become another fortress.

Now, may I urge each of you to let this pattern be a part of each of your lives so that through you, Christ may send His messengers to the front lines of battle.

And when our friends are face to face with the enemy of sin, we will be there. When we, you and I, are filled with confidence, trust, and love for a never-failing God, we may help someone to overcome their crisis in life. "Good News in a Time of Crisis" shall forever prevail!



Dr. John Manley, president of G. B. S. Convention, addressing the S. S. and B. T. U. Congress.



Dr. Joseph H. Williams delivering the Convention address at S. S. and B. T. U. Congress.



Mr. Shedrick Adams sings "There is Forgiveness with the Lord" as a climax to a moving demonstration of the "Prodigal Son" during the S. S. and B. T. U. Congress.

The President's Annual Address Of The S.S. Congress

By Mr. James Lassiter

GREENSBORO—Last year, we emphasized the idea of rediscovering the foundations of Christian Education. We revisited our foundation by studying and trying to understand the progressive revelation of God, the Maker, Creator, and Sustainer of the Universe and all creatures therein. Through the progressive revelation of God and His Son Jesus, we sought to be led by the Holy Spirit to seek out and follow God's will for us—the creatures made in His image.

At our one-day session, we sought to build the framework of Christian education upon that foundation of the Trinity. We sought, and are continually seeking, to build the framework of Christian education by using the Bible as our blueprint to build and educational system destined to bend our will more in line with God's will for us. With Christ as the chief cornerstone and the Holy Spirit as the Architect directing our program of Christian education, we as church school workers are seeking to learn through the progressive revelation of the scriptures, the will of God for us individually and for mankind collectively.

To young people of today, our educators of today, our affluent society of today, our high government officials, our scientific and technological dream makers of today—sometimes we forget from whom we came and to whom we are going. It is the time that our church and Sunday School workers must rediscover revisiting for such people the foundation of Christian education and let men know that through it all God is still in control. Let men know God made all things. He controls all things and that He can start, slow down, or stop all things. He can shake the earth, flood the earth, make volcanoes spew out lava, send typhoons and hurricanes. This great God can speak to a raging sea and make it obey.

Let the work that I have done speak for me.

Master, we bow submissively to Thy will as we seek to build contagious Christian character.

This is my last year as president of the New Carolina Sunday School Congress. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you. A Baptist church is a body of baptized believers in Christ. We are a fellowship committed to pursue life in the manner of the pattern given unto us by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

This brings us to the theme of our congress: "Building a Ministering Fellowship Through Christian Education." The Judaic background of the Christian church shows a group of Abraham's descendants set apart by God's chosen people, as they believed in God the Father as the Creator and Maker of the Universe. They believed in oneness and togetherness. They formed a fellowship bent on accepting God as leader and savior. The fellowship was to be apart from nonbelievers but ministering unto the needs of the fellowship.

Through the family and the public worship, this fellowship was taught daily to honor the laws (ten commandments) which taught man's duties to God and man's duties to his fellow man.

The New Testament church grew out of and was based upon, the Old Testament church. The laws of the Ten Commandments with duties to God and fellow man were not scrapped, but they were added to by Him. Jesus added compassion to duty to fellow men. He stressed an affirmative or positive doctrine—"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Jesus widened "hate" to mean "do not hate" in the close fellowship but to anyone that you saw in need. This doctrine and this practice was the basic life, teachings, and practice of Jesus.

Mankind became lost when Adam disobeyed God and strayed from God's promises and commandments. God sought Adam. God had a plan for man's redemption. Christ was the plan and His life was what He gave for wayward man's sin. We show our gratitude for Christ paid by becoming a disciple and follower. Christ set the example of a ministering fellowship. Christ intended for His church to be a ministering fellowship.

"Christian education," says T. Maynard Preston "is the process of training and developing the hearts, minds, souls, and bodies of persons to live in ever-increasing obedience to Jesus as their Savior and as Jesus Christ. Christian education seeks to make all persons aware of the redeeming love of God as revealed through His Son, Jesus Christ. God chose the Israelites as His chosen people to believe, obey and be blessed. The Holy Spirit called them to believe that Jesus was the Son of God, that He gave His life for our redemption, and He asks us to believe, be baptized, and follow Him.

Through Christian education, we dedicate and commit ourselves to study the Bible in order to identify with the men that had the faith to give us the belief in Almighty God. Through Christian education, we study the life and teachings of Jesus Christ in order that we may know Him. We will call Him and to carry out the great commission to lead others to accept the way of the cross.

Christ gave us the example of a ministering fellowship. When Christ's followers who had been listening to Him teach became disciples, they called on Him. They men together, organized them to take an inventory and discover their resources. These resources were material, they were bread and meat. Christ had the meager resources but He blessed them and the meager resources became bountiful resources and the physical needs of hunger were met.

When men were hungry, Christ did not preach, "Think on my schemed and blessed." He never forgot the spiritual. It was always uppermost in His mind. But Christ was a practical person who under-

stood human nature. If a man is hungry, he must be fed. Christ organized, found resources, blessed them, and miraculously fed 5,000.

There are hungry people in our communities. There are families on welfare. There are immigrants, boat people, deprived children, struggling families, thousands of homeless people. We see their pitiful state; do we hear their pleading cries? Can we stop ego building long enough to take an inventory of supplies among the congregation? Can we call for volunteers? Can we get help from nearby? Let's garner our resources, not to be great, but to bring them to the Lord for Him to bless and for us then take to the needy.

Christ taught us in the temple. When He stood up to read, He demonstrated that as a natural man He had studied the Old Testament. He had a good foundation in His roots. Do we have a good foundation in why we are Baptists? Do we properly prepare our Sunday School lessons by reading biblical scriptures, commentaries, and references? Our church is a ministering church. We must minister to the needs of providing prayerful education for our teachers, our church officers, and for the entire fellowship. Let's build a more meaningful ministering fellowship through our boards of directors of Christian fellowship. Support Shaw, too.

There are so many ways in which we can build a ministry of fellowship through Christian education. There are boys and girls, young men and women who have fallen prey to moral degradation and shame. There are lost souls who went on a spree of pleasure. There was peer group pressure that led people to do things that they, as youngsters so far down the primrose path that they disobeyed parents and God. They forgot their early training and rebelled against parents, the church teachings, and even when they are lost, they cannot find the way back alone. They are despondent and suicidal. Some are trying to find comfort in more drink and heavier drugs. They have become a disgrace, despised and rejected by society. No matter how they have sunk, they are not sunk so low that God's love and forgiveness can't reach down to save and forgive. His beneficent holy light can find the lost soul and restore him to a useful life.

God wants to be a friend to the lost, the dejected, the despondent human being. God wants to help, but God has no feet to go to the lost but our feet. God has no arms to show God's love and comfort to the sorrowful, but our arms. Our Christian education must not be so holy and righteous that it can't let God use our fellowship to find those of our generation whose minds are warped by drugs, whose moral fiber is so weakened by sin that pleasures that they almost curse the day they were born and the parents that brought them forth.

When we find our children, our associates, our citizens living in such a state of moral depravity, it is then that church fellowship must extend a trained spirit-led helping hand. One can't simply say to

the drug addict, "You are wrong; cut out that foolishness." The drug addict must be trained, sympathetic and prayerful help. We can extend a church ministry of fellowship by training someone to help the addict or by giving support to agencies that can work with an addict and rehabilitate him and maybe save society a rash of crimes by a drug-crazed addict. Not all light drug marijuana users become hard drug users; but very few heroin and other addicts ever turn back to drugs. Don't let our children get beyond our love and the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. Make our Christian Education more effective; let our church ministry be a saving salt and a guiding light.

The ministry of the church must reach the ill-housed. We should have nice places to worship. God desires nice places where men can praise Him. Can we, however, in good conscience train people to erect a fabulous temple while they live in shacks? The ministry of the church must be concerned with being blessing for the poor.

The church is not all things to all people, but our ministry must lead men to look for God for a better inner life and then trust Him to lead us to properly use the law of supply and demand to care for our daily needs.

The ministry of the church must, through its Christian education, instill self-respect and racial pride in our members. The church must keep us ever mindful that God is not through race. He is not men or black men to liberate us and make us proud to rely on God and also proud to be black. Through our church ministry, we can see ourselves as God's children with a mission to rely on God, elevate ourselves as individuals and ourselves as a race as we exhibit love, self-help, and a desire to make the world better by our living here.

Employment is another area where our ministry can help to improve life for our church members. The church is not an employment agency, but we can use our influence to direct youngsters to prepare themselves in school by striving for better grades. The church can encourage students to seek better grades, and to seek trades and professions as a means to a better life. We will teach ourselves the dignity of work. We must teach the dignity of honest work.

After these broader ministries, we need to get back to the basics. Let us remember above all, and around all is God. That no matter how high we get, we can't get above God; no matter how low we sink, we can't get below God. Loving and forgiving grace of God. We serve God by Christ-like, loving service to our fellow man.

1. God had a plan to redeem lost Man. Christ was and is the plan.

Christ gave us examples of a ministering fellowship by feeding the hungry, healing the sick and showing concern for the ill of needy people—whatever the need.

3. We can minister to those who are lost and depressed youngsters.

4. We can minister to the poorly housed and unemployed

INSTALLS

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charge to Mt. Vernon Church. Deacon Isaac Souther, oldest living deacon of Mt. Vernon, made the acceptance speech on behalf of the Mt. Vernon Church.

Mrs. Marian Holmes Bass, mother of the newly installed pastor, is the recording secretary of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Society.

Reverend Fredrick Odell Bass, Jr., the elder of two sons born to the late Reverend Frederick O. Bass, Sr. and Marian Holmes Bass in High Point, N.C.

He attended the public schools of High Point and graduated from the William Penn Senior High School.

After high school graduation, he entered Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Georgia where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science.

Upon completion of his college requirements, he returned home and was employed by the Redevelopment Commission of High Point. He worked for the Commission through its merger which is presently known as the High Point Housing Authority. His positions while employed with the agencies were Director of Neighborhood Activities and Community Services, Rehabilitation Finance Officer, and was a Real Estate Specialist at the time of his resignation in August 1975 to enter Seminary.

Reverend Bass accepted his call to the Gospel Ministry on his birthday, August 25, 1974 and was ordained a minister on Sunday, September 15, 1974 at his home church The Mount Vernon Baptist Church.

He was licensed to preach at a callous church conference on Saturday, September 22, 1974 by unanimous vote.

He was ordained at the Annual Session of the Rowan Baptist Association on August 22, 1975 in Greensboro, North Carolina.

He then entered the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia. He graduated with his Master of Divinity degree in May 1978. His class honored him by selecting him to preach the Annual Senior Message which by tradition is the school's last Chapel Service for the academic year.

While a student in Atlanta, Reverend Bass served as Associate Minister of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church of Greensboro. He is currently Chaplain Alphons Dawson Mortuary, member Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Special Committee on the Re-election of Mayor Maynard Jackson, Co-ordinator of the Tuesday Night Baptist Fellowship Hour, Director of Transportation for three years for the C.D. Hubert Lectures, and served as the Student Representative to the Board of Trustees for the Interdenominational Theological Center.

and underemployed through church sponsored counseling.

5. We minister by showing the all-embracing love of God.



NEW STUDENTS GREETED—Student Government Association president, George Robinson (left), and President and Mrs. Stanley H. Smith extend greetings during reception honoring Shaw's new students.



NEW FACULTY AND STAFF AT SHAW UNIVERSITY'S PRE-SCHOOL CONFERENCE—Shown above are: Dr. Stanley H. Smith (1st row, left) and Dr. Wilmoth A. Carter, vice president of Academic Affairs and Research (extreme right). The new faculty and staff personnel at Shaw's Pre-School Conference are: (First row, L-R) Dr. Stanley H. Smith, Reatha Bannerman, Computer Center; Barbara Cheeks, secretary, Counseling Center; Denise Coit, counselor, Counseling Center; Wanda Abdullar, assistant director of Financial Aid; Wilma Gill, secretary, Financial Aid; (Second row, L-R) Dr. Nancy Ping, associate professor, Music; Winmonia Swayze, Speech Pathologist; Carolyn Blain, instructor, Mathematics; Mr. Colonel Vaughn Witten, instructor, Human Resources; Dr. Wilmoth Carter, vice president of Academic Affairs; (Third row, L-R) Dr. William Yancy, associate professor, Criminal Justice; Horace Hill, recruiter (CAPE), Fayetteville; Dr. John Dewell, associate professor, PreProfessional Division; Fermon Williams, Student Activities; Mrs. Lynn Bitting, Physical Education instructor; Barbara Hamilton, University Nurse; Dr. Elaine Reichelderfer, Research; (Fourth row, L-R) George Parker, Night Foreman (Maintenance); Dr. Joseph Griska, associate professor, English; Gregory Jenkins, counselor, Upward Bound; Dr. John Greenwood, Division Chairperson, Business; Dr. Robert P. Hastings, associate professor, English; Dr. James Lambert, Division Chairperson, Division of Communications.



NEWARK CAPE STUDENTS IN ON-CAMPUS SEMINAR AT SHAW—Dr. Stanley H. Smith (1st row right), president of Shaw University, welcomes Newark, N. J., CAPE students to the campus for the first of a series of on-campus seminars. The CAPE program (Center for Alternative Programs in Education) provides students the opportunity to pursue a degree program while maintaining their employment status in their local community. Standing next to Dr. Smith is Ralph T. Grant, Newark City Councilman and director of the CAPE program in Newark.



SHAW'S NEW STUDENT PICNIC AT MEADOWBROOK—Volleyball, swimming, softball, dancing, outdoor games and eating were the order of the day as the orientation program for Shaw's new students moved to the Meadowbrook Country Club for a day of fun and relaxation prior to the beginning of classes.

Statewide Monthly Emphasis

Never A Question Of Shaw's Opening

RALEIGH—"There has never been a question of Shaw opening this season. Shaw is getting bigger and better all the time," stated Dr. Stanley Smith, president of Shaw University, in a recent interview. When questioned about the current condition of Shaw, Dr. Smith assured this writer that Shaw is on the upward move. He is gratified with his relationship with the General Baptist State Convention because there is no way Shaw could be viable without the Baptists. The \$300,000-plus which Shaw receives annually from the Baptists is approximately 90 percent unrestricted. This makes the relationship a healthy one and gives the institution the degree of flexibility it needs.

The "Annual Financial Crash Drive," which Baptists have been accustomed to for many years, did not take place this year. Dr. Smith says that this is due to the efforts that the new president of the GBS Convention has placed on the Unified Program. The strengthening of the Unified Program has removed the phrase "Crash Drive" from Shaw's vocabulary. Therefore, the outlook for Shaw is bright and stable. All of the progress at Shaw is a part of a master plan of planning and management.

"The quality of education has risen at the institution and the plans were geared to do just that," stated Dr. Smith.

Dr. Smith was enthusiastic about Shaw's status and says to the Baptists and friends that he is "extremely grateful for the

support that they have given in the past. However, he stated, "We must make the Baptist churches realize that we cannot cut the budget at Shaw any more without endangering the quality of education. The rising cost of living is responsible for this."

Editor's Note: This article concerning Shaw University is the eighth in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the black Baptists and friends of Baptists in our state and everywhere, become familiar with the work of our state convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptist departments and auxiliaries, leaders and pastors are asked to secure financial support for the objectives during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about, and as much support as possible should be given through the Unified Program.

The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is: January and July, STATE MISSIONS; February and August, CENTRAL ORPHANAGE; March and September, SHAW UNIVERSITY; April and October, FOREIGN MISSIONS; May and November, J. J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY; June and December, SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL. **DON'T FORGET THAT OCTOBER IS THE FOREIGN MISSIONS EMPHASIS.**



LIBERIAN EDUCATOR VISITS SHAW—The Reverend Jeremiah W. Walker (right), a 1961 Shaw graduate and superintendent of the Lott Carey Mission School in Liberia, is greeted by Shaw president, Dr. Stanley H. Smith, during orientation program for parents of new students. Rev. Walker, who succeeded United Nations Ambassador Angie Brooks, also a Shaw graduate, as superintendent of the Lott Carey Mission School, will be awarded an honorary doctorate degree during Shaw's 115th Opening Convocation in September. The Reverend James Z. Alexander, dean of the Shaw Divinity School, will also be awarded an honorary doctorate of divinity degree during the 115th Opening Convocation.

President's Final Address

"The Treasure House Within You"

BY REV. HAZEL NICHOLSON

Charlotte—Brother Moderator of the Lanes Creek Baptist Association, Brother Vice-President and the incoming president, ministers of the Gospel, and to the delegates of the quarterly session of the Lanes Creek Union Meeting. I thank God for the Antioch Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, Dr. Preston Pondergrass, pastor, for opening their doors to the union meeting at this time.

Infinite riches are all around you if you would open your mental eyes and behold the treasure house of infinity within you. There is a gold mine within you from which you can extract everything you need to live life gloriously and abundantly.

Many are sound asleep because they do not know about the gold mine and infinite intelligence and boundless love with themselves. Whatever you say, you can draw forth a magnified piece of steel will hold twelve times its own weight, and if you demagnetize it, it will not even lift a feather. There are two kinds of persons. 1. There is the magnetized person who is full of confidence and faith, and 2. There is the demagnetized person, who is full of fear and doubt.

The master secret of the ages is the marvelous miracle working power of your subconscious mind. Scientists tell us that one person uses more than one tenth of one's brain power. The nine tenths is in your subconscious mind. Your subconscious mind has access to infinite power. Your conscious mind is like the captain on a ship. Whatever your conscious mind tells your subconscious mind to do it will do it, if you give the command faith. Jesus said, "Whatever you ask in my name believing, it shall be given unto you." There is healing power in your subconscious mind. You have the power to heal your troubled mind; you can mend your broken heart.

Your subconscious mind works like all other universal principles. 1. H₂O yields water. 2. Water seeks its level. 3. Metal expands when heated.

These are principles, and by principle I mean the way things work. Your subconscious mind is principle and works according to the law of faith. Mark 11:23 says: "Whoever shall say unto this mountain, be removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall speed whatsoever he saith." The law of your mind is the law of faith. Stop doubting. Start believing.

Look upon your subconscious mind as a garden. Whatever you sow in that garden, that shall you also reap. I have a garden in my back yard at home. A few days ago I set out some collards. I will never go out there to pick squash. I planted some tomatoes, and I

will not go out there to pick peas. I planted some mustards and I will not go out there to dig potatoes. Because I know that whatsoever I sow, that shall I also reap. Many people are sick because they are planting the wrong stuff in their subconscious mind. If you plant, hate and evil and fear and doubt and suspicion in your subconscious mind; that shall you also reap. I have decided to plant nothing but love and joy, and peace and goodness and faith in my subconscious mind because, if I sow these, that shall I also reap. If I sow these, I will reap peace and happiness and health and strength. Whatever you sow, that shall you also reap. That is why I say, "Whoever you sow, that shall you also reap." Whatever things that are honest, whatever things that pleasant whatever things that are of good report, think on those things.

How doest your subconscious mind work? When you think on it is your subconscious mind that takes care of the digestion of your food. It is your subconscious mind that regulates elimination and circulation of your blood. It is your subconscious mind that keeps your heart beating while you are asleep and keeps all of your organs functioning while you are awake. Your conscious mind cannot remember to think to keep you breathing all the time.

Your subconscious mind has healing power. When your body is wounded or cut, even in surgery. The doctor treats the wound, but the healing is done by God through your subconscious mind. Scientists tell us that the body is made up of more than ten billion tiny cells. Every eleven months each of those ten billion cells is rebuilt. If you have an illness, you can tell your subconscious mind (or God) to rebuild each of those cells well and normal. If you do it in faith, it shall be delivered unto you. Therefore you have healing power within yourself. Use it.

Many people are sick because they think that they are sick. They are not sick. They are with nothing physically wrong with them. They are lonely and bored and think that they are sick, therefore; they are sick.

With your subconscious mind, you can achieve anything that you want. Let us take the example of a ten year old girl. She can be hypnotized and told to take your hand in her hand. Dehypnotize her and she could not hold your hand against your will. The Hypnotist simply moves her subconscious mind out of the way, and communicates directly with her subconscious mind. We deposit many hurts and doubts and bad experiences in our conscious mind. And these experiences limit our powers. We must develop the power of positive thinking.

Like John Newton Clerk, once an infidel and libertine, a seller of slaves in Africa.

Always strive to do the greatest, rather than the least, for the cause of Christ.

Decontrol Attempts Dead This Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Attempts to decontrol the broadcasting industry appear to be dead for this Congress, according to a report in the Washington Star.

A comprehensive measure totally revamping the 1934 Communications Act was to have been acted on by the House Commerce Subcommittee on Communications. The bill would have affected not only radio and television, but also the telephone industry.

Lionel van Deerlin, D-Cal., sponsor of the sweeping and controversial legislation, has acknowledged that "intense political opposition" to the bill has killed any chance of moving it this year.

The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as other church groups, testified against a similar measure during hearings in the last Congress and in the Senate this year.

Van Deerlin said that the subcommittee will concentrate on amending, rather than rewriting, the existing law. He hopes to amend the act's sections dealing with regulation of the telephone industry to "vert chaos."

The broadcast sections of the proposals would have immediately ended federal regulation of radio and would have phased out most aspects of television regulation within 10 years. Licensees would have been made permanent and the equal-time provisions and the fairness doctrine would have been eliminated.

Harry Ellis, of the Christian Life Commission, said in testimony earlier this year that the removal of the public interest standard would be a "dream for the industry, but a nightmare for the public."

Religious groups were joined by labor unions, educators, and consumer groups in opposing the broadcast provisions of the van Deerlin bill. Van Deerlin admitted the bill was in trouble when he said, "If I have learned anything in 16 years, it is that if you only have the votes on the subcommittee, you're in trouble. I may be dull, but I'm not pig-headed."

Senate proposals to amend the 1934 law are not as comprehensive as the House version. They would not effect such sweeping changes in the broadcast industry as van Deerlin would like to see.

Equal Time Nets Sought

HIGHLAND LAKES, Ind.—The trade was made—an hour in the pew for an hour's help on a car.

Summer missionary Paul May worked all night Friday on the car of a teenage member of his Bible study group, on the promise that teen would spend equal time in church.

The exchange proved mutually beneficial as May, a student at Mississippi College, got to spend time at his favorite hobby, and the teen accepted Christ as Savior.

Church Secrecy Said To Be Self Defeating

NEW YORK — The idea that the business of churches and religious institutions can be done in secret is "imprudent and downright impossible to carry out," 3 of the nation's best known religion editors told the annual convention of the Un-Religious Public Relations Council.

"The more interesting a story is, the more likely it is to come out," Marjorie Hyer of the Washington Post said. Secrecy in the church is a problem for the church, not for the press.

She said reporters will find out the details of a story when they have the desire to do so. "What churches need to realize is that when a story breaks in the news and the way it is released reflects on the institution involved."

Richard Ostling of Time magazine said more secrecy is associated with churches and religious institutions than with most groups. However, the situation is better than it was a few years ago, he said.

The improvement can be traced to the move toward openness by the Roman Catholic Church, Ostling said, noting that a tendency still exists among many "mainstream Protestants to be defensive about the information they release."

Ostling pointed out 2 ways to approach the question of openness as it relates to churches: "One is that it is smart to be open and, secondly, it is right. God's will and justifiable for the people to know what is going on."

Kenneth A. Briggs of the New York Times, expressed concern about increased use of words "secrecy" and "privacy" by some religious leaders as they relate to the release of information.

He said the cloak of secrecy is often raised because of the attitude of self-preservation held by many churches; more competition among the so-called "growth churches" for dollars and members, and the heightening of the wall between the "world" and the religious community.

Briggs expressed reluctance to name the organizations he had in mind because "behavior in those organizations is not always consistent." However, he said it is "hard to get close to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and the Unification Church."

He urged the public relations persons to develop a "working relationship" with members of the press. "It is perfectly possible in most cases to talk to reporters about what can and cannot be said about a certain issue."

Warren Day, of the National Council of Churches in New York, who moderated the discussion, said talking about openness is not enough to get the job done.

"We often become so concerned with a short-term problem that we compromise on a long-term principle," he said. "Too seldom are we willing to stand as the keeper of the watch."

"To make sure that the leaders of our churches and organizations are never comfortable in making decisions in windowless rooms is our mission," said Day.

EDUCATION

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responds and addresses itself to the needs of the poor, aged, handicapped and downfallen. Too many ministers are more concerned about an emotional response to their sermons than to the physical needs of those who are around and about them."

He urged the ministers and leaders to bring the force and weight of their endeavors to bear upon the poor and ignorant, to keep black people poor and disadvantaged. "There are many social programs that are available to help poor people raise their standard of living," he stated. "But we must educate our people so they can use these programs."

Unbraiding the clergy, he charged that far too many of them are like the man on the television show who claimed to know everything. Relating the incident on the television show, he recalled that the man was asked if he could complete a line from "Old McDonald had a..."

The man answered "a farm." "Right," said the master of ceremony on the television show. "Now can you spell farm?" The man who thought that he knew everything answered: "E-e-e-a-a-a, and secondly, it is right. God's will and justifiable for the people to know what is going on."

Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary of the GBS Convention of N. C., told the messengers that we need to educate our people to be better stewards. "Whatever a man does with his life, he will also do with his money. If he throws his money away, he will also throw his life away. It is hard to separate a man's life from his money. They are one and the same."

Dr. Charles Ward, pastor, First Baptist, Raleigh, told the class of BTU workers that: "The closer we get to God, the closer we get to our brother." He illustrated the soundness of his thesis through "The Magic Triangle of Love... God, The Individual A and His Fellowman."

CARSON

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a nursery in the back yard of his Atlanta home, selling flowers, shrubs and other greenery. Profits go to a memorial in honor of his son, Durwood V. Carson Jr., who drowned in 1957 before he finished preparing to be a medical missionary in Africa.

The scholarship fund was established in 1958 to help black ministerial and missionary students attend college or theological seminary. The fund total has reached almost \$70,000, thanks to thousands of contributions and the \$800 Carson was in his nursery.

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Convention Officials Proclaim:

Review Of '78-'79 ... "A Great Year Of General Baptist Convention Progress"

RALEIGH—From the Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet last January 12, held at the Raleigh Civic Center, to the Laymen's Retreat last Sept. 14-16 at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, the General Baptist State Convention year has been one of progress and unity. The black Baptists have not only worked together to have great fellowship and inspirational sessions, but have gone far beyond the one million dollar mark in raising funds to meet their budget.

The General Baptist State Convention is a "bee hive" of activity and hard work. There is never a slack or dull moment in its overcrowded calendar of events. President John R. Manley stated recently, "This job of being president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., is not only a great honor and privilege but it requires a lot of sacrifice and hard work."

When he observed the incessant activity along with the unbelievable schedule of appointments of the executive secretary, he nicknamed him Dr. C. C. "Workhorse" Craig. The scope of activities for male and female in the Convention range from seeking to get the sin-sick and down-fallen to experience the freedom which is in Jesus Christ, to summer camp and recreation for the youth and young at heart. The interest of convention leaders includes the serious politics of Andrew Young and the homeless poor in our back streets and alleys.

The main concern of the executive secretary is to raise the funds for the Unified Program and to promote a program of Christian education in the churches so the Christian maturity can continue.

The convention is structured so that it can operate as a unified whole. A grave concern of all convention officials is that of keeping the Convention together. North Carolina is the only state in the nation where there is just one state convention. Care is taken to see to it that the auxiliaries do not drift away and become autonomous. Yet, there are safeguards which insure the Baptist constituency that no leader will become a

dictator. Baptist people love their independence and freedom.

Perhaps the greatest challenge facing this and all religious bodies is that of winning the youth for Christ. Baptists do a good job of that, the youth missionary departments in all

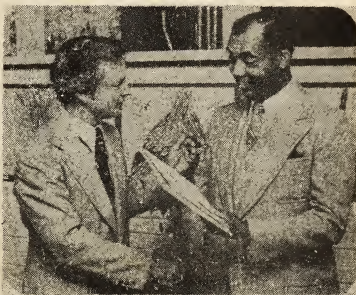
auxiliaries are teeming with youth. The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention has done an excellent job of recruiting and training young people. No doubt about it, the year has been one of progress.

112th Annual Session

General Baptist State Convention Of N.C. Inc. Convenes At Goldsboro

RALEIGH—The First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, Dr. I. B. Horton, pastor, is busily engaged in preparation for the 112th annual session of the General Baptist State Convention, which will convene in its birthplace Oct. 29 to Nov. 1 of this year. Every member of this historic church is excited about the impending session. Some of the activities include the preparation for the pre-convention musical, which will be held Sunday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. The music will be furnished by combined choirs

of the area. Committee chairmen are completing plans, providing for meals, transportation, lodging, entertainment, and general comfort of the visitors. A welcome bulletin is being prepared which will include greetings from many outstanding personalities and convention and church officers. The first annual President's Banquet promises to be a most festive occasion. All roads lead to the "Golden City." (See directions to the church in this issue of the Baptist Informer).



PRESENTS COMMISSION—Governor Jim Hunt has named Dr. John R. Manley of Chapel Hill to the State Employment Security Commission. During the governor's visit to Chapel Hill Tuesday, he presented Manley (right) with his commission. Manley is the minister of the First Baptist Church and Hickory Grove Baptist Church. The ESC is composed of seven members, all appointed by the Governor to serve four-year terms. (Photo by Danny Moore, Chapel Hill Newspaper)

General Baptist Pre'xy Gets Hunt Appointment



Dr. John R. Manley, President, G. B. S. Convention, labors with the Executive Committee in its efforts to lead the Convention to higher heights. Baptist Headquarters last June 30th.

CHAPEL HILL — Gov. Jim Hunt has named Dr. John R. Manley of Chapel Hill to the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina. Gov. Hunt presented Dr. Manley with his commission Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Glenwood Elementary School.

Dr. Manley is the minister of the First Baptist Church and Hickory Grove Baptist Church. He is president of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C. He is a member of the Chapel Hill Community Development Task Force, the Special Task Force for Equal Employment in State Government and is vice chairman of the Governor's Council on Sickle Cell Syndrome.

The commission is composed of 7 members, all appointed by the governor to serve terms of 4 years.

ANNUAL CONVENTION ISSUE

"The Unified Dollar For The Unified Program"

From The Executive Secretary's Desk:

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents, other leaders and members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.:

I commend you for the excellent way that you are supporting the objectives of the convention under the Lordship of Christ. Your support makes it possible for the convention to fulfill its commitment to Shaw University and the Divinity School; foreign missions, state missions, the Central Orphanage and other causes.

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As a reminder, the goals of the General Baptist State Convention are to promote and support home and foreign missions; Christian and higher education; ministerial relief, church building and development; the study and distribution of the Bible and Christian literature, to cooperate with other missionary Baptist organizations, and to engage in whatever other Christian endeavors as it may deem necessary to advance the Kingdom of God. To enhance Christian fellowship among the Baptists of North Carolina in cooperation with the Baptist State Convention of N.C. and to form a brotherly tie with Baptists and Christians around the world.

The General Baptist State Convention has a worldwide concern for the teaching of the Bible, we must be concerned with everybody from everywhere. Our past fiscal year, 1978-79, was a good year. When we think about our accomplishments of the past year, we can praise God from whom all blessings flow. We are gratified, but not satisfied. We have not done all that the Lord has commanded us to do. If we have done all that the Lord has commanded us to do as churchmen, then we must give an answer to the meaning of the

"bleating of the sheep and the howling of the oxen" that we hear in our world today.

Our fiscal year, 1979-80, will be a challenging one. As we attempt great things for God and expect great things from God.

As we move into our new fiscal year, let us keep before us the "Unified Dollars for the Unified Program."

Every dollar contributed to the convention through the Unified Program is divided in this manner: 44% is for Shaw University and 10% of the 44% for the Shaw Divinity School; 40% is used for state missions and 6% is used for the Central Orphanage.

Shaw University and the Divinity School: Shaw University provides an education for more than 1,200 college students. The Divinity School provides training for men and women who are preparing to preach and minister in Christian education.

State missions: our state missions program has as its objectives the following concerns: general program and administration, management organization, cooperative ministries, evangelism, church mission, church extension and building, institutional ministries, support and interpretation, Christian education, Christian publications and church music.

Foreign missions: our foreign missions program provides support for 75 foreign missionaries in 4 countries - Guyana, India, Liberia and Nigeria. This support includes building churches, hospitals, clinics, schools and seminaries; and provides preaching and teaching of the gospel.

The Central Orphanage: the Central Orphanage cares for boys and girls who are deprived of parents by neglect or death. The services provide food, clothing, shelter, education and recreational opportunities to help disadvantaged lives become mature adults.

The General Baptist State Convention needs monthly contributions from all of the churches as it seeks through its Unified Program to comfort the wounded, lead the lost and to help the needy bear their cross. Please remember that on Oct. 29-Nov. 1, all roads in the state will lead to the 112th annual session of the General Baptist State Convention and the 30th annual session of the Laymen's League Convention at the First African

Baptist Church, Goldsboro, I. B. Horton, pastor.

We hope to have one of the greatest annual sessions in the history of our convention with your support and cooperation. We are counting on our pastors, moderators and presidents to report as much money as they possibly can for the objectives.

Thank you for the support that I am confident you will give.

Hunt Proclaims Hunger-Fighting Month In N.C.

RALEIGH—Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. issued a proclamation making October "Hunger-Fighting Month in N.C." in support of statewide CROP-Church World Service Hunger Walks this fall. Most of these community hunger walks will take place on Sunday after Oct. 7, World Communion Sunday, and most will be ten to fifteen miles long. Funds raised by the walks and their sponsors on these walks will benefit the Indo-Chinese "boat people" and other victims of world hunger through Church World Service's refugee relief and self-help development programs in 50 of the poorest regions of the world.

Twenty-five percent of the funds from the hunger walks in fifteen North Carolina towns and cities will also be designated to stay in the local area to help local hunger-fighting agencies (e.g., Meals on Wheels, N.C. Hunger Coalition) in the state.

The Governor states in his proclamation that "One person dies every eight seconds from hunger-related causes throughout the globe." He also cites statistics showing that "one out of every four deaths in the world involve children under five years old, most of them living in the Third and Fourth World countries" of Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

The proclamation recognizes and shows concern for North Carolina's "own undernourished and malnourished citizens in isolated urban and rural situations." Gov. Hunt, while CROP, the Community Hunger Appeal of Church World Service, for its compassionate 32-year record of "helping the world's poor to help themselves with food-for-work programs, refugee relief and self-help and integrated community development." CROP is a low-overhead hunger-fighting organization.

Individual sponsors of walkers on a CROP Walk can also designate their own funds to go through CROP-Church World Service to other cooperating international relief and development agencies such as Foreign Missions Board of the Southern Baptist Conference, Catholic Relief Services, Lutheran World Relief, American Friends Service Committee, UNICEF, Heifer Project International, World Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals, and others.

For further information concerning the fall CROP Hunger Walks in North Carolina, write Carolinas CROP, 1006 Lamond (See HUNT, P. 12)

From The President's Desk

The Spirit Of Teamwork

BY DR. J. R. MANLEY

CHAPEL HILL — As president of our great convention, if there is any

single spirit that I have attempted to promote among the brethren, it is that of "teamwork," as structured by our convention's constitution. The brief year of my tenure in office has afforded me experiences among the Lord's people (especially General Baptists) that have strengthened my belief in the value of teamwork.

If the secular world of sports can see the necessity, the value, the importance of teamwork, I believe that the people of God, who constitute the body of Jesus Christ, should even more so see the importance of such a spirit. For teamwork not only expresses the spirit of work which it does; but it also expresses the spirit of respect, the spirit of understanding, the spirit of forgiveness, the spirit of unity, the spirit of responsibility.

It has been a joy to see the "spirit of teamwork" grow among us. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," says Psalm 133:1. It is this "spirit," which is none other than the Spirit of God, that we give glory for a banner year.

The "spirit of teamwork" has characterized our administrative staff which is so nobly headed by Dr. C. C. "Workhorse" Craig. The entire structure is beautifully supported by Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Miss Bettie Chisolm, Miss Ivery Williamson, Rev. Leo Williamson, Waverly Camp, Jr., Dr. I. B. Horton, Mrs. Margarine Dunn, Mrs. Capola Latta, Mrs. Shirley Williams, Mrs. Mary E. Washington and others who work in the headquarters building. This teamwork has resulted in substantial growth for our conventional work; so much so until we see the need to expand our headquarters building. The conven-

tion trustees have been assigned the task of developing plans for such expansion.

The "spirit of teamwork" has also characterized our various commissions and the General Board, headed by the convention's vice president, Dr. J. Ray Burtler, Dr. J. B. Humphrey, Dr. C. W. Ward, Dr. S. A. Raper and Dr. H. L. Mitchell. The result of this teamwork has been the strengthening of the already adopted programs as well as the breaking of new ground. The general officers of our convention have also been very supportive.

The "spirit of teamwork" has characterized our standing committees such as management and organization, budget, social concerns, political action, the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, benefit commission, historical commission, resolution and constitutions. These are headed by Dr. Coleman W. Kerry, Jr., Dr. A. D. Mosley, Dr. Jerry Drayton, Dr. L. H. Hairston, Dr. J. C. Harris, Dr. C. E. Robinson, Dr. J. D. Ballard, Rev. W. F. Epps and Dr. C. W. Anderson, respectively. As a result of their work - their very hard work behind the scene - the convention is thriving with vigor and vitality.

The "spirit of teamwork" has characterized our auxiliaries which are headed by Mrs. Georgia Turner, James Lassiter, James Bellamy, Jr., I. H. Hilliard and Arthur Williams. We have seen solid gains in each of these auxiliaries.

Space will not permit the mention of the names of all of the associations and their moderators; the district conventions and their leaders; as well as pastors and laymen across this great state of ours. But suffice it to say that we have felt both the spirit of support and your prayers.

The joy is that every single member of our convention can be on the team for: "We are one people, and we have one cause and one destiny."

Please join us in our 112th annual session in the city of Goldsboro, the birthplace of our convention, Oct. 29-Nov. 1, to celebrate what promises to be the greatest session ever.

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide whether letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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Highlights Of The Program Of The 112th Session Of The General Baptist State Convention Of N.C. Inc.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30
John R. Manley, Presiding

6:30 p.m.	Grand Opening	
7:00 p.m.	Devotion	
	Theme: "One People"	P. C. Holland
	Welcome Program—Host Church, A. L. Bell	
	Response on behalf of the Convention	
	Solo	Mrs. Georgia Gurst
	Sermon	C. W. Anderson
	Alternate	C. R. Tyner
	Music	Host Church
	Offering	
	Benediction	
10:00 p.m.	Evangelistic Service	

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

	J. R. Manley	
	J. Ray Butler, Presiding	
	C. W. Ward	
9:00 a.m.	Devotion	
	Theme: "One Cause"	John Prince
9:15 a.m.	Reports: Executive Committee	
	Auditor	
	Executive Secretary	
	a. Staff	
	b. Auxiliary Presidents	

11:00 a.m.	Greetings	W. C. Comerive, Executive Secretary, Lott Carey Convention
	Mark Curtis, President of the Baptist State Convention	
11:30 a.m.	President's Address	J. R. Manley
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

2:00 p.m.	Devotion: J. B. Humphrey, H. L. Mitchell	
2:15 p.m.	Nomination Committee Report	
3:00 p.m.	Greetings: W. C. Comerive and H. V. Bryant	
	b. Recognitions of moderators and pastors	
	Solo	Mrs. Georgia Gurst
3:15 p.m.	Sermon	J. H. Jordan
	Adjournment	
5:00 p.m.	President's Banquet: "Give Me My Flowers While I Yet Live Hour"	Dr. Matthew Silver, President, United Baptist Missionary Conv., Md.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

7:00 p.m.	Devotion	Shaw University Choral Society
	Music	O. L. Sherrill
	Presentation of President	Stanley Smith, Shaw University
	Address	
	Shaw Rally	
8:20 p.m.	Sermon	Henry C. Gregory, III, Washington, D. C.
	Benediction	
10:00 p.m.	Evangelistic Service	

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:30 a.m.	Devotion	
9:45 a.m.	Theme: "One Destiny"	
10:00 a.m.	Divinity School Hour	
	Report of Committees	
	Closing Sermon	A. J. Johnson
	Hymn	
	Benediction	

LAYMEN'S PROGRAM

	Theme: "One People, One Cause, One Destiny"	
	Scriptural Theme: "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism," Ephesians 4:5	
MONDAY, OCTOBER 29		
9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	
11:00 a.m.	Registration and enrollment	
12:00 noon	Lunch	

MONDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 p.m.	Devotions	Host Laymen
1:45 p.m.	Welcome: I. H. Hilliard, President	
	Waverly Camp, Jr., Director of Laywork	
2:00 p.m.	Workshop	
	"Launching Out With The Royal Ambassadors"	
	Zeno Borders, State Director of Royal Ambassadors	
3:15 p.m.	Question and Answer Period	
	Music	Laymen's Chorus
3:30 p.m.	Workshop II	
	"The Roles of the Church—From the Black Laymen's Perspective"	
	Waverly Camp, Jr., Coordinator	

MONDAY EVENING

	Session II—Vance Rags, Presiding	
7:15 p.m.	Devotions	Frank Mungo, Thomas Smith
7:30 p.m.	Laymen Welcome Program	
	Local League	
	Associational League	
	Response to Welcome	
8:00 p.m.	Mack Hicks, Presiding	
	Music	
	Offering	
	Annual Session	A. E. Arnette

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

	First Vice President Charles Porter, Presiding	
8:30 a.m.	Bible Study	Clifford Jones
9:15 a.m.	Devotions	Albert Harrison and Nathaniel Woods
9:30 a.m.	Reports of Committees	
10:00 a.m.	Workshop III	
	"A Comprehensive View of the Laymen's Study Commission"	
	O. A. Dupree, Chairman	
11:00 a.m.	Special Music	Laymen's League Chorus
	John McQueen, Director	
	Offering	Walter O. Daye, Johnnie White
	Announcements, Finishing Touches	
	Music	
	President's First Annual Address	I. H. Hilliard
	Remarks: J. R. Manley, President, General Baptist State Convention	
	C. C. Craig, Executive Secretary, General Baptist State Convention	
	Benediction	John Moore

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE 112th ANNUAL SESSION OF G. B. S. C.
HOTELS AND MOTELS IN GOLDSBORO AREA

Hotel/Host	Single Room	Double Room	Telephone
Holiday Inn of Goldsboro	\$17.95	\$28.00	735-7901
Highway 70 Bypass East			
Quality Inn	21.00	24.00	736-4390
908 W. Grantham Street			
Villa Square Motel & Apartments	14.56	20.80	736-4711
2075 S. Center Street			
Wayne Motel	13.52	15.50	734-2224
Highway 117			
Days Inn	15.68	18.76	734-9471
300 Wayne Memorial Drive			
Econo-Travel Motor Hotel	16.64	19.76	736-4510
Highway 70 Bypass East			
El Rancho Motel	10.40	13.00	735-4563
2108 N. William Street			
Irish Inns	14.56	17.68	778-1490
104 Imperial Drive			

A limited number of rooms in private homes will be available to messengers.
All motel reservations must be handled by the individuals desiring them.

DIRECTIONS TO FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

802 EAST HARRIS STREET, GOLDSBORO
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October 28-November 1, 1979

From East or West, take Highway 70 to Goldsboro. Enter Goldsboro on 70 Business, which is Ash Street. Continue on Ash Street to John. Turn right if coming from the West, turn left if coming from the East. Continue through the city to the residential area. Turn left on Bunche Drive. Continue up the hill to the church on the left at the corner of Harris and Poplar Streets.

From North or South, take 117 to Goldsboro. Take the Ash Street turnoff. Follow directions above.

Phone 734-1653 Dr. I. B. Horton, Pastor

Go On With Your Bad Self

BY WAVERLY CAMP, JR.

LAUREL HILL—"Go with your bad self" very well sums up the third annual retreat sponsored by the Laymen's League Convention of North Carolina, held Sept. 14-16 at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill.

Some 65 men and boys gathered for a weekend of study, fellowship, recreation and worship. The theme for this year's retreat was "God and Church." Our objectives with the theme were:

1. Study what Christians believe about God at work
 2. Learn how Christians express their faith in daily life
 3. Engage in activities which were the outgrowth of our lives.
- God opened up His storehouse of "goodies" as we shared with each other in study, fellowship, recreation and worship. Under the capable leadership of Waverly Camp, Jr., State Laymen Director, and Brother Frank Marshall, Retreat Chairperson, the retreat was acclaimed as the best yet.

Our discussion leaders in our modules were superb. Bro. Charles Porter of Ebenezer, Charlotte, could be best described as an "orator;" he held his group spellbound as he moved around proclaiming God's marvelous works.

Brother John McQueen, First Baptist, Fayetteville, and president of Lott Carey Laymen's League, would be considered as the teacher of teachers: he poured out a wealth of information as he relived the story of the "Prodigal Son." Brother Frank Marshall, Mount Zion, Asheville, would be best remembered as the "scholar," this vast knowledge of the Bible as a reference book to understanding God will be remembered by all.

The young men from Rafter, Newton, Conover, Rocky Mount and Charlotte prayed, testified, and sang until there were tears in many eyes as God blessed us. The young men demonstrated their talents through play, work and study. The art of "horseshoe pitching" is still alive with young folks.

Can men cook? Yes, we ate some of the finest foods ever cooked. Brother Richard Cogdell, Head Chef, and his co-workers Frank Mungo, Nathaniel Woods, Marshall and McQueen "did the do." We all gained a couple of pounds that weekend.

Brother I. H. Hilliard, our Laymen President, gave us words of encouragement as the retreat began to take shape on Friday night. Our Executive Secretary, Dr. C. C. Craig, spoke on Saturday morning, inspiring us to continue on working for Jesus, and to always help somebody. His presence made us feel good.

The Laymen League was blessed with the opportunity to be the first auxiliary to work with our new camp superintendent, Reverend Theodore Breenden. The General Baptist Family should be congratulated for selecting an excellent camp director. He instantly took the hearts of the retreaters in the way he carried himself, his personality, and charm. His abilities to reach the hearts of the young men gave them inspiration as he related his experience as a professional baseball player. His sermon on Sunday morning put the icing on the cake. The ultimate challenge is to be a Christian everywhere you go, rung throughout his sermon.

Thank you so much for the cooperation of the laymen, pastors and churches of the General Baptist Family.

Pre-Convention Concert Marks Confab Opening

The 112th annual session of the General Baptist State Convention will open Sunday night, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. with a Pre-Convention Concert under the direction of Waverly Camp, Jr., director of church music, GBSB.

This concert, to be held at the First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, is for the purpose of demonstrating the use of good church music, realizing and developing the potential of our Baptist churches. Area choirs will serve as participants along with the directors and musicians.

This concert will contain a balanced mixture of church music such as hymns, anthems, spirituals, gospels and instrumental music.

"Come and worship in songs unto the Lord."

Dr. W. C. Butts is local chairperson. Waverly Camp, Jr. is director, and Dr. I. B. Horton is host pastor.

Rev. Jerry M. Sanders Ordained

By Dr. L. C. Riddick
CHARLOTTE — Sunday,

Sept. 16 was a high day in the life of The Reverend Jerry M. Sanders, who was ordained a Baptist minister by the Mount Carmel Baptist Church of Charlotte. Pastor, Dr. L. C. Riddick, declared the day "Jerry's Day," and let him deliver the 11 a.m. message.

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during the reg- SANDERS ular worship service.

The Reverend Mr. Sanders was licensed in March, 1977, and is a student in the Duke Divinity School, Durham. He is a graduate of Benedict College, Columbia, S. C., and a former editor of his school's paper.

The services were held at 4 p.m., with Dr. L. C. Riddick, pastor, delivering the ordination sermon, assisted in the service by Dr. Coleman W. Kerry, Jr. and Dr. J. B. Humphrey.

MALE SINGERS WANTED

As our 30th annual session of the Laymen's League approaches, we are in dire need of men from across the state who can serve in our State Laymen's Male Chorus. A splendid effort was made last year in Fayetteville, but we can do much better than that when we gather at Goldsboro.

Men have so many hidden talents that they need to harvest and mold. Come and be harvested and molded as we launch out to do God's work. We are asking that you be present for the Pre-Convention Musical on Sunday night, Oct. 28, and be ready to work on Monday morning, Oct. 29.

"Everybody can sing." If you love Him, why not sing for Him, pray, shout and give to Him your all and all.



Pictorial Review Of Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention

Statewide Monthly Emphasis

A Man Who Hath Friends: Lott Carey's Friend

WASHINGTON, D.C. — "A man who hath friends must show himself friendly..." Proverbs 18:24.

It has often been said that "an institution is the lengthening shadow of its founders." Lott Carey's Wendell C. Somerville is a gleaming example of the truthfulness of that axiom. His unselfish devotion to the needs and demands of the Lott Carey Convention has inspired an untold number to make more and more and more sacrifices for the cause of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Somerville has always been first and foremost on the giving end of foreign missions. His untiring concern for the less fortunate peoples of the world has inspired thousands to rise to the relief of human suffering the world over. Lott Carey has grown by leaps and bounds during his ceaseless efforts. When one thinks of Lott Carey, the image of W. C. Somerville immediately comes to mind.

Whatever Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention is today has come about largely through the dedication of Dr. Somerville and his loyal wife. They have literally given themselves to Jesus Christ through their labor in Lott Carey.

It can be truthfully said that the Lott Carey Convention has many friends today because W. C. Somerville, a man who has shown himself friendly, The Baptists of North Carolina have played a great part in the growth and development of Lott Carey and hopefully will continue to play even a greater part through the Unified

Program. Highlights from the 82nd annual session of the convention in Washington, D.C. demonstrate why more than 5,000 attended the August 27-31 session exceeding all expectations.

Editor's Note: This article concerning Foreign Missions is the eighth in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the black Baptists and friends of Baptists in our state and everywhere, become familiar with the work of our state convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders and pastors are asked to secure financial support for the objectives during the month of emphasis. It must be talked about, prayed about, and as much support as possible should be given through the Unified Program.

The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is: January and July, STATE MISSIONS; February and August, CENTRAL ORPHANAGE; March and September, SHAW UNIVERSITY; April and October, FOREIGN MISSIONS; May and November, J. J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY; June and December, SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL.

DON'T FORGET THAT NOVEMBER IS THE J. J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY EMPHASIS.

has grown by leaps and bounds. It enjoys the distinction of having been solvent during its 82 years of existence, without a division. A large amount of its work is done by volunteers.

"This is our greatest year," Dr. Somerville told the delegates. "Never in the history of the convention have the black churches contributed so liberally." The Rev. C. H. Byars led the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Library, Pa. in giving \$3,305, with an active membership of less than 100. He was presented

D. C.; second vice president, Lawrence A. Chambers, Portsmouth, Va.; treasurer, E. A. Riddick, Norfolk, Va.; secretary, Oscar Easley, New York, N. Y.

Youth Department officers: Caroline Pope, Library, Pa., president; Arthur Cobb, Washington, D. C., first vice president; second vice president, Sylvia Kinard, Brooklyn, N. Y.; third vice president, Cynthia C. Bently, Baltimore, Md.; recording secretary, Edward Grines, Portsmouth, Va.;

Senate and a voting voice in the House of Representatives whereby they can address their grievances and share as others in the decision making process at the highest level of legislative government and,

Whereas, the United States Senate and House of Representatives have passed a bill assuring full representation for the District and this bill must be ratified now by the legislatures of two-thirds of the states of our union,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Lott Carey Baptist Convention concurs, supports and strongly urges the ratification of the full representation bill for the District of Columbia.

II. Preservation And Enhancement Of Black Colleges And Universities

Whereas, the historically black colleges and universities continue to serve as a useful vehicle for higher education for all people and,

Whereas, black colleges and universities serve as an important means for the advancement, in particular of blacks, but generally for all,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Lott Carey Conventions urges the President of the United States and Congress to create policies and programs that will insure the continuance and viability of the historically black colleges and universities.

III. Concern For Peace In The Middle East

Whereas, tension continues in the Middle East that impedes the peace and tranquility of that area and,

Whereas, the focal point of that tension appears to be the long standing dispute between the Palestinian Liberation Organization and Israel,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Lott Carey Convention urges and encourages our government to do all in its power to bring together all parties that impede peace in the Middle East, because, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." (Matthew 5:9).

IV. Legalization of Gambling

Whereas, there is a concerted move in this country to legalize gambling and,

Whereas, gambling is harmful morally, spiritually, and economically and,

Whereas, it destroys the family and promotes crime and causes a general deterioration of society,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Lott Carey Convention opposes the legalization of gambling in any form.

V. Assurance of Adequate Household Energy

Whereas, the high cost of utilities prohibits an adequate supply of fuel and energy for many of the citizens of this nation and,

Whereas, this high cost affects blacks and other poor people and,

Whereas, this country has a duty to insure minimum protection for the health and welfare of its citizens,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Lott Carey Convention urges the President and Congress to enact legislation to insure that all energy will be (See LOTT CAREY, P. 12)



Newly elected President, the Rev. George L. Bowick, Pittsburgh, Pa., of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention. Rev. Bowick is pastor of the Rodman Baptist Church, Pittsburgh.

a trophy for their unusual events.

Retiring President J. D. Bussey, Washington, expressed the importance of Christian church support. Lotteries and other un-Christian methods were condemned.

"The church must be supported through Christian giving," he said. Dr. Bussey is being succeeded by Dr. G. L. Bowick.

Dr. Bussey also stated that "Washington, D. C., the capital city of the world is fast becoming the capital of the United States. If those who promote gambling as a legalized source of income for this city succeed, it will then be reduced to the capital of the District of Columbia."

Jeremiah Walker, Liberian secretary, a product of the convention, gave a report which showed a marked advance in all areas. The Liberian school was granted a new typewriter, and an increase in appropriation; a medical clinic was voted to be erected and a new faculty housing project was given approval by the convention for the Liberians' work. Increased appropriations were voted for work in India, Nigeria and Guyana, which is being directed by Mrs. Carlyle A. Miller, wife of the late Dr. Carlyle Miller.

The following officers were given chairs in the Laymen's League Department: president, J. W. McQueen, Fayetteville, N.C.; first vice president, Dennis Hawkins, Washington,

corresponding secretary, Theo. Strand, Orange, N. J.; worship chairman, Claudette Stapleton, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Doris Griffin, Norfolk, Va., director.

Mrs. Helen Benton of Baltimore, Md. was elected president of the Women's Department. Mrs. M. L. Horne, Winston-Salem, N. C., is chairman of the Women's Executive Board.

The opening musical was directed by Mrs. Juanita David of New York City, associated with Charles Fleming of Washington, D. C. Next year's session will be held in Columbus, Ohio. Support for peace in the Middle East, with the PLO and Israel, was adopted by the Resolutions Committee, headed by lawyer Hugo Madison, of Norfolk, Va. Resolutions were also adopted supporting affirmative action programs. Support for viable programs in black colleges from the President of the United States was passed. On the subject of unemployment, the President and Congress were urged to train blacks in the job market. Unions and political leaders were also urged to foster training programs for blacks in the job market. President Carter was urged to make human rights for all people in the world a reality.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED:

I. Full Representation For The District of Columbia
Whereas, the citizens living in the nation's capital are denied representation in the

Lott Carey Elects New President

BY S. R. JOHNSON

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Rev. G. L. Bowick, Pittsburgh, Pa., was elected president of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention at its 82nd annual session, August 27-31. Rev. Bowick, a native of Tallahassee, Fla., is pastor of the Rodman Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. He is married to Leola Bowick and is the father of one daughter, who is a flight attendant for Allegheny Airlines.

Meeting at the Shoreham-American, 5,000 delegates, sent Dr. Benjamin W. Robertson, Richmond, Va., to be first vice president and the Rev. James A. Scott, Newark, N. J. to be second vice president. Dr. J. Jasper Freeman, Norfolk, Va., chosen as recording secretary, the Rev. C. W. Ward, Raleigh, was selected for assistant to Mr. Freeman, and the Rev. L. J. Shipmon, Youngstown, Ohio, was returned as parliamentarian.

Dr. Somerville's attendance was the largest in the history of the Lott Carey Convention. Hotel lodging was denied many

messenger who had confirmations since November, 1978. Apologies were made publicly by the management and other adjustments have been promised. The Shoreham-American is owned by American Airlines.

Mrs. Helen Murray, 613 38th Street, Richmond, Va., died in the front entrance to the hotel on Wednesday evening. She was a member of the 4th Street Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., where the Rev. R. L. Taylor is pastor.

Dr. W. C. Somerville, in his Executive Secretary's Report, showed that \$571,838.50 had been collected for the convention year, with 81 percent being spent for missions and 19 percent for other programs.

Over 240 churches received certificates for having given \$1,000 for missions as a tribute to Mr. Somerville's dedication for the convention's work. Mr. Somerville would not accept an award for his role in the case for the cause which he believes. Lott Carey is the oldest convention and its membership



The Rev. C. H. Byars, Library, Pa., pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, holds trophy presented to him by Dr. W. C. Somerville, of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention at the 82nd session, Washington, D. C., August 29, for the largest gift per member, \$3,365. His church has less than 100 members.



Ambassador David M. Thomas, of Liberia, West Africa, second from left, is escorted in Shoreham-Americana Hotel, Washington, D. C., at 82nd session of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, by Lievinger, flight engineer with American Airlines. He is greeted by Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Somerville of Washington, D. C. Dr. Somerville is chief executive of Lott Carey. 5,000 attended from August 27 to 31.



In the executive board meeting, at left end of table, Mr. C. R. Moseley, Asheville, assistant secretary; Dr. R. G. Williams, board chairman, Washington, D. C.; Dr. W. C. Somerville, Washington Executive Secretary and Dr. E. C. Kent, Washington Secretary of Board.



Nowhere to go, was exactly what happened at the 82nd annual session of Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, at Shoreham-Americana Hotel, Washington, D. C., with reservations that had been guaranteed since November, 1978. Trying to explain is President J. D. Bussey, host pastor in the center. At the far left is Ernest Reddick, treasurer of Laymen's League, Norfolk, Va.; Dr. H. L. Mitchell, Hertford; Mrs. Mitchell and Dr. C. W. Ward, Raleigh, convention board member.



Dr. D. R. Hedgley, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Peggy D. Ormond, Winston-Salem; and Dr. K. O. P. Goodwin, Winston-Salem, go over budget at Lott Carey Convention's 82nd annual session. Both Dr. Goodwin and Dr. Hedgley are retired ministers from Winston-Salem, Hedgley from First Baptist and Goodwin from Mt. Zion.



Among the North Carolina messengers who attended the 82nd annual session of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention in Washington, D. C. last August were (L) Miss Ethel M. Stanfield and (R) Miss Minnie C. Lyon, both of Durham.



President of the Lott Carey Laymen's League, Mr. J. W. McQueen (R), chats with Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr., and receives congratulations during the 82nd annual session of the Lott Carey Convention in Washington, D. C. last August.

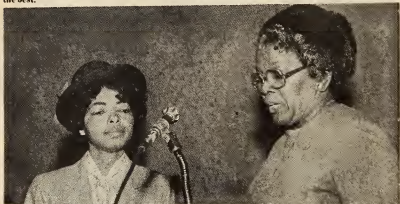
PICTORIAL REVIEW OF CONVENT



MARTIN LUTHER KING BANQUET, JANUARY 12, 1978, RALEIGH CIVIC CENTER—Dr. C. C. Craig addressing the capacity crowd, with Dr. J. R. Manley seated (L.).



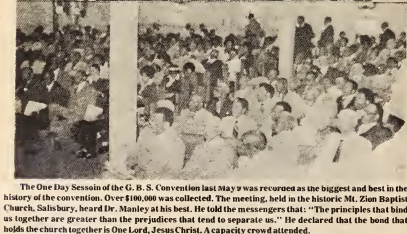
This partial view of the hundreds who attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet includes a view of the head table. The banquet was carried out under the theme: "The Spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Freedom's Road." Three major speakers, Dr. Aaron J. Johnson, Fayetteville, Reverend W. F. Banks, Thomasville, and Reverend Okelly Lawson, Greenville, challenged the banqueters to "Keep the Spirit of Dr. King alive here and now." The occasion was the fourth in a series and this one was among the best.



One of the major events in the convention year was the installation of a new Executive Secretary for the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention last January 13th at the Raleigh Civic Center. Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie listens intently as Mrs. Georgia Turner, president of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention, gives her installation instructions. Dr. Brodie stated, "Wherever we go we should never forget from whence we have come."



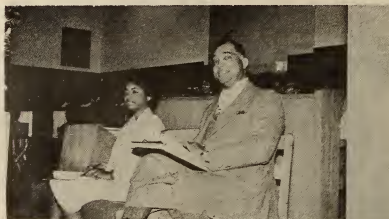
The Convention Leaders grace the platform during the installation of the new Executive Secretary: (L. to R.) Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Dr. Corbin Cooper, Dr. J. R. Manley, Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, Mrs. Georgia Turner (standing), Dr. C. C. Craig, Mrs. J. A. Little, Reverend James Kelly and Mrs. Augusta White.



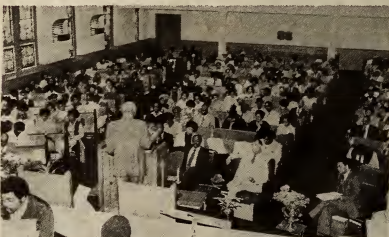
The One Day Session of the G. B. S. Convention last May 9 was recurrent as the biggest and best in the history of the convention. Over \$100,000 was collected. The meeting, held in the historic Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Salisbury, heard Dr. Manley at his best. He told the messengers that: "The principles that bind us together are greater than the prejudices that tend to separate us." He declared that the bond that holds the church together is One Lord, Jesus Christ. A capacity crowd attended.



The 6th Annual Pastor's Conference, sponsored by the Shaw Divinity School, will always be remembered because the late Dr. Sandy F. Ray was the conference preacher. It was well attended and was among the best ever.



Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie (L) and Dr. J. R. Manley smile broadly during the Annual Leadership Training Conference sponsored April 12th by the W. B. H. & F. M. Convention. This was the first conference of the Convention sponsored under the leadership of Dr. Brodie and Dr. Manley. A capacity crowd packed the First Congregational Baptist Church, Raleigh, to receive instruction and to hear Dr. W. T. Bigelow, Durham, deliver a dynamic message.



The State S. S. and B. T. U. Congress held its One Day Session at the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, amid freezing weather, yet it was beautifully attended and supported. Mr. James Lassiter, president of the S. S. Congress, is shown addressing the messengers. He declared that Christian Education is the foundational good church life.



Who can forget this happy lineup after the election of Dr. Manley as G. B. S. Convention President in Fayetteville's First Baptist Church last October?

Other Outs

There have been outstanding events during the year. The 42nd Leaders' Convention, held at Laurel, the instruction at Horton. The U. Statesville, Fla. an over flow of the State. Mr. illustrious presence at the Convention. The Baptist Assembly, ever. Many have men, and a fellowship and all it has been.

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No one can ever forget the sweet innocence of our youth. They are always heart warming. This photo shows the winners of the "Have a Heart Contest." First place, Lynda Charles, second place, Rhonda Harrison and Tonya Howell, and Youth Director Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell. Held at Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention, last August 22-26.



SECRETARY LABORS—Dr. C. C. Craig labors with the Executive Year of Great Progress towards unity and teamwork. Baptist Headquarters.

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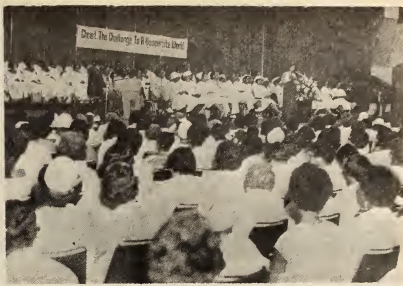
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Some of the hundreds of messengers who attended the recent Annual Session of the S. S. and B. T. U. Congress at New Light Baptist Church in Greensboro. It was a serious session, in which youth and adults alike could take on a growth in Christian education.



Shaw's Founder's Day marked the 113th observance of the occasion last November 18th. Louis Gossett, Jr., Reverend J. D. Ballard, and Reverend Joseph Person, received the Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree during the activities.



Some of the thousands who thronged the Charlotte Civic Center last August 22-26, to witness the 15th Annual Session of the W. B. H. & F. M. Convention. They met under the theme: "Christ, the Challenge to a Desperate World."



The Laymen's One Day Session, April 14th, Terrell's Creek Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, was an "enthusiastic" session. It met for the first time under the leadership of its new President, Mr. I. H. Hilliard. He set forth a "Positive Action" program which was well accepted by the laymen of the state.



Many of our laymen will remember the State Laymen's League's Annual Banquet at Shaw last April 12th. Dr. George Dehman, who delivered the address, highly stimulated their thinking.



RETIREMENT BANQUET HONORS DR. M. A. HORNE—November 18th at the Raleigh Civic Center. Dr. Horne stated: "Eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, nor hearts have ever felt the honors you have bestowed upon me."



Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie sits at her desk as she engages in the awesome task of directing the dynamic W. B. H. & F. M. Convention.

Bits Of Information

BY DR. PRISCILLA A. BRODIE

Many persons often express their appreciation of The Missionary Helper. We should like to urge all church related women and men as well who are not readers of this booklet to subscribe to The Helper and join others who receive of its beneficial fruits. If you are subscribing to The Helper and change your address, please make us serve you more effectively by notifying your state office of your new address.

After this month, we have but 2 months left before the mid-year session, Jan. 12, 1980. Thus, we hope you are in the process of making plans to charter buses, to come to the session in great numbers, to invite and bring new persons and to bring substantial funds for state missions.

Please make all checks and money orders payable to: woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C. or Woman's Baptist State Convention.

Let us also be reminded that October is the Prayer Month for Shaw University and the Divinity School, for "prayer is a source of integrating power, bringing courage and serenity out of noise, tension, and anxiety."

Time now approaches for the beginning of our many institutes for this year, 1979-80. Please begin contacting the Woman's Baptist State Convention's office concerning dates and instructors now. On Wednesday, Oct. 17, the Institute Workers Clinic of the Woman's

Baptist State Convention, will be held here at the Baptist Headquarters at 10 a.m. All institute workers are urged to attend.

We have just recently begun our fiscal year and we are very



EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRODIE

grateful for the kind of support you have begun to manifest already. However, we hope that you will put your "plowshares" a little deeper and share more funds so that we can increase the support of our objectives, namely, Shaw University and the Divinity School, the Central Orphanage, state and foreign missions and the Baptist Assembly. You will recall that one of the president's recommendations during the convention in Charlotte was that any circle which sends \$1,000 or more regularly to the office this fiscal year will receive a certificate which admits it to the Lydia Circle.

Good News In A Time Of Crisis

By Atondra Michele Williams

The first place winner in the Junior Division of the BTU Oratorical Contest at Greensboro last August (New Light Baptist Church) is a member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Louisville. Miss Williams was also a first place winner in the State BTU Oratorical Contest at Hickory in 1978. (Note: If you are young and have something to say, say it through your Baptist Informer, then thousands will hear you say it.)

You know, you can still hear a lot of older folks say, "The Lord may not come when you want Him to, but He's right on time."

In order to prove to you that there is good news in a time of crisis, I'm going to take you back in time a few hundred years and bring you back to the present day, and finally give you a free quick glimpse of the future.

In the days of Noah, there weren't many good church goers, believers in the Bible, etc. God knew of this. He knew that the world could not avoid destruction if He allowed wicked ways to continue. This would only make matters worse, so he decided on a method of starting all over again—a flood. Now there was a group of people who weren't like everyone else. Noah's family was composed of good people. They had an important factor in this time of crisis. That factor is called faith. Now, Noah continued his work for God in building that Ark. Not many people continue doing what God intended for them to do because people usually make fun of them, or ridicule them. Noah continued, and was the good news to the people in that crisis, through Christ, of course.

Moving ahead in time a few hundred years, we encounter Moses. He was born a slave, but according to the scripture, he grew up to become an heir to the Egyptian throne. The Children of Israel were in a little trouble. They had been in bondage for many years, and they still had that important factor of faith, with one added addition, called prayer. As the story continues, Moses went back to his people. Little did he know he was to be God's weapon against Pharaoh in order to help his people. For now, he was to be the "good news in a time of crisis."

Moving on to a greater piece of evidence of the good news in a time of crisis, brings us up to Jesus Christ. Now, Jesus' birth had been prophesized many

years before His coming. People were expecting a Messiah to come. Christ came into the world teaching, preaching, healing the sick, raising the dead, and after all this, more than any man could ever do, He performed the grand finale. He died so that man might have eternal life. Now, if that's not good news, I'm not sure what is.

Right now, I'm going to journey with the Underground Railroad a while. Harriet Tubman was good news in her lifetime. During the slavery days when black folk saw her coming, they'd praise the good Lord, because they knew that, someday, things were going to be better.



ATONDRA MICHELE WILLIAMS

Stepping into the White House a moment, Abraham Lincoln carried his share of the good news at the end of the Civil War. That piece of paper called the Emancipation Proclamation was signed in 1863 so that the blacks could be freed.

Taking a giant step into the 20th century, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. didn't do a bad job either. He fought for equality among the races. Dr. King died for what he believed in. He stood up for what we believed in because there were many who couldn't or wouldn't do it for themselves. Dr. King gave his life so that our crisis might be relieved. He didn't think he was free of his mission until his earthly life was finished. The inscription on his tombstone proves this point:

"Free at last,
Free at last,
Thank God Almighty,
I'm free at last."

Today, good news still exists. Do you remember the incident in Pennsylvania that happened in April? The near-fatal accident at Three Mile Island almost cost thousands their lives. God, through scientists, prevented it.

In the future, the good news lies in the young and those to come. The training of those people falls on you today.

In a time of crisis, there is always good news. It just has to be found and pursued. Luke 11:9 tells us: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." In any walk of life, whether it be teaching, research, medicine, law, or the ministry, this verse proves that to any crisis, no matter how great or small, there is always good news.

Teenage Crisis

By Mrs. Susan Norman

DURHAM—The Nurses' Club, Teachers' Forum and the Youth Movement of the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church celebrated their combined anniversaries on Sunday, August 19 at the Greater St. Paul Church.

The program was geared toward youth of the church—designed to familiarize its youth with some of the community resources of information available and related to some of the problems that may be experienced by the young people. Each panelist described the type of resources provided by his organization. The resources centered around adolescents' social and psychological problems, venereal diseases, employment and teenagers' legal rights and responsibilities, and alcoholism among teenagers.

The three anniversary organizations are all personal designs of the pastor of the church, Dr. W. T. Rogers. His overall purpose for these organizations was to better assist him in meeting the needs of his congregation. The Nurses' Club assists in caring for the needs of the sick of the church. The Teachers' Forum aids in the development of the educational program of the church and the Youth Movement is designed to assist in meeting the "total needs" of the youth at Greater St. Paul.

Mrs. Moore Honored

ROCKY MOUNT — Mrs. Mary Bullock Moore of 613 Highland Ave., Rocky Mount has been recommended to the membership in the International Platform Association. This publication comes from the Board of Governors and the membership committee, Raleigh.



MRS. MARY B. MOORE

Also her biographical sketch has been placed in the grand edition of the World Who's Who of Women, Fourth Edition. She also has been honored by the Editorial Board to the 1979-80 edition of Personalities of the South. Her name has already been placed in the Howard University Library in Washington, D.C. Who's Who in Religion.

She is a member of the Harts Chapel Baptist Church. The National Progressive Baptist Convention, the General Baptist State Convention, vice president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Neuse River Baptist Association, financial and recording secretary of the Edgecombe County Sunday School Union and Convention. For more than 45 years, she has been the wife of Charlie Moore, mother of 2 daughters, Helena and Maggie; 2 sons, Charles L. and Raleigh M. Moore.

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Some of the persons in attendance at the joint sessions of the Rowan Baptist Association and the Rowan Woman's Auxiliary at Zion Baptist Church, Reidsville, in July.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, GREATER ST. PAUL CHURCH — Mrs. Shirley Tabron awards Certificates of Appreciation to panelists while leaders of the anniversary organization look on. Left to right: Mrs. Shirley Tabron, children's choir director; Ms. Susan Norman, youth director; Mrs. Mary Rogers, president, Nurses' Club; panelists: Ms. Barbara Donadio, Lincoln Community Health Center; Ms. Debbie Moorey, Hassle Center; Mrs. Gladys Dunston, Lincoln Community Health Center; Miss Willette Crews, Legal Aide Society; Mrs. Johnny Hill, president, Teachers' Forum and Nurses Cate, executive director, Alcoholic Information Center; youths: Nicholas James and Jesse Nesbit, Cub Pack 945, Greater St. Paul Baptist Church.



OFFICERS OF THE ROWAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—Left to right: Reverend Reuben Gilliam, acting recording secretary; Dr. E. L. Kirby, third vice moderator; Rev. L. L. Macon, second vice moderator; Dr. J. C. Harris, moderator; Rev. E. S. Anderson, first vice moderator; Dr. D. R. Hedgley, executive secretary; Rev. F. O. Bass, Jr., acting assistant secretary. Not shown: Rev. T. D. Walker, recording secretary; Coy N. Traylor, Jr., assistant recording secretary; Rev. R. J. Howard, Treasurer, and Dr. Quincy Caldwell, auditor.



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Rev. W. S. Epps, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, delivering the message at the fifth annual Pre-Convention Banquet at the joint sessions of the Rowan Baptist Association and the Rowan Women's Auxiliary in Reidsville.

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Rowan Baptist Ass'n And Auxiliary Meet

By Mrs. Nancy H. Young GREENSBORO—The Rowan Baptist Association and the Rowan Woman's Auxiliary held a joint session of their conventions at the Zion Baptist Church, Reidsville, Dr. E. L. Kirby, pastor, on July 16-19.

It was the 113th annual session of the Rowan Baptist Association and the 71st annual session of the Rowan Woman's Auxiliary.

The theme for the session was: "The Challenge of the Church in Today's Moral Crisis." The scriptural basis is in Romans 12:1-2.

We were entertained royally by Pastor and Mrs. Kirby and the members of Zion Baptist Church.

The session was largely attended by the Association and the Seniors, Young Adults, and Youth of the Woman's Auxiliary.

On Monday evening, the fifth annual Pre-Convention Banquet was held in the cafeteria of Reidsville Senior High School. Over 350 persons were in attendance—the largest crowd ever—to hear a dynamic message from the banquet speaker, Rev. W. S. Epps, pastor, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem.

The convention opened officially Tuesday morning with Rev. W. L. Gladney, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Greensboro, delivering the opening sermon.

Among the other speakers were: Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer of the WBH&FM Convention; Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary-treasurer, GBSC of N. C.; Rev. J. L. McDaniel, Rev. C. J. Malloy, Jr., Rev. John E. Trotman, and Dr. W. B. Lewis

moderator of the Wake Baptist Association.

The Youth Department presented a beautiful program under the direction of advisors Mrs. Addie Neal of Reidsville and Mrs. Mary Muldrow of Winston-Salem. The youth president, Miss Betty Hairston of Lexington, delivered her annual message.

The Young Adult Department, under the direction of the director, Mrs. Bronnie H. Daniels of Winston-Salem, also presented an inspiring program. The young adult president, Mrs. Linda T. Jones of Greensboro, delivered an impressive message.

Other highlights of the convention were the annual messages delivered by the president of the Rowan Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Nancy Hairston Young of Greensboro, on Wednesday afternoon; and the moderator of the Rowan Baptist Association, Dr. J. C. Harris of Statesville, on Wednesday evening, which was followed with an ordination service and the Lord's Supper.

Both Mrs. Young and Dr. Harris were reelected to serve as president and moderator, respectively.

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Domestic Conflict

BY DR. C. C. CRAIG

Editor's Note: The Baptists of North Carolina were well represented during the 99th annual session of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., in Cleveland, Ohio, last Sept. 5. Dr. Craig, who preached the inspirational message to a congregation numbering into the thousands, thrilled the shouting congregation as he climaxed his message with the hope of Ezekiel's Dry Bones. The full text of the message follows.

Text: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor, He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 14:18-19.

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

CLEVELAND, Ohio — A friend cited a city which he had seen on the wall of a restaurant. It read:

"The difference between the Optimist and the pessimist Is droll.

The optimist sees the doughnut

And the pessimist sees the Hole."

As we address this august body on the subject, "The Fact of Domestic Conflict," we would desire to avoid the pitfalls of both optimism and pessimism. Optimism can lead to the false conclusion that all is right with the social order. It can bring one into a world of fantasy, a world of dreams and a world of wishful thinking. Pessimism can lead to the equally false conclusion that all is wrong with the social order. It can bring one into a world of doubt and a world of disappointment.

I choose to follow neither of these roads. It is my firm conviction that the people of God must face the world with a degree of Christian realism. We must see the social order as it really is, but we must not maintain that hope, that faith, that spirit of love which can go a long way toward eliminating evil and improving on that which is good. Christians must operate on the principle that the environment can be changed and that society can be transformed.

In dealing with the fact of domestic conflict, it is imperative that we keep in mind the spirit of the Christian faith, that in keeping with our general theme, we must get the church involved in the struggle for domestic peace. It is my thesis that the spirit of God opening in and through His people can bring to bear on the social order those Christian virtues of the society in which we live, and that God using us, can be the catalyst to make our environment a better place.

Christian realism sees the doughnut and the hole. It sees the evil and the good, the wrong and the right, the false and the truth. It sees the real and the ideal. It knows that seeing is not enough. It works to change what is to what ought to be.

Looking through the telescope of Christian realism, what do we see on the home

front? We see a Constitution providing civil rights, both personal and property, to all of its citizens. We see a concept of government embodied in the term "democracy" indicating that we have a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

We see a nation acclaimed as the most advanced nation scientifically and technologically in the world. We have created machines that have reduced the work load. Some people live in push button homes enjoying all of the comfort of life. We are able to fly through the sky faster than the bird and glide through the water swifter than the fish.

We see through our telescope a nation that has conquered many health problems, a nation that has come up with miracle drugs that have lengthened the life span of its people.

Our progress, however, has been one-sided. These are the best of times materially, the worst of times spiritually. It is an age of light, scientifically and technologically, but an age of darkness morally and spiritually.

Looking through the telescope of Christian realism, we see another side. We see a failure to practice and enforce the Constitution where the civil rights of the minorities are concerned. We see a nation 25 years after the Brown vs. Board decision still unable to eliminate the evil in segregated education.

We see the black masses and other minorities victimized by substandard housing that has led to many woes, including a shorter life span than other groups.

We see unemployment among black teenagers reaching a staggering proportion, and we see many blacks who do not have to worry about a permanent recession because they find themselves in a permanent depression.

We see in our nation an ever-widening gap between the haves and the have-nots. The strong people prey on the weak, and the rich people oppress the poor. The wide gap between those who have and those who do not have has been the breeding ground for a crime rate that is the shame of the nation.

We have an affluent society, but we are not all. We see another society, the poor and the needy.

The wounds of our community must be healed. The differences can and must be resolved.

God has charged to move toward the fulfillment of the democratic ideal, "One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." But more than that, we are charged to move toward the Biblical concept of community.

A real community is a Christian community, has a spirit of togetherness, a sense of oneness, a desire to share, and an altruistic interest in the welfare of all. It is a community in covenant with God, one in which the dignity of every man is recognized and stressed.



Some of the thousands who heard Dr. C. C. Craig's message at the National Baptist Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 5.

How do we move from what is to what ought to be? How do we heal the wounds of our communities?

One year ago, Henry Hitt Crane preached a sermon that hinted at what the people "called out" by God must do to create a better community. The subject of that message was "Thermometers Versus Thermostats."

As we know, a thermometer measures temperature, but does nothing about it. The thermometer conforms to the environment. It duly records the temperature, whether it is 100 degrees above or 10 degrees below. Well, we have people who are human thermometers, conforming to the social order. A conforming society is a stagnant society.

On the other hand, the thermostat measures the temperature, but goes a step further. It transforms its environment. It can reduce a temperature of 100 degrees above or raise a temperature of 10 degrees below. Some people are human thermostats; they represent the creative and transforming force in the social order. It is their voices that cry out against injustice. They are the promoters of that which is right in our world.

It is the rub. There are too many human thermometers and not enough thermostats in the social order. To complicate that matter, many of these thermometers have control of our churches.

Let us turn to the program of the greatest thermostat, the architect and finisher of our faith, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. After spending a period in the wilderness, Jesus returned to His home community of Nazareth and went on the sabbath day to the synagogue. He took the Book of Isaiah, which was passed to Him. He opened it and read:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, and to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 14:18-19.

He closed the book and announced that this was His program. The people began to praise Him. But when He announced that this program would disturb the status quo, that it was not an easy task, the people walked away from Him.

Bishop Johnson has called the statement in the synagogue "Jesus' manifesto." His insight. The life of the Master was devoted to fulfilling the terms of this program. The church of our day has the commission to

carry on this unfinished business.

The first step in doing the will of God is to be imbued with the Holy Ghost. We must say, like Jesus, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." Real transformation begins with a theological base. Moses came in contact with the spirit of God and he described God's spirit as a fire burning a bush. Jeremiah described God's spirit as a fire burning within. Ezekiel described God's spirit as a wheel in a wheel. John on the Isle of Patmos gave as his reason for writing the Book of Revelation, "I was in the spirit on the Lord's Day."

Jesus had spent forty days in the wilderness. He had come face-to-face with the wiles of the devils. He had communed with his heavenly Father and had conquered temptation which were sharp and keen. His spiritual resources had been developed. His vision had been enhanced. Therefore, he could rightly say that the spirit of the Lord was upon Him—"The Lord has sent me to bless and heal."

The lesson here is that social action must be preceded by spiritual devotion. We can do nothing for God until God does something for us. The first step toward making for a better domestic life is being subsumed in the lines from an old song: "Get right with God and do it now; Get right with God, He will show you how—Right down at the cross where Jesus shed his blood—Get right with God, Get right, Get right with God."

The second implication comes to us from the Master's program is preaching the Gospel, which is the good news of Jesus Christ. If we are true to the preaching of the Gospel, we must speak out against the sin of the social order, which is leaving like flames of fire trying to conquer our souls. We must preach good news to the poor, the poor in health, the poor in wealth, and the poor in spirit. We must preach this good news in season and out of season.

We must be like Paul who declares that, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel. It is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes."

There is another application for us in the Master's manifesto. We must be committed and dedicated to the proposition of rendering service, of giving deliverance to the captives, and sight to the blind. Coming through more clearly than what Jesus said was what He did. Jesus was not being good. Too often, we are content to just go about. He practiced what He preached. He lived, not for self, but for others. He made it clear that foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to

lay His head.

For others, Jesus went to the cross and gave the last drop of His blood to save a wretch like me.

The spirit of selfishness has marred community life. Every man for himself has become the pattern of our way of life. It is time for the church to be awake. A church can be alive and not be living, a church can be alive and not be powerful, alive and not be dynamic. A church can be on the move without being militant. A church can be active without being effective. We have too much moderation, and too little affirmation in our churches.

Christianity has so conformed to the world that it is powerless to transform the world. To stand dumb, paralyzed, and powerless like this world is sad. We are living in dark days. Sometimes we wonder if the anchor chain of the universe has broken and left the world to drift like an old ship on a troubled sea. There are times when it seems that darkness throws a black veil over the nations and the world is ready for destruction.

It is time for the church to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. It is time for the church to preach deliverance to the captives and to set the blind and set at liberty them that are bruised. It is time for the church to let the love of God flow from heart to heart. It is time for the church to comfort the wounded, lead the lost and help the needy bear their cross. For a world that is sick with blind staggers in the eyes and lumbago in the back, I call for the church to set her house in order. I call for the church to hold high her torch of faith that the lost may see and live. I call for the church to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

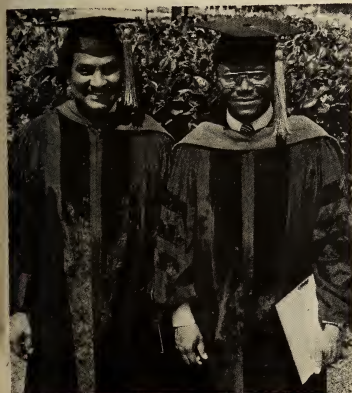
The church must never be quiet when it is time to speak out. This is not a time for a soft gospel—this is not a time for a gospel of sleeping pills and rest cure tablets. I call for the church to be the church. I believe that the church has a positive role to play in the struggle for domestic tranquility. Jesus said, "Upon this rock, I'll build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

For a world that is sick with blind staggers in the eyes and lumbago in the back—I recommend the word of God, the word of God is called upon to preach.

The Book of Ezekiel tells us that one day God met Ezekiel and led him to a valley called Dry Bones. As Ezekiel stood and looked at the valley of dry bones, the Lord said to Ezekiel, "Ezekiel, can these bones live?" Ezekiel was sure he, (See CONFLICT, P. 12)



HONOREES POSE WITH PRINCIPALS—During Shaw University's Opening Convocation, Sept. 14, the Shaw Divinity School conferred honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees on James Z. Alexander and Jeremiah W. Walker. After the convocation, the honorees posed with principal participants. From left to right: Dr. O. L. Sherill, vice chairman, Shaw Divinity School Board of Trustees; Dr. James Z. Alexander, honoree; Dr. Jeremiah W. Walker, honoree; Dr. W. B. Lewis, Shaw Divinity School Board member; Dr. J. C. Harris, Shaw Divinity School Board member; Dr. Stanley H. Smith, president, Shaw University; and Dr. Charles R. Mosley, Shaw Divinity School Board member.



HONORED AT CONVOCATION—Dr. James Z. Alexander (L) and Dr. Jeremiah W. Walker (R) pose after the Shaw Divinity School conferred upon them the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree during the Shaw University Opening Convocation, Sept. 14. Dr. Alexander is dean of academic affairs of the Shaw Divinity School; Dr. Walker is superintendent/principal of the Lott Carey Baptist Mission School, Monrovia, Liberia.

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Shaw University Holds Fall Convocation

BY DONNA HELEN CRISP

Shaw University held its fall convocation on Sept. 14 for the opening of the 115th academic year. The weather was sunny and clear and the music joyous and inspirational as students and faculty, staff and alumni, community leaders and guests gathered for the service in Spaulding Gymnasium.

After greetings from Dr. George Debnam, chairman, executive committee, Shaw Trustee Board, and Student Government Association vice president, Nilous Avery, Shaw's president, Dr. Stanley H. Smith, delivered the convocation address.

Stressing that "the enemy is us and we shall overcome," Dr. Smith spoke of the need for order and a serious attitude if Shaw is to function properly as a total learning environment.

Summarizing the events of the last year and a half, Dr. Smith spoke of the financial crisis which threatened Shaw and how painful it had yielded better fiscal and management operations at the university.

As Shaw's president spoke of stabilizing the school's financial position and the need for mutual respect and courtesy among all citizens on campus, the audience responded with warm applause. It seemed clear indeed, as Smith said, that the cloud over Shaw was passing and that a renewed spirit for change and growth had filled the family at Shaw with positive strength for the future.

At the close of Dr. Smith's address,

the Shaw Divinity School conferred honorary degrees of Doctor of Divinity on two outstanding Shaw graduates, the Rev. Jeremiah Walker, superintendent of the Lott Carey Mission School in Liberia and the Rev. James Zachaeus Alexander, dean of the Shaw Divinity School.

Throughout the words spoken by all participants in the convocation service, Shaw's theme that humanity and learning go hand in hand, was emphasized. Even the music provided by Shaw's choir and band students seemed to underscore that Shaw was an institution dedicated to the heart as well as the mind of its people.

The service was broadcast live over Shaw's radio station, WSHA, so that members of the Raleigh community could share the annual tradition with those persons who sat in Spaulding Gymnasium.

As the convocation concluded, all participants in the event seemed encouraged by the 90 minute occasion and there was a feeling of jubilation outside as people poured out of the building into the sunshine for picture taking and conversation.

"Nothing ever happens in the pulpit until the preacher catches on fire."

—Rev. W.L. Mason

Bazzel Creek Baptist Church Observes 113th Anniversary

BY D.S. HICKS

FUQUAY-VARINA — The pastor and members of the Bazzel Creek Baptist Church have just concluded a successful week of the church's 113th anniversary. The church is located at Rt. 1, Fuquay.

Rev. L. A. Lynch, of White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, and one of the former pastors of Bazzel Creek, preached a dynamic sermon and spoke of the progress that the church has made since his brief tenure. Rev. Leake, of Shiloh Church, Morrisville, was the Tuesday night speaker. His subject was entitled, Jordan River, Who Will Help Me Cross? Rev. Pettiford, associate minister of Mt. Gilead, Durham, preached a thoughtful sermon on Wednesday night, Can These Dry Bones Live? Rev. L. E. Hill of First Baptist, Fuquay, was in charge of the Thursday night service. He used as a subject, Choosing Sides. Friday night's speaker was Dr. L. W. Reid, pastor of New Bethel and Piney Grove Churches. His subject was, God's Goal.

In keeping with the celebration, a cornerstone laying service was held Saturday morning. After a brief sermonette from the Worshipful Master, Rev. Harold Trice, of Lodge 150 of Fuquay, encouraging remarks were given by the Grand Deputy of the 12th District, Bro. Paul Cannady.

Bro. Clifton Stone of Mt. Olive Lodge, Chapel Hill, spoke briefly on the subject, Is It The Corner Or The Stone? The Brothers of Golden Lodge No. 150 set the new stone in its place.

A dedicatory service was held Sunday morning. The cornerstone, the altar furnishings and plaques were offered for God's blessings. Rev. Davis presided and Sis. Pauline Bright was chairperson.

The Bazzel Creek Church is proud of its long and distinguished history. It is especially proud of its accomplishments in the last 113 years under the inspiring leadership of Rev. Norman Davis. The old church has been

completely renovated. The pastor initiated a successful pew and window drive, the organization of a Sunshine choir and a male chorus, a children's usher board, an active nurses' board, the youth choir has been revitalized, and is now known as the Davis Inspirational Singers, the implementation of a 9-member finance committee, additional land has been purchased for parking and cemetery lots.

Bazzel Creek now conducts worship service each Sunday and has grown spiritually, financially, and numerically. The pastor and members foresee many other goals materializing in the near future.



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G.B.S. Conv.'s 112th Annual Session

N.C. Baptists In Splendor At Birthplace

First African Baptist Church Magnificent Host

GOLDSBORO — Magnificent, splendid, the best ever! These are but a few of the terms used by messengers at the 112th annual session of the General Baptist State Convention to describe their feelings of elation. The session, held at the First African Baptist Church last Oct. 28-Nov. 1, was a wonderful experience from beginning to the end. Over 1,001 messengers registered for the 4-day meeting which was held in the convention's birthplace (1867); thousands more attended throughout the highly jubilant session. The churches reported \$56,079.68 which enabled the convention to exceed its budget of more than a million dollars for these second consecutive year. Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary, GBSC, was cited and honored during the session for his dedicated work and leadership. Dr. Craig stated that one of the things that motivate him is his knowledge that: "The more we do for others, the more God does for you."

Dr. John R. Manley, president, GBSC, highly praised the convention's leaders and the Baptist constituency and called for a greater and more sincere unity among the brethren and among the churches.

Goldsboro was amazed as the Baptists moved into the city by the thousands with the Baptist banners flying. It was truly a grand sight to behold. Motels were filled to capacity, food and parking space ran out, the First African Baptist Church was packed to its capacity as messengers and visitors spilled over outside. Nevertheless, First African was at its best and a most gracious and sufficient host church. The cordial and congenial atmosphere continued throughout the session as every member of the church and its humble pastor, Dr. Isaac B. Horton, extended every possible courtesy to the visitors.

First African Baptist Church, which has recently constructed a new edifice at the cost of approximately \$850,000, was constantly praised for the beauty and appropriateness of the structure. Many of the visitors stated that it was the most beautiful sanctuary that they had ever seen. The church also prepared a welcome bulletin for the messengers which contained the history of the church, history of Goldsboro, history of the GBSC, and greetings from religious, state, local and church leaders.



Dr. C. C. Craig (standing, r.) receives a citation from Dr. John R. Manley (standing, l.) for his outstanding leadership in leading the Baptists to give over a million dollars for the second consecutive year. Mrs. Craig is standing in the center. The presentation took place at the first annual President's Banquet held at the Wayne County Boy's Club.



Messengers to the 112th annual session of the G.B.S. Conv. admire the welcome sign and the well appointed church lawn and parking area.



Some of the thousands who packed the First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, last Oct. 31, to hear Dr. John R. Manley give his first annual address as president of the Convention.

Dr. John R. Manley (L), president of the G.B.S. Convention, is presented with a "key to the city" of Goldsboro by Mayor Hal K. Plunk (center). Dr. I. B. Horton, host pastor (R) looks on as the presentation takes place during a very impressive welcome program.

LET US
BE...

Thankful

"Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good..." (Psalm 107:1)

"The Unified Dollar For The Unified Program"

From The Executive Secretary's Desk:

Dear brother pastors and members of the General Baptist State Convention:

Our 112th annual session of the General Baptist Convention is now history. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of our annual session which was one of the greatest in the history of the convention. Our finance for the fiscal year 1978-79 was the greatest in the history of our convention. We received from all sources the total amount of \$1,075,157.15. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. It is heartwarming to know how the churches under the umbrella of the General Baptist State Convention have responded to the objectives.

Your response deserves many thanks as well as commendations. When we look over the past year in a comparative way at the



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support of our CRAIG objectives, we can say without reservation that we have made remarkable and tremendous strides. We have come a long way. Not only has the financial support of Shaw University and the Divinity School, state missions, foreign missions and the Central Orphanage grown by leaps and bounds, but the interest in the work of the convention and the moral support of its efforts have been just as gratifying.

What we have done tells a great deal about what we can do. It is with sincere gratitude that I thank you for your support of the convention and its objectives. With your help and God's guidance, the successes of the past fiscal year can become a prologue for the successes of the next. Not "I," but "we" not "me" but "us," not "one" but "all."

Our challenge for the fiscal year 1979-80 is greater than our challenge of the past. Our adopted financial goal is \$1,134,729.91. In an effort to reach our financial goal for the fiscal year 1979-80, a letter will be sent to each pastor challenging him to do one of 3 things:

1. Lead the church to give 10% of its budget to missions and Christian education.
2. Lead the church to give an increase for the fiscal year 1979-

80 of not less than 15% over the amount that the church gave for the fiscal year 1978-79, or

3. Lead the church to accept a suggested quota from the Baptist Headquarters for the fiscal year 1979-80. During the past fiscal year, many of the pastors met their suggested quotas and some of them gave more than their quotas. A list of pastors and churches who met their quotas will be published in the next issue of the Baptist Informer.

The top 10 associations in giving during the fiscal year 1978-79:

Rowan.....	141,577.41
Union.....	50,454.88
Necklenburg General.....	49,079.99
Neuse River.....	37,721.07
Ebenezer.....	39,486.99
New Hope.....	36,105.90
Wake.....	32,282.24
Old Eastern.....	29,490.49
Mount Creek.....	28,113.72
Mount Peace.....	26,616.73

TOP TEN CHURCHES IN GIVING DURING FISCAL YEAR 1978-79

Winston-Salem, W. S. Eggs 23,234.36

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Shiloh, Winston-Salem, J. Ray Butler.....	19,025.46
First, Fayetteville, C. R. Edwards.....	17,084.00
Mount Carmel, Charlotte, L. C. Riddick.....	18,855.00
First, Charlotte, C. R. Edwards.....	18,667.54
Mount Vernon, Durham, Percy High.....	10,255.46
Ballard, Winston-Salem, J. D. D. Ballard.....	9,000.00
St. James, Rocky Mount, C. T. Bullock.....	8,000.00
St. James, Raleigh, C. W. Ward.....	8,467.10
First, Charlotte, J. B. Humphrey.....	7,943.69
Shiloh, Greensboro, O. L. Hairston.....	7,132.05

We are gratified with the progress that the convention is making, but we are not satisfied. The greatest need in the world is room for improvement. We solicit your prayers, support and cooperation as we seek to bridge the gap between where we are and where we ought to be. C.C. Craig

A Philosophy

For Two

BY MRS. BLANCH BROOKS

There are 2 days in every week about which you should not worry. Two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed before, beyond our control. All the money in the

St. Luke Baptist Church Dedicates New Edifice

STATEVILLE — The St. Luke Baptist Church held the dedication of a new edifice last



ST. LUKE BAPTIST

Sept. 9. Under the leadership of W. C. Wickerson, pastor, St. Luke has recently constructed a modern church plant. The building is a credit to the community and to the members of St. Luke.

The dedication message was delivered by Dr. J. C. Harris, moderator of the Rowan Baptist Association.

The cost of the new construction was approximately \$88,000. Current leaders of the church include the board of deacons: N. A. Chunn, chairman, Nesbit Rudisell, James W. Blanton, Mitchell Rudisell and Harold F. Thomas; and the board of trustees, Henry L. Hawkins, Nesbit Rudisell, Samuel Hawkins, Jr., Raymond Smith and Harold F. Thomas. Priscilla Hawkins is superintendent of the Sunday School and church clerk.

world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed. We cannot erase a single word said. Yesterday is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is tomorrow with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow the sun will rise, whether in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

This leaves only one day today. Any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is when you and I add the burdens of 2 awful eternities, yesterday and tomorrow, that we break down. It is not the experiences of today that disturbs one's peace of mind. It is the remorse or bitterness for something that happened yesterday and the dread of what tomorrow may bring. Let us therefore live one day at a time!

From The President's Desk

BY DR. J. R. MANLEY

Thank God And Thank You

These 5 words: "Thank God and thank you," express the true feelings of my heart and my soul as I reflect over the past years' work of the General Baptist State Convention, Inc. That work came to a glorious climax during the historic 112th annual session of the convention at the First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, Oct. 29-30. 1. As Jan. Van Alstyne reminds us:

"Another year of labor, and labor not in vain, for while the seed we've planted, God gave the promised rain. His love has been our comfort, His strength has been our stay. Hold fast His hand, march onward, still trusting day by day."

I shall ever be grateful to my God and to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for the experience of what God can and will do. Nothing but a God could have brought us through to such a climatic moment as we experienced in our annual session in Goldsboro; the city and church of our convention's birth. Therefore, let us continue to hold on to His almighty hand as we have already entered into another year's work. Even when the convention met, we were 2 months into a new convention fiscal year. This simply means that we must use all the



DR. MANLEY

unity, all the inspiration, all the vision, all the strength, and all the love we can muster to "run towards the mark of the high price," which is our budget of \$1,134,729.91.

We must also raise the "standard" so that the concerns expressed in my annual address can be accomplished, such concerns as:

1. The concern for extended publications, either through our paper or a consulting firm or in connection with the Baptist State Convention.

2. The concern for stabilizing the J. J. Johnson assembly site, a need to use the year round.

3. The concern for extending our headquarters building in Raleigh, either build on the pre-

sent structure, develop the basement or relocate.

4. The concern about designated gifts. Consider sending something to administrate these funds.

5. The concern for undergirding the work of the Social Concern Political Action Committee, healthcare proposal.

6. Martin L. King Banquet, effecting change through political action, transforming influence into power.

7. The concern for an endowment for Shaw University. All monies beyond our budget for Shaw University, and etc.

8. The concern for our cooperative program with the Baptist State Convention in 1981-82. We are brothers, we are one in Christ.

Out of these concerns, I recommend the appointment of a special committee, headed by a former president of this convention, Dr. J. W. White of Asheville, and composed of all former presidents, auxiliary presidents and chairmen of committees to report to our executive committee no later than Dec., 1979.

As we look forward to an all Baptist Assembly next year, we will do well, it seems to me, to know who we are, where we are going and how to get there. And the Lord has laid upon my heart a message that I call, "A vision of a Covenant People." It is based upon the scripture, Ex. 25:21 and Joshua 4:15, 16.

As we look forward to our next annual convention, which will be an "All Baptist Assembly," to be held in the twin city of Winston-Salem, July 28-30, 1980, let each of us proclaim the spirit of the Neger spiritual:

"We are climbing Jacobs ladder, every round goes higher and higher."

When you shall have finished reading this brief article, pause for a moment of silent prayer, both of thanksgiving for last year's work, and for the petition of the convention's work as well as its officers.

Always strive to do the greatest, rather than the least, for the cause of Christ.

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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Former Woman's Convention Executive Secretary Plans Dedication Of Brewerville Library

WINSTON-SALEM — Dr. Berthaenia D. Horne, former executive secretary of the WB&F Convention, recently announced that she and other convention officials will participate in the dedication of a library in Brewerville, West Coast Africa, Liberia. The library project was sponsored by the WB&F Convention. Ground was broken for the construction of the new library in November 1976, on the campus of the Lott Mission Station. Dr. Horne was one of the representatives of the Woman's Convention who took part in the groundbreaking ceremonies.

Participants in the dedication event will be leaving for Nigeria and Liberia on Dec. 4. Others who will make the trip are: Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, executive secretary of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention; Dr. J. Bussey, former president of Lott Carey; and Mrs. Vera

New Staff For Shaw's WSHA

BY DONNA HELEN CRISP

Two experienced professionals have recently joined Shaw's Office of Development. Working in the Division of Media and Marketing with Paul Vandergriff, director, are Gil Harris and J. C. Futrell, full-time coordinators at radio station WSHA.

Gil Harris, born in Lynchburg, Va., and now from Greensboro, is the operations coordinator and sports coordinator for WSHA. Harris oversees all programming and makes sure everything functions smoothly. In addition, Harris also announces a daily gospel show.

With degrees from the National Academy of Broadcasting in Washington, D.C. and Winslow College in Winston-Salem, Harris has a long track record when it comes to radio work. He has functioned as a program director and radio announcer in many major markets, including Lynchburg, Washington, Columbia, Savannah, Nashville and Greensboro.

J. C. Futrell is WSHA's program coordinator and responsible for researching and developing programs. He also announces a daily format of progressive music.

A native of Kenly, Futrell graduated from Shaw University as a communications major in radio, TV and film. Futrell's experience in the professional world includes working as a production man and radio announcer at WLLE radio and WRAL-TV stations in Raleigh, WSHC in Miami, and WQMG in Greensboro.

Harris and Futrell are working closely with Shaw's communications majors to produce a balanced and polished radio product with something for every listener.

Slade, former president of the Lott Carey Woman's Auxiliary.

Changing political and economic conditions have made the work of missions in Africa increasingly more difficult in recent years, but nonetheless,

Words From The Executive Secretary

The mid-year session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina will convene Jan. 10, 1980, at the Civic Center here in Raleigh.

During this session, the Rev. Thomas Walker, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, will give the sermon for the day. Also during this time, the Lydia Circle certificates will be given to the churches who reported \$1,000 or more on a regular basis during the last fiscal year, and the 25-year certificates will be given to those who did not receive them at the 95th annual session.

We sincerely hope that you

will come to participate in this session, that you will come in the spirit, that you will come in great numbers and that you will come and bring substantial funds for state missions.

The state office staff of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina joins me in extending to each of you a wish for a happy Thanksgiving holiday. However, we hope that during this holiday, Christians will be grateful and not forget to exemplify their gratefulness through thanksgiving, as well as sharing with others.

During this period, we certainly wish to emphasize our gratitude to all of you for the kind of support you have given us and for all of the support which you will give us. For without God's help and yours, we cannot accomplish the task of missions effectively. THANKS!



DR. BRODIE



These are the officers of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention of the Trent River-Oakey Grove Missionary Baptist Association. They are from left to right: Mrs. Jessie Alexander, Mrs. Sarah Pearson, Rev. W. K. Raynor and Mrs. Annie Lee Chadwick.

Woman's Home & Foreign Convention Held Forty-Fifth Annual Session

BY MRS. PAULINE HUMPHREY

JACKSONVILLE — The 45th annual session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention of the Trent River-Oakey Grove Missionary Baptist Association was held April 22, at Virgin Hill Missionary Baptist Church, New Bern. Rev. W. A. Greene, pastor.

Mrs. Annie Lee Chadwick, president, delivered an outstanding address entitled, "Living Godly in An Ungodly World," which means to carry a message of hope to a dying world because God's love knows no resentment. Push and pull until the fullest realization of our work is realized for Jesus

will make a way. Rev. W. K. Raynor is counselor of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention of the Trent River-Oakey Grove Missionary Baptist Association. The motto is Winning Souls for Christ. He delivered an address at the convention entitled, "Spreading The News," from Mark 16. He said that missionaries are to spread good news. They must trust God and He'll supply their needs.

The receipts were \$3,794.54. The next convention will be held on Friday before the fourth Sunday in April, 1980 at 10 o'clock at Washington Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Jacksonville, where Rev. Griffin is pastor.

James Shepard Scholarship Fund

BY DONNA HELEN CRISP
The Spiritual Award dinner honoring James Augustus "Jim" Shepard by Shaw University and friends last June 12 at Raleigh's Civic Center, was the occasion of the genesis of a scholarship fund.

James Shepard, who died last month, was a graduate of Shaw. Mr. Shepard was always a promoter and proponent of

black young men and women, particularly in the attainment of post secondary school career training. It is therefore very fitting that Shaw University has established a scholarship fund in honor of James Shepard that will assist young men and women in achieving these worthwhile goals he always espoused. These scholarships are for \$1,000 and will be awarded to

Mrs. Ethel D. Alexander Honored

WILSON — The Wilson County Missionary Union recently held an appreciation service for Mrs. Ethel D. Alexander at the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, honoring her for 20 years as president of the union.

The 12 churches in the union planned and carried out the service to honor her for long, dedicated and useful service. The following persons paid tribute to Mrs. Alexander: Mrs. Georgia M. Turner, president of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary State Convention, sent greetings; Mrs. Thelma Horton, first vice president of the WB&F Convention, was present to represent the state; Mrs. Shirley Bullock, person of District 8, Group One, brought greetings from the district; Mrs. Sallie Adams, the second vice president of Wilson County Missionary Union, spoke of the work Mrs. Alexander had done in the county; Deacon Leary Underwood paid tribute for Ebenezer Baptist Church; Deacon George C. Alexander, husband of the honoree, gave special tribute; Dr. T. A. Watkins, moderator of the Wilson Missionary Baptist Association was the main speaker for the occasion.

Among the things said about Mrs. Alexander were: she has been doing good missionary work in the union and the community for 30 or more years. The union has sponsored a lot of programs that have had far reaching results. She has taught in the missionary institutes at home and even in other counties. After she resigned as chairperson from the One Day District Conference many years ago, she has led a workshop or discussed a topic in most of the meetings. She has served as a woman's day speaker in many churches in the district. She works in the Bible Vacation School, and is president of the missionary circle and a deaconess in her home church. She is a member of the executive board of the Wilson Missionary Baptist Association. Mrs. Alexander is a member of the executive board of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Rev. Watkins said that a service like this was very timely and fitting, because Mrs. Alexander has done such fine work, and it will always be remembered.

Mrs. Hazel Lewis, secretary of the local union, was mistress of ceremonies. Other persons appearing on the program were: Mrs. Mattie Scarbrough, third vice president of the union; Rev. Eddie Woodard, moderator of the Ministers and Deacons Union; Mrs. Mary H. Peppers, secretary of the local circle; Mrs. Doris Morgan and Mrs. Sandra Silver, sisters from a church in the union; and Mrs.

graduating high school seniors who have demonstrated above-average academic performance as well as above average SAT scores.

Currently, the scholarship fund stands at about \$5,000. Anyone who wishes to contribute should mail a check to Shaw University in care of Lee E. Monroe.



MRS. ETHEL ALEXANDER
Ida Finch, a member of the nominating and organization committee of the union.

Mrs. Ida Finch presented a very pretty bronze plaque to Mrs. Alexander, given by the Missionary Union, in appreciation for 20 years of dedicated service as president.

Among the out-of-town guests attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Cephas Brody of Scotland Neck; Mrs. Cozette DeBrew; Mrs. Dolly DeBrew; and Mrs. Madylene DeBrew and family from Whitakers; Mrs. Geneva Whitaker and Ray Whitaker; Rev. and Mrs. Fred Boddie from Rocky Mount.

After the benediction by Rev. David Howell, everyone joined with Mrs. Alexander in the annex for a love feast.

Shaw's New Peer Counselor Program

BY DONNA HELEN CRISP

Shaw has a new counseling program this year, thanks to Shaw Counseling Center director, Phyllis McLeod. The new program consists of students who serve as adjunct members of the counseling center in their capacity as peer counselors to fellow students.

The peer counselors, who receive no academic credit or money for their service, perform as a referral screen for students who need counseling services. Often, according to Mrs. McLeod, students simply need someone to communicate with about the structure of student life at Shaw. Many times, another student is best able to handle questions and inquiries, especially the type of concerns a new student may have upon getting acquainted with a new school environment.

The 30 students involved in this program began their services during recent new student orientation, and according to Mrs. McLeod, these student counselors functioned very smoothly and provided a lot of assistance to the orientation process.

Peer counselors understand their limits and make referrals to the professional staff at the counseling center when appropriate. Any student wishing to talk with a peer counselor can obtain information as to which student is seen from the counseling center staff.

PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1



President John R. Manley awaits his time to deliver his first president's annual address during 112th annual session. Mrs. Manley is by his side.



Dr. J. E. Arnette preached the annual sermon for the Laymen's League Convention. He told the laymen that "Nobody can build a barrier too high for God."



Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, executive secretary, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Convention, addresses the G.B.S. Convention during 112th annual session. He challenged the congregation in the words of an old African woman: "Should anybody hear the gospel twice, before everybody hears it once?"



Convention personalities enjoy the fellowship at First African, 112th annual session, Goldsboro.



The president's first annual banquet, "Give Me My Flowers While I Yet Live Hour," was attended by over 580 individuals.



Rev. C. E. Dewberry, preaching the evangelistic sermon on Monday, Oct. 29, for 112th annual session.



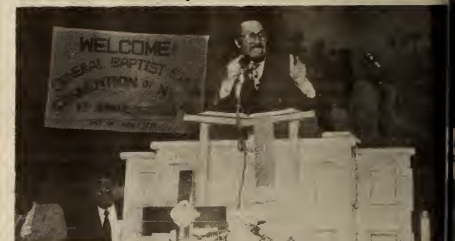
Dr. J. R. Butler received a "Best Stewardship Award" at the President's Banquet for his church to give the largest contribution to the Unified Program.



All of these individuals received a red carnation as a token of appreciation for loyalty and to the convention, during the President's Banquet.



President John R. Manley poses with Mr. Eugene A. Brown, of the First African Baptist Church, who served as chairman of the Rebuilding Committee for the new edifice.



Dr. Henry C. Gregory, III, pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., delivers a message to the 112th annual session. He declared that God's people will overcome by will enable them to overcome.

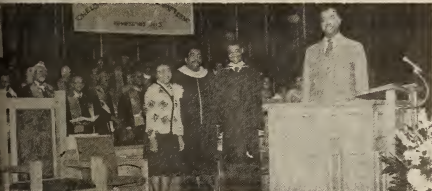


Dr. Berthenia D. Horne, former executive secretary, W.B.H.&F.M. Convention (dark foreground), was among the thousands who packed the First African Baptist Church for 112th annual session of the G.B.S. Convention.

GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION



ew Silver, president, United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland, as he delivered his message during the President's Banquet. He told the messengers that we are not capable of coming to know God's mysteries.



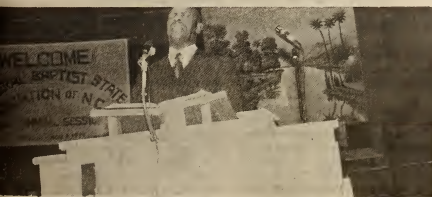
Convention Musical, held Oct. 28th at the First African Baptist Church, was the best Eleanor L. Harris (L) is seen with Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr. (center) and Mr. Benjamin Johnson. Harris was the pianist and Mr. Johnson was the organist while Mr. Camp directed. The Youth Choirs of approximately 75 voices gave a superb performance. Dr. Manley is standing in



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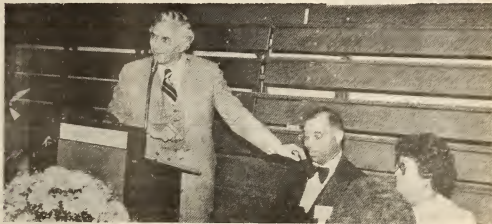
H. Hillard (second from R) receives a plaque from laymen as the president of the Laymen's Convention. On the far left is Mr. Richard Cogdell, Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr. (center) and Mr. Johnson (in pulpit).



Dr. Samuel Raper gives the closing prayer.



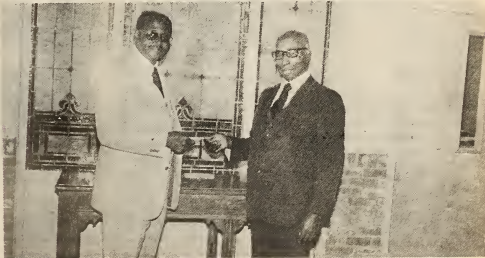
Dr. J. R. Manley, who was returned to office as president, along with all other officers, delivers his first annual address.



Dr. Mark Cortis, president, Baptist State Convention, addressing the President's Banquet.



Dr. Aaron J. Johnson, Fayetteville, preaching the closing message for the 112th annual session. He told the messengers that: "All of us fall down on the job, but God's grace saves us."



Dr. E. L. Kirby presents Dr. C. C. Craig with a check from the Cedar Grove Association to emphasize his support and loyalty to the Unified Program.



"Orchid for the president's wife." Mrs. Manley receives an orchid from member of her home church in Chapel Hill and the local missionary sisters.

Appreciation Banquet Given For Roanoke Association Officers

BY H. D. COOPER
ELIZABETH CITY.—On Saturday evening, Sept. 29, the Woman's Educational and Missionary Baptist Association gave a banquet in honor of its president, Mrs. Stella H. Bryant, the moderator of the association, Dr. H. L. Mitchell; and the secretary, Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, in the cafeteria of the Elizabeth City State University. DR. H. L. MITCHELL, the Roanoke Association and its Women's Auxiliary embrace 72 churches in the northeastern corner of the state.

The Rev. J. E. Barnes was master of ceremonies, testimonials to Dr. Mitchell, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Bryant were given by Mrs. W. C. Somerville, Dr. W. B. Westbrook, Dr. J. R. R. McKay, H. D. Cooper, Mrs. Mozella Roberts, Rev. Matthew Lewis, Rev. S. B. Lewis, Dr. C. A. Hart, and Mrs. Virginia M. Hart. Touching tributes were paid to Mrs. Bryant by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Corpore, II; and also present were her husband, Melton W. Bryant, and grandson, Master Charles S. Corpore, III. The invocation was given by Mr. Will. Mrs. Earlene Sellers led the opening song, a solo was rendered by Mrs. Vanessa Griffin, and Rev. T. A. Massey gave the benediction.

A letter of congratulation from Dr. James B. Hunt, Jr., to Dr. Mitchell was brought by Dr. O. L. Sherrill, chairman of the board of trustees of Shaw University and for 30 years executive secretary of the General Baptist State Convention. Dr. Sherrill also made a special address on the subject, "Teammates." He quoted from 1 Corinthians 3:8 (The Living Bible Paraphrased) the statement of the Apostle Paul: "Apollus and I are working as a team, with the same aim, though each of us will be rewarded for his own hard work." The people of the church at Corinth had become divided into groups according to the individual leader whose personality impressed them—Paul, Apollus, Peter, and Christ. Paul feared that if between these factions would destroy the church, so he wrote to the people emphasizing teamwork. Dr. Sherrill praised Dr. Mitchell, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Bryant, and the other officers and members of the Roanoke Association and its auxiliaries for their teamwork and emphasized the following points: 1) Teammates work; 2) Teammates work together; and 3) Christian teammates work with God.

Dr. Mitchell has served as pastor of Union Branch Baptist Church for 38 years, New Hope Baptist Church for 37 years, and Mill Neck Baptist Church for 45 years. He also spent 31 years as agricultural extension agent for Gates County, following in the footsteps of his father, the late Prof. S. C. Mitchell, a

founder of schools who was the second black extension agent in the state, and who served for 32 years as secretary of the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association. Dr. Mitchell was the organizer and for a number of years the president of the Gates County Education Association, bringing together people of different church denominations in supporting the schools throughout the county, with special emphasis upon improving the high school advantages which were available to young people.

Although great achievements are on record to Dr. Mitchell's credit in the past, he is continuing to perform outstanding duties in the present. He is now serving his second three-year term as moderator of the Roanoke Association, is fourth vice president of the General Baptist State Convention, is a member of the board of trustees of the Shaw Divinity School, and is president of the following organizations: Gates County Church Union Fellowship, Tri-City Ministerial Alliance, Gates County Credit Union, Gates County Citizens' Improvement League, and the Lott Carey Roanoke Fellowship. He is also active with the Executive Committee of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, the Christian Action League, the North Carolina Conference for Social Service, the Eastern Health Systems Agency, the Aging Unit of the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission, and the State-wide Health Counciling Council.

Dr. Mitchell was honored as Tar Heel of the Week by the Raleigh News and Observer April 30, 1978; was invited to the White House by President Carter in October, 1978; was given the Christian Steward Citation by the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in December, 1978; was awarded the Community Service Award by the National Caucus on the Black Aged in Jackson, Miss., May 7; and was given the Service Award by the North Carolina Senior Citizens' Federation on May 19, being cited as a "model Senior Citizen," and the only person chosen from North Carolina.

Mrs. Mitchell's father and stepfather were Baptist ministers, and she also has a brother who is a Baptist minister. She has served as organist for the senior choir at New Hope Baptist Church for over 35 years, and is also a companionist for the New Hope Youth Choir. She also is a musician for choirs at Mill Neck Baptist Church of Camo and Union Branch Baptist Church of Corapeake, serving the three churches of which her husband is pastor. She is treasurer-manager of the Gates County Credit Union, having her office with that organization for 34 years. She also conducts the Efficient Church Bulletin and Program Service, where church bulletins and programs are prepared for sixteen churches monthly.

When Dr. Mitchell was secretary of the Roanoke Association, his wife was drafted to assist him with the minutes,

and as a result, she was named secretary of the association when he became vice moderator, and has held the post since 1974.

Mrs. Bryant is a native of Columbia, N. C., where she has been a lifetime member of the Chapel Hill Baptist Church. She has served as chorister of Choir No. 1 for a number of years, and as general church supervisor for 35 years. In addition to being president of the Women's Educational and Missionary Union, Mrs. Bryant is active with the State Woman's Auxiliary and also the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, and is a member of the Finance and Executive Boards of the Roanoke Association. She is Past Worthy Matron of Queen Vashli Chapter, No. 573, Order of the Eastern Star. She is a retired teacher, having received the bachelor's degree from the Elizabeth City State University. During her career, she was treasurer of the District North Carolina Association of Educators, and is now a life member of the National Education Association and a member of the National Association of University Women.

A Happy Ending To Summer Missions

BY MICHAEL DARRY
LILLINGTON.—The annual Student Summer Missionary program, sponsored by the Dept. of Cooperative Ministries, came to a close on the 10th of September.

Many significant revelations unfolded during the course of the summer, but none was more touching than the 16 inmates baptized in Lillington, at the Harnett Youth Center. Under the sponsorship of Rev. Stanley McClamb, 1 of 45 summer missionaries commissioned by the department.

Rev. McClamb is a native of Apex, and is the son of James Ray McClamb of R. 3, Apex. He completed his B.A. in religion and philosophy at REV. STANLEY SHAW UNIV. McClamb is an assistant pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church in Apex. Other activities include membership in the Alpha Eta Omicron Theological Fraternity and director of youth and music at his home church and participation in many play and drama productions.

The Dept. of Cooperative Education is very appreciative of the service Rev. McClamb and 44 other summer missionaries who served among Baptists this past summer. The department has set a goal of 75 summer workers within the next few years.

It is our prayers, hopes and aspirations that the department continues to receive the full spiritual and financial support from both conventions. To continue this great work that God has so graciously ordained.

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Rev. H. L. Timberlake (R) and Eddie Lee Wilkerson.

New Hope Granville Baptist Church Awards

GRANVILLE COUNTY.—Eddie Lee Wilkerson was the first recipient of a \$500 scholarship given by the church and presented by the pastor, Rev. H. L. Timberlake. Mrs. Thelma H. Thornton, president of the scholarship committee, stated that the committee made the selection based on scholastic achievement and financial need. Eddie has enrolled at UNC.

Chapel Hill and is majoring in accounting. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wilkerson of 515 Granville St., Oxford.

All high school graduates that hold membership in the church are given personalized Bibles.

New Hope, Granville, is located in the Berea community of Granville County.

Pleasant Grove Observes: REV. JOHN MENDEZ'S 2nd ANNIVERSARY

WENDELL.—Sept. 9th was a big day for the Rev. John Mendez as the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church celebrated his second anniversary as pastor. The theme for the occasion was: "The Minister, The Man, The Labor Leader." The anniversary sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Charles W. Ward, pastor, First Baptist Church, Raleigh.

Rev. Mendez is a native of New York, where he completed high school. He pursued his undergraduate work at Shaw University and his graduate studies at Morehouse School of Religion at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Ga.

He has worked with the N.C. Prison Release programs and is

a former assistant director of Drug Action of Wake County. He is a lecturer for young people on the use of drugs. His activities also include being a member of the staff of the American Federation of State-County Municipal Employees, where negotiation of contracts for labor and intervention in crisis situations constitute his work.

Rev. Mendez was selected (1968) by church and national congress to be a delegate at the World Baptist Alliance Youth Conference in Berne, Switzerland. He also visited London, Paris and Rome.

In 1973, he was a delegate to the Sixth Pan African Conference in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, East Africa. He also visited Somalia, Kenya, Zanzibar at the request of the government.

He is married to the former Miss Sarah L. Howard of New York. They have 2 children: Sekou D. 4, and Jamila A. 2.



BULLOCK, WADE HONORED AT FOUNDER'S DAY

BY DEAN J. Z. ALEXANDER
RALEIGH.—Dr. Charles T. Bullock, pastor, St. James Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, and Dr. Louis H. Wade, pastor, Bethel Baptist Church, White Plains, N.Y., received honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees from the Shaw Divinity School during Shaw University's Founder's Day Convention, Nov. 2. They appear in the photo above with participants in the conferral ceremony. From left to right:

Dr. Thomas J. Boyd, pastor, Salem Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Dr. Louis H. Wade, honoree; Dr. E. B. Turner, chairman, Shaw Divinity School; board of trustees; Dr. James Z. Alexander, dean of academic affairs, Shaw Divinity School; Dr. Charles T. Bullock, honoree; and Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary-treasurer, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

Reverend James S. Spruill Retires

LOUISBURG — The Rev. James S. Spruill was retired with honor from the Walnut Grove Baptist Church last May 6th. He has been pastor of the church since 1931. The Walnut Grove Baptist Church was organized in 1873; it was rebuilt in 1952.

The retirement message was entitled: "The Evidence Of God's Truth, based on texts from I Corinthians 2, Timothy 4:1 and Genesis 40:14. The Rev. S. A. Manning, pastor of Synama Grove Baptist Church, presided over the solemn and enjoyable festivities. He married Viola Huddins Spruill. To this great union, 11 children were born: James A. Spruill, Mrs. Ruth Ridley, Willie Spruill, Mrs. Mary Jenkins, Mrs. Edna Hill, Mrs. Georgia Hill, Harold Spruill, Mrs. Vera Allen, Nesbitt Spruill, Mrs. Dorothy Monroe and Mrs. Levenia Jones. He has 18 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Other outstanding participants in the auspicious ceremony were: floral presentation, Mrs. Lucy A. Dunston; scripture, Rev. C. L. Dunston, pastor, Mt. Level Baptist, Durham; welcome, Mrs. Mary M. Solomon; history, Deacon Felton Davis; greetings from the Reedy Creek Association, Rev.



REV. JAMES S. SPRUILL

E. L. Brodie; greetings, past president, Minister's and Deacon's Union, Rev. M. L. Harris; introduction of speaker, Rev. N. E. Spruill, pastor, Allen Chapel Church, Louisburg.

He taught that strong men and women need to grow decent and decent men and women need to grow strong.

He taught we need to be like a flashlight battery in a sinkish world. Ever ready to shine for Christ. You cannot shine for Christ if you are in sin. In order to be 'ever ready' one must be lovers of hospitality, a lover of men, sober, just, holy, temperate, holding fast to the faithful

words, that has been taught by Jesus Christ. You need to know the truth, speak the truth and the truth shall set you free.

His work and teaching here at Walnut Grove may be summarized as follows:

1. faith and work
2. virtue-courageous, holiness and righteousness
3. knowledge - not to be ignorant and influence righteousness
4. temperance - mindful of actions, words and deeds
5. patience - divine guidance from Jesus Christ
6. Godliness - be like Christ, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost
7. brotherly kindness - concerned about your brothers and sisters and willing to go the second mile
8. charity-love - for if these things be in you and abound they make you neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Many members and friends gave offerings and gifts. The offertory prayer was given by Rev. Herman Forte, Louisburg.

Tribute to the pastor was by Sis. Eunice Mae Spivey. Tribute to the pastor's wife was given by Sis. Lillian Brodie.

There were many presentations made. At the close of the presentation, Rev. S. A. Manning presented Rev. Spruill with a notarized agreement from Walnut Grove Baptist Church. In summary, this agreement was Walnut Grove's promise to pay Rev. Spruill his salary as long as he shall live.

The service closed with a recessional in the fellowship hall of Walnut Grove Baptist Church.

His former ministry include Jordan Chapel, Roanoke Chapel, Mt. Zion, Pleasant Grove, St. Luke, Mt. Olive, Walnut Grove and Phelps Chapel. He was also associate pastor of Norlina Baptist Church.

His organization and civic involvement were moderator of Reedy Creek Association, member of NAACP, member of executive board of Reedy Creek Association and Masonic lodge.

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Jah, Christ The Saviour Is Born! 1:2-20; Matt. 2:1-12.

A varied preaching program presenting the history and doctrines of the gospel as set forth by Jesus and Paul, and at times implemented with drama, and the rich, refreshing, recurrent resources offered by the Christian Year, should enrich any preacher's preaching and any congregation's worship.

KKK Visibility 'Re-emergence Of Racism'

FLORENCE, Ky. — The increasing visibility of the Ku Klux Klan is one indication of a "re-emergence of a new overt racism" in the United States that must be confronted and challenged by the church, John A. Wood told students at the Kentucky Baptist Student Convention.

Wood, of the Southern Baptist Church's Life Commission, said this generation is in "deep, deep trouble" at the point of racerecations.

For Busy Pastors

Seed For Sermon Thought

"Give Thanks To The Lord"

BY DR. I. B. HORTON

A Textual Sermon:

"Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy..." (Psalm 107:1-2).

An Evangelical Sermon:

"Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! For He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness..." (Psalm 107:8-9).

Introduction to the Problem:

The writer of Psalm 107 observed that there was great distress, sorrow, suffering and ungodliness in the land of Israel because the people were not acquainted with the almighty God Jehovah. There were some few who knew about God, but were silent concerning His mighty acts of kindness and deliverance.

Is this not also the case today: that those who have been redeemed are not serious enough about telling others the truth about His mighty works?

Thesis Rationale (or the reasons behind the thought):

If men would praise the Lord for His goodness towards them, they would be happier and as others learned to trust in God, it would make the world around them more Godly. Thanking and praising God is as essential to the health of the soul as eating and exercise is to the health of the body.

My brother once said that he had a pain in his back that he said so badly he was unable to bend over. One day he dropped something on the floor and before he remembered his sore back, he reached down to retrieve it. He felt something snap, and after that the pain was gone from his back. All his back needed was exercise. Often all our situation needs is the word of praise and thanks to God for the goodness that He has given us. If we praise Him, something will "snap" and our minds can get "unhung" from the fear and discouragement that so often keeps one in the pit of despair and gloom.

Discourse: Psalm 107 declares that God is a deliverer. He lists many things that He has done for the people in Israel. He has redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. He has gathered them out of lands of captivity. He has found them in the wilderness hungry and thirsty and fed them. He delivered them out of distresses. He led them in the right way. Tell me, who could help being thankful for a God like that?

I. Redeemed People Praise God A redeemed people is a thankful people. Even a dog will show its gratitude when someone untangles his chain.

Many people are unthankful because they have tried mankind's methods of salvation and have met with failure. They are bitter, faithless and dangerous. But those who have tried God know that He is a Saviour who never fails.

Our problem here is to get God's people to exercise cour-

age and testify of His goodness.

II. God Satisfies the Soul

Many people eat all the time, but are still hungry. Much of this is due to eating the wrong food, yet a great deal is due to the error of trying to satisfy a spiritual, a mental and an emotional hunger by eating physical food. It will not satisfy. Untold millions end up eating more and enjoying it less.

God's people should tell them that God, Jesus satisfies the longing soul.

III. Thanksgiving requires a Sacrifice

One has to give up something in order to be thankful. The focus of attention is away from what one wants to receive and turned towards the goodness of the giver.

As this writer was traveling along the highway one day feeling very discouraged because some life situations had not turned out as he desired, he gave a ride to a hitchhiker who had lost everything. After the hitchhiker finished telling how life had tumbled in on him taking his health, wife, family, money and self respect, the writer was ready to tell him how good the Lord had been to him.

Conclusion:

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, for His mercy endureth forever. Yes, the church of the living God can do a lot about the "troubles of the world" by raising their voice in thanksgiving to our God.

Good News From Providence Baptist

BY MRS. ANNA H. HORTON

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below."

The members of Providence Baptist Church, Kernersville, where the Rev. Derieux Johnson is pastor, were blessed to have their annual fall revival in their new church, the first Sunday in September.

The nightly services throughout the week were conducted by the Rev. B. F. Daniels, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lexington.

It was a glorious occasion for members and friends alike.

Last Aug. 3, 1978, groundbreaking ceremonies were held and it seems that we have come true or better still, a miracle that 13 months later, a small membership like Providence could worship God in a new church. Our pastor, Rev. Johnson, often refers to the church as "the miracle spot."

Someday it couldn't be true, while others had just a little faith. We were blessed with many friends to help financially and with the labor. However, God was the Chief Architect, the Master Builder, and the Powerful Engineer.

And so today, we are grateful to God for allowing us to complete this earthly structure to use as a coming together place to prepare our souls for that everlasting home with Him.

Again, thanks to our many, many friends for your faithful prayers, and your loyal support. May God ever bless you!

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Schools are what men make them,

Wherever the schools may be;

Whether out on the desolate desert,

Or set by the surging sea,

Tho, they cleave to the breasts of the mountains

Or nestle by rivers abroad,

Schools are what men make them,

On the land that is given of God.

Schools are what men make them,

What men demand they shall be;

Stoical, sloven and sleeping,

Progressive, beautiful, free,

If the hearts of the builders are noble,

In one with the day and the need,

They will build into grandeur and greatness

For so it was ever decreed.

So take up your task as you find it,

Nor grumble at what you have not;

Be one of the men to make greater

The place where you cast your lot.

If the ocean shall threaten to whelm you

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Practicing One

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

BY REV. SAMUEL F. DAILY

RICHMOND, Va. — (Editor's Note: The Rev. Samuel F. Daily is a former member of the Shaw University faculty. He recently retired as pastor of First Baptist Church, Franklin, Va., and now resides in Richmond, Va., with his wife, Johnnie Locke Darby, who is also a Shaw graduate.)

Practicing the Christian Year can enrich your preaching and your parishioners' worshiping."

There are 3 calendars:

The Solar Calendar, or nature's calendar. It has 4 seasons: spring, fall, summer and winter. All the peoples of the earth and every thing therein are subject to it. In fact, all that portion of the universe known as the solar system is under it.

The Civil or Governmental Calendar, often called "the Federal or Fiscal year." It is composed of the solar year too, but has its own holidays, and begins the first day of July each year.

But the calendar we are most interested in is "the Christian Calendar," or more correctly and as it is generally called, "the Christian Year, SAMUEL F. DAILY."

The F. DAILY Christian year applies primarily to Christians and the church. The Christian year divides the solar year into 7 periods of time and observances, called "seasons."

1. Advent is the first season of the Christian year. It always begins the fourth Sunday before Christmas, sometimes called Advent Sunday and continues until midnight before Christmas. It is the period of the "expectance" of Christ, the period of "expectancy" and "preparation" for the coming of the "long promised Saviour." God took 4 thousand years preparing for the coming birthday of His Son. Most Christians take little or no time preparing themselves for it, and when they do it is largely commercially, even then it is for their friends, and almost never spiritually, or worshipfully. The preacher in his preaching during Advent can help his people to prepare and properly celebrate the birthday of God's Son, our Saviour.

The liturgical colors for Advent are purple and violet.

2. Christmastide is the second season of the Christian year. It begins simultaneously with Christmas and continues 12 days, often called "the 12th Night," ending with the end of January 5th. Its theme may be summed up in the words: "Peace, Good will and joy, Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born!" It is most unfortunate for us that when we think of Christmas today, we think not in terms of Christmastide as the Christians did of yore, and sometimes very little even of Christ, but of Christmas day only and then primarily of ourselves or of our friends, and only incidentally of Christ whose birthday it is. Who can celebrate adequately and with becoming honor the mira-

culous and glorious birth of Christ the Son of our God and King in one day? The kings of old always took time to celebrate the birth of a prince and often gave their people time off to celebrate it also. Our forefathers took 12 days. Shall we take only one?

Christmastide colors of yore were white, or white and gold. We prefer the green.

3. Epiphany always begins with January 6th and continues to Lent. It is the season of the "Evangel" and celebrates our Lord's manifestation to the wise men and to the Gentiles. Unfortunately, very little is known of the history of the three Kings for Epiphany and the 3 ensuing Sundays are white or green.

4. Lent always begins with Ash Wednesday, continuing to Easter, and Ash Wednesday is always determined by Easter. Lent is always 40 week days plus the intervening Sundays before Easter. There is a number of ways to ascertain Ash Wednesday or the beginning of Lent. One way, starting with Easter count back 6 Sundays plus the preceding Wednesday. Another, simply count back 40 days before Easter omitting the intervening Sundays. The Sundays are not considered as a part of Lent since Sunday celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord and cannot be liturgically considered as a fasting day.

Since Jesus was 40 days fasting and praying in the wilderness after His entrance into the ministry and since it was 40 days after His resurrection that He ascended into heaven. Lent is set for 40 days for prayer and fasting in preparation for our selves for Easter. Ash Wednesday is called the day of the ashes of the saints sitting draped in ashes and pouring ashes on their head as an outward expression of confession and repentance. The word Lent means "spring or renewal." Through fasting, prayer and repentance, the repentant Christian is to receive forgiveness and spiritual renewal in preparation for Easter, the day of Christ's resurrection. Lent is the season that is regnant with preaching power for the preacher, spiritual rejuvenation for the Christian and conversion for the converted. Some important days of Lent are: Ash Wednesday, World Day of Prayer, first Friday in Lent, Race Relations Sunday, second or third Sunday in February, Palm Sunday, Sunday before Easter, Passion Week, and the following Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, the night of instituting the Lord's Supper and of His trials and condemnation and Good Friday.

5. Eastertide begins with Easter just as Christmastide begins with Christmas. And just as Christmas is the day of celebration of Christ's birth and we miss much of the joy and happiness of Christ's birth by limiting it to one day, so was Eastertide once a 50-day celebration and we miss much of the joy, inspiration and hope in the resurrection of Christ by limiting our celebration of Easter to one day—Easter.

Easter is the greatest day in Eastertide. "He is not here... He is risen indeed!" Salvation

through the resurrected Christ, is the theme of Easter and of Eastertide. Well might it be the preaching theme of the preacher. For Christmas and Easter are the 2 most important days in Christianity: No Christmas, no Christ; no Christ, no Easter; no Easter, no resurrection, and if no resurrected Christ, then no salvation, for salvation and eternal life are based not just on a born Christ, but ultimately on a crucified and resurrected Christ.

Eastertide consists of 50 days, and begins with Easter and ends with the Saturday before Pentecost. Now Easter is a movable holiday and determines the length of Epiphany, the beginning and ending of Lent, and the beginning and length of the 2 Christmas seasons, Whitsuntide and Kingdome, that follow Eastertide.

The date of Easter is determined by the moon, and it is just as changey. This uncertainty helps to keep Easter and its dependent seasons interesting. Now Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal (spring) equinox, which is about the 21st of March. Easter, therefore, cannot come earlier than March 22nd or later than the 23rd of April. This happened March 1818 and April 1943, respectively.

The greatest day during Eastertide, other than Easter itself, is its 40th day, the seldom celebrated "Ascension Thursday," the day on which our Lord, having completed His work on earth, ascended back to heaven. To those who saw the resurrected Christ, to those of Pentecost, and to most of those of the first century of Christianity, the great preaching theme was salvation through the crucified, resurrected and ascended Christ.

White, or white and gold, are the traditional colors for Easter, though red is growing in popularity.

6. Whitsuntide is begun by its greatest day - the great Day of Pentecost! Pentecost is often called "Whitsunday" (white Sunday) because of the old custom of Christians wearing flowing garments of white on that day.

Pentecost is 50 days after (really including) Easter. To locate it, start with Easter and count 50 days forward, or count to the 7th Sunday after Easter.

Pentecost is the end of the 3500 years old Dispensation of Law, and is regnant with stupendous, significant and historical preaching events and interests. It celebrates the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the founding of the Christian church by the Holy Spirit through the instrumentality of the apostles, the instituting of the Dispensation of Grace, on the basis of "Salvation by Faith" in Jesus Christ to "whoever will," the fellowship of all Christians as one in Christ Jesus, and the beginning of the enthronement of Christ Jesus as He rises, living and incarnate head and Lord of the church, through the evangelical preaching and expansion of the Gospel throughout the world.

While Pentecost lasts but one day, Whitsuntide, which Pentecost begins, extends from 11 to 16 Sundays depending on the date of Easter. The first Sunday after Pentecost is called Trinity Sunday, in recognition of the unity, and after Christ's return to heaven, the reunity of the Godhead. The remaining Sundays in Whitsuntide are: the first Sunday after Trinity, the second Sunday after Trinity, and so on until about the 11th to about the 15th Sunday after Trinity (usually the last Sunday in August) depending on the date of Easter. This is our great revival period especially in the rural areas. It gave the farmers an extended time for revival between the laying-by and the har-

vesting of their crops, when preaching upon repentance, conversion and the Holy Spirit was of the essence.

The colors of Pentecost are traditionally white or to a small extent, red. For the remainder of Whitsuntide, indeed for the remainder of the Christian year, the colors are white and green.

7. Kingdome begins the last Sunday in August or the first Sunday in September, and extends through 10 or 14 Sundays. Its purpose is the "establishment of the Kingdom of God" as set forth by Christ, at Pentecost, and as expounded in the epistles, through the continued and evangelical expansion of the gospel by the church under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

Two important days in Kingdome are World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in November, and Thanksgiving, often the third Thursday in November, though it is often not considered a religious day.

The season of Kingdome brings to an end The Christian Year on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday before Christmas. This readies the church for the new Christian Year, which always begins with Advent, the fourth Sunday before Christmas.

A sample of a general subject, its 4 themes, and their texts for a series of 4 sermons on Advent follows:

Subject: "Man's Greatest Need: A Saviour!" First Sunday Advent: "Man's Need For A Saviour," Gen. 2:15-16; 3:1-19; 4:1-5 and 6: 7.

Second Sunday Advent: "The Saviour Promised," Gen. 3:14-16; 12:1-7; 15:1-7; 17:1-22; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6 and 11.

Third Sunday Advent, "The Saviour Looked For, Hoped For, Awaited," Luke 1:5-36.

Fourth Sunday Advent, Christmas Sunday: "Hallelu-

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BY DR. C. C. CRAIG

Executive Secretary

RALEIGH — Down through the years, it has been the custom for men of goodwill to greet their fellowmen with a cheerful, "Merry Christmas." As we pause to reflect again this year on the observance of the birth of our Lord, we ponder the real significance of "Merry Christmas." Are we wishing for others a mere lighthearted joviality—a period of good for friends and their families, free from social ostracism, religious persecution, economic deprivation and political annihilation? The answer is yes, but there is more, much more embodied in the real meaning of Christmas.

We find one cue in the gospel according to Luke, and this may be called the first Christmas greeting. On the night when Jesus was born, some shepherds were tending their sheep in a field near Bethlehem. Suddenly a great light shone upon them, and they saw an angel of the Lord standing before them. They were filled with fear as they saw how glorious the angel was. But the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you news of great joy, which shall be to all people; for there is born to you this day in Bethlehem, in the city of David, a Saviour who is Christ the Lord."

This was not just a greeting. The message was, "Unto you is born a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Not to Herod, in his palace at Jerusalem; not to Augustus Caesar, on his throne in mighty Rome; not to chief priests and scribes and the great ones of the earth, but to shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night; to the humble, to the lowly, to expectant hearts, was the Saviour born.

"Merry Christmas" means "good news." As it was on the day when Christ was born, so it is today, the very best news for mankind is "a Saviour is born." Man needs someone who is mightier than he is, someone who knows more than he does, someone whose presence can be felt throughout the entire universe, and someone who can save him from selfishness, sin and Satan. Man needs to hear the invitation, "Come unto Me, all of you who are laboring under a load of care, I will give you rest." Merry Christmas is "the good news," "for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

In the above mentioned spirit of the greeting, on behalf of your friends at Baptist Headquarters: Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Rev. Leo Williams, Waverly Camp, Mrs. Marguerite Dunn, Mrs. Capola Latta, Dr. I. B. Horton, Mrs. Shirley Williams, Mrs. Mary Washington, Miss Rita Thoms, Ms. Bettie Chisolm, Mrs. Gladys Washington and Miss Ivelly Williams, and for myself personally, I wish you and yours a "very Merry Christmas and the most prosperous New Year ever."

Yours truly,

C. C. Craig

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Baptist State Convention Name New Leadership

WINSTON-SALEM — The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, meeting in annual session in Winston-Salem, has elected the Rev. Cecil Sherman, pastor, First Baptist Church, Asheville, as its new president. The Rev. Frank R. Campbell of



REV. SHERMAN

Statesville was elected first vice president and a layman, Henry Belk of Charlotte, was elected second vice president.

The Rev. Sherman succeeds the Rev. Mark Cortis, who has served as convention president for the past 2 years. The Baptist State Convention and the General Baptist State Convention have enjoyed a very productive and harmonious relationship through the years. A joint session of the 2 bodies is scheduled to be held in Greensboro at the Coliseum, Nov. 24, 1981.



THE BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS STAFF

Southeastern Seminary Sets Conference On Biblical Authority

WAKE FOREST—Trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary voted to hold a Conference on Biblical Authority, elected Thomas Henry Graves of Lake Park, Fla., assistant professor of philosophy of religion, and promoted W. Robert Spinks to assistant to the president for financial development.

The Conference on Biblical Authority will be held on the seminary campus Jan. 29-30, 1980. Featured speakers will include Herschel H. Hobbs, former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., and a past president of the Southern

Baptist Convention. Hobbs chaired the convention's committee which drafted the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message Statement, which serves as a doctrinal guide for all the convention's agencies and boards.

The conference will also include a presentation on biblical study by Donald E. Cook, professor of New Testament at Southeastern; an open dialogue session; and a closing sermon by W. Randall Lolley, president of the Southeastern Seminary.

Graves, currently pastor of First Baptist Church, Lake Park, Fla., is a native of Virginia. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and holds the master of divinity and

doctor of philosophy degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and the master of sacred theology degree from Yale University. He has served as instructor at Bellarmine College and as assistant professor, Palm Beach Atlantic College.

Spinks, director of financial development since May, 1978, is a graduate of Furman University and the University of Iowa.

In a related action, the trustees named Rodney V. Byard assistant to the president for communications. Byard had been responsible for the seminary's institutional development program since 1975.

In the president's report to the trustees, Lolley announced (See SEMINARY, P. 3)

Editor To Take Leave Of Absence

GOLDSBORO — Dr. Isaac B. Horton, editor of the Baptist Informer and pastor of the First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, recently informed the GBS Convention officials that he will take a leave of absence. According to a communication received by the executive secretary, Dr. C. C. Craig, Horton will be leaving his post Dec. 30.

The editor was appointed to the editorial task in January 1975, and published the first edition of the Baptist Informer in February 1975. He was recommended to the post by Dr. J. J.

Johnson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Fairmont, who was serving as president of the General Baptist Convention at that time.

A number of innovation in the publication have been initiated by the convention and the monthly organ has doubled in size during the 5 years of Horton's administration.

In leaving the editorship, Horton expressed deep appreciation to the Baptists of North Carolina for giving him the privilege to serve in such a rewarding position.



DR. I. B. HORTON
Editor, The Baptist Informer

"The Unified Dollar For The Unified Program"

From The Executive Secretary's Desk:



Dr. C. C. Craig addressing the Neuse River Baptist Association, He Officers of the Neuse River Association line up before the altar Mrs. Florence Whitley, of Pikeville, the oldest alumna of Shaw, "Miss Shaw" (standing, center) addresses the Shaw Alumni

Preacher Says Blacks Still On Bottom

BY JAMES LEE YOUNG
DENVER — After 244 years of blacks seen by American society as "things," they are "still the last to be hired and the first to be fired," Ralph Abernathy told participants at a meeting of the Baptist Student Union in Denver.

"We are still at the bottom," the Atlanta pastor, civil rights leader and former president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, told about 200 persons attending the event sponsored by the Aurora ISU in the St. Frances Inter-faith Center.

"Yet our nation will spend billions and billions of dollars to send man to the moon," and to other planets he said, "and all man brought back was dust and rocks." He said the space projects have been at the expense of the needs of the poor in this country.

Speaking on the topic, Lest We Forget, Abernathy said the nation still backs blacks down. "We have failed to tell our children the story about colored

restaurants, not being able to use restrooms, about poll taxes, and not being able to vote," he said.

Abernathy said the vast majority of blacks and poor people in the country "was worse off today than they were during the 60s."

Earlier in the week, Abernathy said that a recent surge in activity among the Ku Klux Klan is unsettling and could be blamed on complacency among blacks. He encourages black leaders to fight Klan demonstrations by boycotting the businesses of Klan leaders.

He was quoted by Denver's Rocky Mountain News as saying, "So many blacks think the struggle is over—think we have made it—because we have accepted tokenism."

"The whole nation is on welfare and just because some poor black folks don't have jobs, we want to make them feel bad," he told the BSU audience. He said the taxload on middle America should be placed "where it belongs," on the nation's major corporations.

Congressman Seeks New Law To Curb Religious Vandandalism

BY STAN HASTLEY
WASHINGTON — A Brooklyn, N.Y. congressman has introduced legislation which would make destruction of churches and synagogues, as well as their contents, a federal crime.

Rep. Stephen J. Solarz, D-N.Y., said he was taking the action because of a recent rash of "suspicious" church and synagogue fires in his district and "an apparent increase" in such incidents elsewhere.

Solarz noted that in one recent act of vandalism against a Brooklyn synagogue, the building was gutted and 9 Torah scrolls destroyed by fire. Members of the synagogue buried the scrolls, some of them more than 200 years old and valued at several thousand dollars each, in a public ceremony attended by religious and civic leaders.

Solarz told the gathering that

CORRECTIONS

The November issue of the Baptist Informer reported that Dr. J. Ray Butler of Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, received a plaque for "The Best Stewardship." This should have read: "The Rev. W. S. Epps pastor, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, led his congregation to make the largest contribution to the convention during the 1978-79 fiscal year." Rev. Epps was the "top giver" for the year, \$23,334.36.

The November issue of the Baptist Informer also carried a photograph in which Dr. John R. Manley and Dr. J. Ray Butler were standing together holding a plaque. The caption stated that "Dr. Butler received the plaque for the Best Stewardship Award." The caption should have stated that the plaque was presented to Dr. Manley as an award for his dedicated service to the General Baptist Convention.

Dr. C. R. Edwards, pastor, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, led his congregation to give the largest amount given through the Unified Program, \$18,835.

The November issue of the Baptist Informer carried an article entitled "N.C. Baptist In Splendor At Birthplace." The article stated that "The \$56,078.68 raised during the 112th annual session at Goldsboro enabled the convention to exceed its budget of more than a million dollars."

The article should have stated that the \$56,078.68 was raised towards the 1979-80 budget. The 1979-80 budgeted amount was realized prior to the session.

The \$56,078.68 was the largest amount ever raised at an annual session of the convention since its inception.

Church Must Heal, Not Browbeat

BY WILLIAM M. MOIR
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The church must be a loving, caring, supportive, serving community, if it is to be effective in dealing with the root causes of alcoholism and drug-related problems.

Lucius Walker, Jr., of Demarest, N.J., director of the Demarest Foundation for Community Organization, said in a national conference on the impact of alcohol and other drugs that the church's role is "not to browbeat but to heal, not rejecting any of God's children no matter their condition or life."

The church, he said, must be inclusive and must not "be silent in the face of exploitation. It must be prophetic, willing to take risks, to be creative, to be bold, to shrink and even lose jobs." To be less will decrease its ability to deal with the problems addressed, he added.

He called for deep involvement in building "healthy communities" as part of understanding the church's responsibility under God to be a work in the world.

From The President's Desk



Dr. John R. Manley, president, General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc., delivering the Convocation address during Shaw's 114th Founder's Day Convocation.

Black Pastor Tells Conference Of White Church Racism

BY CAROL FRANKLIN
WASHINGTON, D.C. — The white church in America is a part of the racist society, a prominent black pastor told participants in a Religious Liberty Conference on the Church and Human Rights. "The American trinitarian formula of capitalism, racism and militarism" which perpetuate racism.

"Many white clergy are mere puppets rather than prophets," declared William A. Jones, Jr., president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention and pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

"The white church historically and presently is an instrument of the American system, sanctifying its sins and giving inspiration to its inequities," he said. "It has never been a collective manner assailed the prevailing power arrangement in the name of God, who has 'made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth.'"

Asserting that "the struggle for human rights is essentially a religious struggle," Jones said, "The advancement of human rights is therefore a religious responsibility."

Jones told participants in the conference, sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, that injustice

which produces racism "almost always emerges from the desensitized consciences of people who deem themselves better than others." He charged that white American feelings of superiority have created "the American trinitarian formula of capitalism, racism and militarism" which perpetuate racism.

"The nation historically has been long on promise and short on performance," Jones said. "The democratic ethic represents the ideal with respect to historic social experiments. It is rooted in religious realism. It is grounded in the Judeo-Christian doctrine of humanity... The democratic ideal has yet to flower."

Jones said that racism in the American society is based on bad theology. "A simple surface diagnosis reveals a sick sociology based on a faulty anthropology which emanates from a false theology... Racism is a demonic, a spiritual perversion."

Always strive to do the greatest, rather than the least, for the cause of Christ.

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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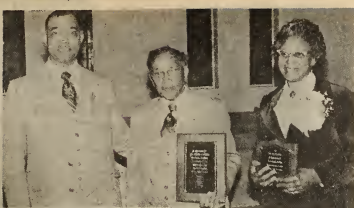
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The Ebenezer Association paid tribute to Dr. Dwight A. Costner, center, for serving Cleveland County for more than half a century. Dr. John R. Manley, president of the General Baptist State Convention and guest speaker for the festivities on Nov. 4, left, was present for the occasion. Costner and his wife, Mrs. Ethel Costner, display plaques which were presented to Costner on behalf of the association.

D. A. Costner Honored

BY MARY PARTLOW
SHELBY — Portions of Dr. Dwight A. Costner's 82 years were played back for him last Nov. 4th at Eskridge Grove Baptist Church.

More than 300 persons came from near and far to honor Costner, past moderator and recording secretary of the Ebenezer Association for 35 years. He was honored by the association in a "This is Your Life" program for his service to Cleveland County for more than half a century.

Costner and his wife, Ethel Hunt Costner, were presented carnations and \$768.02 by the association.

A native of Gaston County, Costner served as a teacher in Cleveland and Rutherford County for 30 years. He is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University and Virginia Union Seminary. He has also studied at Howard University and North Carolina A&T State University and received the Doctor of Divinity degree from Shaw University. He is a 32nd degree Mason.

Costner, pastor of the St. Peter's Baptist Church in Grover for the past 8 years, was described by childhood friends, students, churches, ministers, the NAACP, Interracial Ministerial Alliance, Cleveland County Teachers Federal Credit Union, Rotary, Masonic Lodge and relatives as a "real great man."

Herbert Gidney, retired teacher who taught with Costner at Green Bethel School in Boiling Springs, said Costner was a man who took moderation in success. "He left shining foot-prints for his fellowman to follow," Gidney said.

Dr. John R. Manley, presi-

dent of the General Baptist State Convention and guest speaker for the occasion, said he felt like shouting because he was a part of the noble occasion honoring Costner.

"It is great seeing people co-operating with each other to make such an event happen," Manley said. "Extreme individualism has almost wrecked us."

Manley added that Baptists brag about being able to disagree with matters, but they must realize that it is right to agree on matters.

"I congratulate you on recognizing a sterling character like Costner and being able to put forth the effort to honor him," Manley said.

Manley pointed out that the mantle of man is the role in life that a man has undertaken and is the task that man has taken on for himself. He explained that man is supposed to use his God-given talents to help his fellowman as Costner has done all of his life.

"Costner is a man who has respect for humanity," Manley said.

Costner said the whole program was a surprise to him. "Thank you for the honor and recognition you have given me tonight," he said.

Mrs. Costner said she had a hard time keeping the program a secret from her husband during the past 3 months while the program was being planned.

"I have a lovely husband," she said. "I admired him years ago and never thought I would be his wife."

She said she has tried to help her husband live a little longer and the program was a help to him, also.

Association Rejects Two Messengers

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — The Southwest Baptist Association voted by a better than 2 to 1 margin to deny the seating of messengers of 2 Southern Baptist churches in Evansville, Ind., at the association's annual meeting.

Messengers from North Park Baptist Church and Oak Hill Baptist Church, longtime members of the association, were denied seats because the 2 churches accepted members who have been baptized by "alien immersion" — baptism by immersion by a non-Southern Baptist church.

The "alien immersions," however, were performed by Baptists — General Baptists.

The association, one of 14 in the state convention of Baptists in Indiana, is believed to be the only association in the state convention which mentions alien immersion in its constitution as a bar to membership.

The action has the potential of affecting the relationship of the 2 churches to the Indiana convention. One of the constitutional stipulations for seating of messengers at the state convention's annual meeting is that they be from churches "maintaining good standing in associations cooperating with the convention."

"Generally speaking, in Baptist history each unit in Baptist life — local church, association, state convention and national convention — determines its own membership," said church historian Walter B. Shurden, who was asked by Baptist Press for an historical analysis. "The local church has typically been the only unit in Southern Baptist life which determines membership in any of the other 3 units."

"Although an autonomous Baptist body can do what it wants to do, it is an extremely dangerous precedent in Southern Baptist life for state convention membership to be dictated by membership in an association," continued Shurden, professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. "It represents a dangerous trend toward centralization of church government and loss of autonomy."

The pastors of both churches, Art Christmas at North Park and Roy Jones at Oak Hill, said they believe they are following the autonomy rule in their acceptance of General Baptist baptisms.

The opposition to accepting General Baptist immersions was based on disagreement with a General Baptist belief that persons may lose their salvation if they turn away from Jesus Christ. General Baptists also practice open communion, but this issue was raised only by a few at the associational meeting.

The Southwest Association's constitution rules out churches practicing alien immersion or open communion or affiliating with any interdenominational council of churches.

The action of the association



Dr. C. R. Edwards (R) receives a plaque and other expressions of appreciation from Dr. A. C. Jones.

against the 2 churches came even though North Park pastor, Christmas, allows no one to join his church without accepting the articles of faith, which spell out the doctrine of security of salvation. Similarly, Jones, pastor of Oak Hill, said no one joins his church without first taking a membership course. He teaches which goes into the various church doctrines.

Martial Conflict Discussed

By Linda Lawson
RIDGECREST — When a married couple says they've never had a disagreement, they are lying, have a poor memory or one partner "has been made a zero in the relationship," Clark Hensley told 250 couples attending the first weekend Fall Festival of Marriage.

Hensley, director of the Mississippi Christian Action Commission, was one of five panelists who answered questions on issues including conflict and church involvement. The questions were submitted by conference participants.

The event, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's family ministry department, was built around the theme, "Celebrate Marriage!" and included a variety of interest conferences on topics such as communication, money management and nurturing a marriage.

"While conflict in marriage is inevitable," Hensley said, "it is a part of growth."

Joe Hinkle, secretary of the family ministry department, said one goal of Christian couples should be to "work out conflict so that everybody wins."

In response to a question on how a wife should handle a husband's demand that she choose between her vocation and her marriage, counseling center president James Kilgore said that, rather than making a choice, "This is a good place to start negotiating. Marriage partners should be tough negotiators."

Kilgore, president of the Northside Counseling Center, Atlanta, and a former Southern Baptist pastor, said a marriage is in trouble when one spouse puts the marriage on the line in a conflict. "The need is to work out the conflict," he said.

On church involvement, panel members said priorities should be God first, family

Union Ass'n Elects New Moderator

FAYETTEVILLE — The annual session of the Union Association was held with the Friendship Baptist Church on Campbell Ave., Fayetteville, where the outgoing moderator, Dr. C. R. Edwards, was highly honored for the 11 years he gave efficient leadership to the association.

Dr. Edwards was given a plaque and other expressions of appreciation.

Dr. A. C. Jones, a lifelong member of the association, and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bladenboro, was elected moderator for the ensuing term.

second and church third.

Janice Siler, a pastoral counselor at North Carolina Baptist Hospital's School of Pastoral Care, said her family studies church and family events and places them on a calendar to avoid conflicts.

"If we have a family event on our calendar and another event conflicts with it, we use it as a chance to witness for our family (life)," she said.

In a Saturday morning address, Wallace Denton, professor of marriage and family life at Purdue University, said every couple should give serious attention to marriage enrichment.

"One hundred percent of us can stand having our relationships improved," said Denton. He said couples who work at appreciating each other, responding, touching, remembering and expressing love will have more successful marriages.

"Sometimes if we were a little more active in expressing our love, it would carry us over some rough times," Denton said.

Kilgore told the group that couples who practice their Christian faith have a much lower divorce rate. "Getting closer in line with God, we get closer in line with each other," he said.

Dick Waggener, consultant in the family ministry department and coordinator of the conference, said he hoped one outcome of the weekend would be that couples realize "it's okay for Christians to go for help in their marriage. Go to someone competent and go to someone Christian," he said.

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MRS. LULUENCE WHITLEY, of Pikeville, the oldest alumna of Shaw, was a member of the class of 1913. Shown with her is Dr. Stanley Smith (seated), president of Shaw, and Mr. Thomas Key. Mrs. Whitley has won the heart of the Alumni Association through her love and loyalty for Shaw University.

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, executive secretary, Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N. C., is shown as she gave greetings on behalf of the convention during the 114th Shaw Founder's Day service, Nov. 2.

Christ The Challenge For A Desperate World

BY MRS. ANNIE MCKINNON

(Editorial Note: These are excerpts from the annual address delivered by Mr. Annie Y. McKinnon, president of the Hoke County Missionary Union at Silver Grove Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday afternoon in September during its annual session. The Hoke County Union meets quarterly at one of the Baptist churches in the county that forms its constituents. Silver Grove Church is in Raeford, Rev. W. K. Mitchell is its minister.)

RAEFORD — Today we see a picture of distress, poverty, sickness, hunger, political strife, religious differences and conflicting movements. In the midst of it all, Christ is the answer for a desperate sin-sick world. Though we boast about our wealth and achievements, we can still hear the cries of the needy. Man is not the answer.

In desperation, men are seeking to control the economy of the world, but prices are skyrocketing and inflation is at its highest peak. The Christians can relate to our desperation. Men are killing humans as animals and thinking they are doing the will of God.

Christ is the answer if we can only trust Him. Our theme this year is centered around the Jewish leaders who believed Christ to be the Messiah, but were afraid to admit it for fear of being put out of the synagogue. Many Christians will not stand up for what they believe to be right because they love the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Jesus came as a light to shine in a dark confused world. When we see the light and follow after it, we have found the answer

When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

Hoses 11:1



Dr. Stanley Smith (center), president, Shaw University, receives a check in the amount of \$28,000 donated by the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Presenting the check is (L) Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary, and Dr. John R. Manly, (R), president.



"MISS SHAW," (standing, center) addresses the Shaw Alumni during the annual Alumni Luncheon, last Nov. 2. She is Miss Marsha Taylor, a junior from Portsmouth, Va. Shaw University has some of the finest young people in America in its student body. The University is earnestly striving towards quality education and a high moral standard of living.



MISS ROUNDTREE

The Role Of Women In Today's Society

BY MISS LOUISE M. ROUNDTREE

SALISBURY — Miss Louise M. Roundtree was the speaker for the annual Woman's Day service at the First Baptist Church, Salisbury, last Oct. 28. The dynamic message, under the subject, The Role Of Christian Women In Today's Society, was a challenge to all who heard her. She told the women that their role in society is the same today as it has been in any age. Pressures are greater and responsibilities are greater, but the basic principles of righteousness are unchanging. One particular problem was pointed out by Miss Roundtree. The great Apostle St. Paul, admonished that women be silent in the church and submissive to the man. What of the more active roles being assumed by today's women?

Women were set in classes—good and evil. Such women as Jezebel, Delilah and Sapphira were motivated by evil and should not be imitated by today's women. Others like Priscilla and Dorcas are to be emulated.

Miss Roundtree urged the women to be dutiful, courageous, faithful and to pray always.

The message was well accepted and she concluded with the following.

What better message could either a layman or a minister leave with his audience than the inquiry made in the following poem, which I didn't write, but regarded as worthy of my conclusion:

Could I be called a Christian
If everybody knew
My secrets, thoughts,
and feelings and everything I do?
Oh, could they see the likeness
of Christ in me each day?
Oh, could they hear Him
speaking in every word I say?
Could I be called a Christian

MISS ROUNDTREE



Mrs. Rogers Recommends Wifely Role Of Submission

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Mrs. Adrian Rogers, wife of the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, recommended the wifely role of submission to spouses of trustees and advisory members of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Convention.

Addressing the women at a luncheon, Mrs. Rogers said the secular and religious world misinterprets the role of biblical submission when they label it inferior.

"Jesus Christ should be the role model for submissiveness," Mrs. Rogers said. "He was submissive, but was nobody's doormat."

"I have found the more I learn about being submissive, the more my husband understands my needs," recalled Mrs. Rogers, wife of the pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church.

"When I was younger and wanted to be myself and find my identity, it seemed to sit on me more. I am a different person today and could never go back to who I was before my husband and children. Without them I would never have known the fulfillment I know now."

Discussing adjustments she has made as a pastor's wife, Mrs. Rogers said, "I have had to learn to thank God for a silver tea service when I didn't really want one and I've learned to be a pastor's wife in a large church when at one time I didn't want that."

"As Christian women, we want fulfillment in life, and I'm busy finding it everyday."

DAY "The women followed a separate program from their husbands who spent 3 days transacting business of the Southern Baptist agency.

If everyone could know
That I am found in places
Where Jesus would not go?
Oh, could they hear Him echo
Or, can they hear His echo
In every song I sing
The lyric of the Master
An angel on the wing?
Could I be called a Christian
If judged by what I read,
By all my recreations
And every thought and deed?
Could I be counted Christ-like
As I now work and pray,
Unselfish, kind, forgiving
To others every day?
God of our weary years, God
of our silent tears, Thou who has
brought us thus far on our way,
keep us forever in Thy paths we
pray.

Amen

God is a Spirit;
and they that worship him
must worship him in spirit
and in truth.

John 4:23-24

IN MEMORIAM

Pete Williams, Raleigh native, Shaw graduate, "Big Georgia," CIAA officiator, and coach's coach, died on October 14, 1979, at age sixty-six. For thirty years, Mr. Williams led his "Little Blues" teams, at Washington High School, and later at Ligon High School, to championship status, both on the field and in the spirit. Coach Williams gave his young players much more than football or baseball expertise; he inspired them to be educated, disciplined, conscientious citizens of good character. He was an outstanding human being and he will be missed by many.

Woman's Page

Yuletide Thoughts

January 12, 1980

BY EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY BRODIE

RALEIGH — As the year nears its end, we are reminded that the special season, that of Christmas, is here again. However, not only does the year ending remind us to celebrate the birth of Jesus, in whom God revealed Himself and took on the flesh of humanity to set free from the bondage of sin those who accepted His gift, but our personal salvational experiences with Christ all during the year lead us to Bethlehem, decorated by a holy star, caroled by a heavenly choir, shepherded by shepherds, incensed and honored by the Magi, attended by Mary and Joseph the spot where Jesus, the babe, lay.

DR. BRODIE

Shall we follow the star? For we who follow the star go a different direction from whence we have come, and we know that the Savior is born, that Emmanuel is with us, that He is King of kings and Lord of lords and that no other need be sought. Yes, holiness for mankind did enter a fallen world and the star indicated where light for us had been born, where love for us had been born, and where life for us had been born.

"How could we be anything but true believers," said Beth Merizon, and keep Christ in Christmas? What expression or act(s) will we give to another person as indicative of being of the Christlike spirit for this Yuletide season? Let us ever be mindful of missions; for Christmas is a time of giving and sharing and certainly this culmination of giving spills over into everyday life or moments of service when opportunity arises. For God gave His Son and the Son gave His life. Need we be reminded we are stewards, lest we forget and feel we are owners and use that which we have selfishly.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SEMINARY

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that the 29-year-old Southern Baptist Convention seminary had experienced its ninth consecutive year of increased enrollment, which now stands at 1,215, up 8.5 percent from the previous year. He also reported that the school's three-year, \$3.5 million campaign had passed the \$1.2 million level in its first nine months, that all faculty vacancies have now been filled, and that 56 of 100 new student apartments will be completed by October 31.

In other action, the trustees approved tenure for Glenn T. Miller, associate professor of church history, and re-elected E. T. Vinson, Greenville, as chairman.

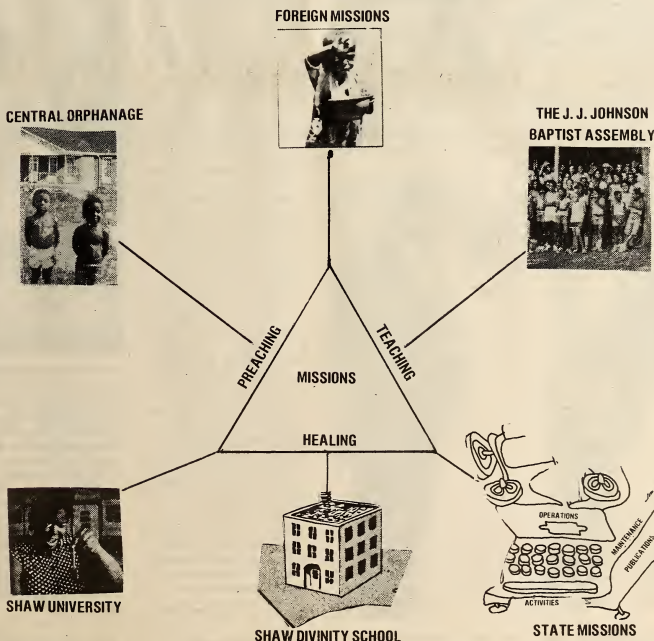
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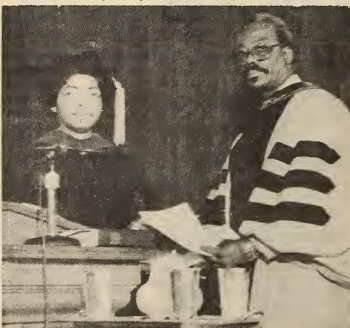


The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary

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Dr. E. Burns Turner (C), chairman, Shaw Divinity School Trustees, receives a check for the Divinity School in the amount of \$4,226.46 from Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie (L), W. B. H. & F. M. Convention executive secretary, during the Founder's Day activities, last Nov. 2.



Dr. Stanley Smith (R) receives a check for Shaw University in the amount of \$16,763.88 from Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Woman's Convention executive secretary, last Nov. 2.



Mrs. Eva Merritt Pratt receives the Elijah Shaw Award for Higher Education and Outstanding Achievements during the annual Shaw Alumni dinner last Nov. 2. Mrs. Pratt is also editor of the Missionary Helper, an organ of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N. C. She receives congratulations from Dr. Stanley Smith (L), Shaw's president. The Rev. Ralph Grant (R), president of the Shaw National Alumni Association and City Councilman in Newark, N. J., made the presentation.

Personnel Changes At Shaw

Thomas Edward Kee and Paul F. Vandergrift have recently changed their positions at Shaw University. Kee, with Shaw since 1948, has been made a special assistant to the president, while Vandergrift, a faculty and staff member since 1977, has become director of media and marketing for the university.

Both men are Shaw graduates. Kee obtained his degree in French. Vandergrift received his Bachelor of Arts degree in radio, television and film.

Kee continued his French studies with graduate degrees from Columbia University and the University of Bordeaux in France. Vandergrift earned a Master of Arts degree in communications from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In addition, Vandergrift studied in a special program for 2 years in motion picture and television at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Prior to his new job assisting Shaw's president, Kee has served the university throughout the years as a professor in foreign languages, vice president for student affairs, and director of university relations.

Kee's new responsibilities will include assisting the president in university affairs.

As director of Shaw's media and marketing, Vandergrift will supervise the programs of Shaw's radio station, WSHA, the school's television studio and WXL weather radio. Vandergrift will also assume responsibility for coordinating activities in alumni, federal and public relations areas for the university.

Kee and Vandergrift belong to numerous societies and organizations. Kee is a member of the board of directors for the Estey Hall Foundation; a member of the board directors for Shaw's Self-Help Enterprises; a member to the Governor's Student Internship Council; and a member of the University of N. C. Board of Governors Dental Scholarship Council. Vandergrift's affiliations include membership in Delta Kappa Alpha, a national cinema honorary society; Alpha Epsilon Rho, a national broadcasters' society; the board of North Carolina Cultural Arts Coalition; and the advisory board for the annual N. C. Film Festival.

Kee was born in Newark, N. J. and is married to a Shaw graduate, Elнора M. Kee. The family includes 3 children: Brenda, Thomas and Timothy.

Vandergrift is a native of Raleigh and is married to the former Pauline Keith of Raleigh, also a Shaw graduate. They have 3 children: Pamela, Paul, III and Keith.



Rev. K. P. Battle, Rocky Mount, is shown presenting a check in the amount of \$204 to Dr. Stanley Smith, president, Shaw University, on Friday, Nov. 2, during the annual Alumni Luncheon. Rev. Battle had the winning ticket from a fund-raising activity sponsored by the Washington, D. C. Shaw Alumni Chapter. He was not aware that he was the winner until his prize was presented to him during the luncheon occasion. Upon receipt of the check, he immediately endorsed it and presented it to Dr. Smith. This was a shining example of Rev. Battle's love and loyalty to "dear old Shaw U." It also demonstrates one of Shaw's greatest assets...the support of its sons and daughters, friends and well-wishers.



30th GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER WEEK TO FEATURE JULIAN BOND AT LUNCHEON — The dream of the late Alma Ilery of Pittsburgh was to memorialize the deeds of Dr. Carver. She persuaded Congress to set aside a week in his honor and she began luncheons and dinners in numerous cities. Once again, Mrs. Ilery's National Achievement Clubs, now headed by Mrs. Artegius Moncrieff, will organize the annual remembrances, especially in Pittsburgh, Pa. and Atlanta. (Lower) Mrs. Moncrieff addresses her planning committee for the 1980 event to be held at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Jan. 4. It also will include an evening reception for the state senator from Georgia and a jazz concert. (Above) Left to right: co-chairman Roy Kohler of Gulf Oil Corp.; Frank Hess of Gulf, who heads the Philadelphia planners; Mrs. Artegius Moncrieff, president of National Achievement Clubs and Richard Spence, Rockwell International, luncheon chairman. The Pittsburgh luncheon will benefit Camp Achievement, an inter-racial camp for underprivileged children near Pittsburgh, founded by Mrs. Ilery.

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Colossians 3:1

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Mt. Zion Installs Campbell

WINSTON-SALEM — A week-long "investiture service" was held by the Mt. Zion Baptist Church last Oct. 21-28, as the Rev. Gilbert G. Campbell, Jr., was installed as the fourth pastor of the modern and dynamic congregation. The celebration was culminated with a worship service at 3 p.m., Oct. 28, in which the investiture message was delivered by the new pastor's father, the Rev. Gilbert G. Campbell, Sr., pastor, Moore Street Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

Those who have observed Rev. Campbell, had to say about him:

"The true stature of Gilbert G. Campbell, Jr. is in the proper balance of objective data and subjective assessments, which sets him apart among his peers, and which qualify him for the pastorate of Mt. Zion Baptist Church."

His Christian ministry shows notable accomplishments in the span of a few years and the demonstrated potential for ongoing development and growth in his chosen profession.

Favorable opinions about him are validated by a record of academic excellence, professional involvement, prestigious representations and personal integrity.

Pastor Campbell is academically prepared for the intellectual and administrative responsibilities of the pastoral ministry. He also possesses the basic spiritual resources and convictions which qualify him to assume the helm of responsibility as shepherd of the flock.

Pastor Campbell brings to the Mt. Zion pastorate a unique combination of old-fashioned values, contemporary understandings and progressive ideas.

His personal attributes and lifestyle are complemented by an affable and urbane wife, the former Miss Shirley Reid, of Philadelphia, Pa. The pleasure of their company, together and singularly, is made all the more desirable by the youthful vivacity, quiet intellect, modest humor and refreshing personalities.

By most conceivable standards which reflect Christian judgments and rational assessments, Gilbert G. Campbell, Jr., son of Gilbert and Vernice Campbell, measures up to the full stature of his new office as the fourth pastor-elect of Mt. Zion.

Some of his achievements follow:

THE CAMPBELL CHRONOLOGY

Meet the Rev. Gilbert G. Campbell, Jr., a native of Richmond, Va. . .

PROUDLY IDENTIFIED
Son of the Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert (Vernice) Campbell, Sr. Grandson of the Rev. and Mrs. D. Y. Campbell.

**ACADEMICALLY
PREPARED**
Honor graduate, Norfolk State College (1975), Bachelor of Arts degree in social work.

**PROFESSIONALLY
TRAINED**
Master of Divinity degree, Andover-Newton Theological School (1978), Newton Center, Mass. Recipient of Rockefeller Protestant Fellowship; recipient of Whitmore Award for outstanding preaching and promise in the parish ministry; social work intern at the Community Mental and Psychiatric Institute, Norfolk, Va.; Doctor of Ministry candidate in pastoral counseling, Andover-Newton Theological School.

**MINISTERIALLY
EXPERIENCED**
Associate minister, Zion Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Va., Dec. 1974-May, 1975; assistant pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Boston, Mass., Sept. 1975-June 1978; student pastor, St. Andrews United Church, Philadelphia, Pa., summer, 1976; and pastor, Bethel Baptist Church, Roxbury, Mass., Sept. 1976-July 1979.

ACTIVELY INVOLVED
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; National Association of Black Social Workers; Ministers' Councils of Virginia, Rhode Island and Massachusetts; American Baptist Convention; Progressive National Baptist Convention; United Baptist Convention; Child and Family Services Board and Andover-Newton Committee for Accreditation.

HAPPILY MARRIED
...to the former Shirley Reid of Philadelphia, Pa.

Trial Sermon Preached

BY REV. U. R. BOOKER
ROXBORO — Dorwin L. Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey T. Howard, preached his (initial or trial) sermon at the new Grass Creek Baptist Church, Sunday, Nov. 4.

Since his very early childhood, he has been an active member of the new Grass Creek Baptist Church in Greensboro County. Here he has served as a Sunday School teacher trainee, president of the junior choir, president of the Junior Missionary Society, member of the usher board, youth choir and young adult choir.

Dorwin is a 1976 graduate of Wake Forest University High School in Oxford. While in high school, he was an honor student, having participated in a number of interschool and intercollegiate sports and organizations.

Dorwin Howard has been longed to be the Key Club and the honor society. Also Dorwin was outstanding in athletics, having served as sports writer for the school newspaper, and in his senior year, was voted the Most Valuable Player in baseball.

At A&T State University, Greensboro, He is president of the Wesleyan Foundation, also an honor student, having been recognized for attaining the highest academic average in the School of Agriculture.

"And That's The Way It Is"

GOLDSBORO — Dr. W. T. Bigelow, pastor, the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, Durham, was among the dynamic speakers during the historic 112th annual session of the General Baptist State Convention, held at the First African Baptist Church, last Oct. 29-Nov. 1. He delivered a message during the evangelistic service, held on Tuesday night, Oct. 30th.

Dr. Bigelow took a text from St. Paul's 133.

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but he of good cheer; I have overcome the world." He told the messengers that a lot of people think that they are going to have it easy because they have joined the church. But there is no "utopia on earth. Jesus knew this and told the people that "in the world ye shall have tribulations, but in me ye shall have peace." His subject was, And That's The Way It Is.

The energetic minister encouraged the people of God to "face the trials of life with faith in Jesus because in Him ye shall have peace...and that's the way it is."

Dorwin has traveled extensively in connection with his current major at A&T. After graduation in June, Dorwin plans to enroll in Divinity School to pursue formal training in theology.

'Operating An Organization' Published

BY CHARLES LOVE
NEW YORK — The dearth of specialized training and documentation available to the officers and administrators of community nonprofit organizations will be remedied by The Nonprofit Organization Handbook, an official new resource issued under the auspices of the National Association of Public Service Organization Executives (McGraw-Hill, 740 pages, \$29.95).

Under the direction of editor chiefly Tracy D. Connors, 27 national known experts contribute vital advice and information in their particular fields of specialization. Comprehensive guidance is provided on the principles underlying the key management areas that will be shared by all nonprofit organizations—from hospitals and churches to youth clubs and museums.

Succinct and easy-to-understand articles offer authoritative advice on such topics as obtaining and retaining "tax-exempt status; fund-raising and

For Busy Pastors

Seed For Sermon Thought

"Happiness In Prison"

BY DR. I. B. HORTON
A TOPICAL-TEXTURAL
SERMON

Text: "But the Lord was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. The keeper of the prison looked not to anything that was under his hand; because the Lord was with him, and that which he did, the Lord made it to prosper." (Genesis 39:21-23).

ATHERAPEUTIC SERMON:
"Stone walls do not a prison make."

Nor iron bars a cage;
Minds innocent and quiet take
That for an heritage;
If I have freedom in my love
And in my soul am free,
Angels alone that soar above,
Enjoy such liberty."

INTRODUCTION TO THE PROBLEM:

Can one be truly happy in prison, that is: can one have genuine peace in the soul while being forced to live day after day under circumstances that takes all freedom away? Every prison's condition is not like that of Joseph's bound unjustly in prison in a foreign land. Nor is it like that of Richard Loveless, kept in an ancient dungeon because he stood up for his political beliefs. But a prison can be any place or condition in which one is unjustly forced to live contrary to God's will.

Men make some prisons for themselves, others are imposed upon them. Sickness, sin, poverty, ignorance, bad marriage, anger, greed, selfishness, hate, all are human prisons.

THESES RATIONALE (the sense or reason behind the thought):

The scriptural account of Joseph's imprisonment in Egypt and Richard Loveless's testimony in poetry both declare that one can be happy in prison if God is in the soul.

DISCOURSE:
The scripture, in general, indicates that happiness is a by-product of right living...living according to the Divine will of God. Psychologists and many of

generating revenue; effective board management and organization; volunteers and membership development; organizing committees; all aspects of financial management, including accounting, book-keeping and budgeting; and the planning of community and public relations, with special emphasis on the use of the electronic media.

Tracy D. Connors is the president of the National Association of Public Service Organization Executives and the program director of the University of North Florida Institute for Human Services Management. He serves as a consultant to and adjunct faculty member for a wide variety of nonprofit organizations and educational institutions.

those who study human behavior agree that happiness is not something one can buy or gain through manipulation of one's fellowman.

Happiness comes as a result of finding one's right relationship with himself, his Creator, and his fellowman. When any one of these relationships is out of harmony, there is no peace nor happiness to be found. Hence these relationships are right, there is no prison wall strong enough to keep happiness out of the soul.

I. RIGHT RELATIONS WITH GOD

Joseph had a right relationship with God. He found favor in Joseph's heart. He acknowledged God as his Creator and revered Him. He was obedient to God and submitted himself to God's will. It is evident that he had a deep abiding faith and trust in God, no matter what. Our God knows the heart... "for there is not a word in my tongue, but lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether." (Psalm 139:4).

II. RIGHT RELATIONS WITH SELF

Joseph had a right relationship with himself. He was honest and upright in heart, his integrity was above reproach. When his master's wife tempted him, he answered: "How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" (Genesis 39:9) There was sincere righteousness in his heart, he loved the law of God and knew that God's law is the standard that He applies to everybody alike; because God is just.

The beginning of unhappiness comes when one breaks faith with God's law. Trust in God and happiness are one and the same.

III. RIGHT RELATIONS WITH OTHERS

Joseph not only had right relationships with God and himself, but he had right relationships with others. God's commandment is that: "Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matthew 19:19) He had every reason to be bitter with his brother and the world. Having been sold into slavery, taken from family, home and friends to a strange land, hated by his brothers, tempted and lied upon by his master's wife, and now unjustly locked in prison. Yet Joseph was not bitter; he did not spend his days plotting revenge and bathing himself in self-pity. He did not build up hatred for the world, and began to believe that God had forsaken him.

To spend all of one's time meditating on the evil that life has brought upon us, is a sure way to self-defeat and unhappiness. Joseph did not take his frustrations out on his fellowman.

CONCLUSION:

To forgive and go ahead... is the only real answer. It is true that when one finds the strength to trust God in "prison" that he too can say with Richard Loveless: "Stone walls do not a prison make nor iron bars a cage... If I have freedom in my love, and in my soul am free, angels alone that soar above, enjoy such liberty."

Little Things That Mean A Lot

BY JOHN H. TINER

Jerry Williams carried a small metal box to school. He had made the box himself and sealed it closed. Nine small, colored light bulbs built into the top flashed on and off. The box had no other features except for the lights. There wasn't even a switch to shut off the flashing bulbs.

Several of his classmates gathered around the mysterious box. They watched the lights flash and tried to discover its purpose.

"It's some sort of clock," Davy ventured.

Frank tilted the flashes. "No," he decided. "The light doesn't blink regularly enough to measure time."

Jilly put the metal box to her ear. She listened for a moment and returned it to Jerry. "It doesn't make a noise. What does it do?" she asked.

Jerry said, "It's a do-nothing box. There's a battery sealed inside. The battery powers the bulbs which flash on and off at random."

"And that's all it does?" the girl asked.

"That's all it does. The bulbs will flash for a year—until the battery runs down."

A do-nothing box? You've seen people like that. They attract a lot of attention, but when it's all over, they're not accomplished much.

Many people new to Christ want to do great things in His name. When they fall short of what they think are great things, they despair of ever doing anything for Christ. But this is a mistaken idea. Little things show commitment to Christ, and they are within our ability.

Little things do make a difference! An art student had completed an oil painting of a house, but the building looked cold and lifeless. He explained to his art teacher, "I wanted to show the building full of life, but I can't seem to accomplish that."

The teacher took a brush and added a dab of white to the windows for curtains, dusty blue smoke drifting from the chimney, and a dot of red for a rubber ball left at the side of the yard.

These were little details, but they changed the house from a lifeless building into a home with a family inside.

Little things? Consider the wisp which weighs less than one-twentieth of an ounce. When it stung the driver of an automobile, the car careened across the street. The driver tried to recover, but couldn't. His automobile slammed into a parked car. The driver wasn't seriously injured, but the crash totaled out both automobiles. The tiny wasp destroyed 2 cars, each weighing more than 3,000 pounds!

It's the little things which show that our goal is serving Christ. A bumper sticker may say "God Is Love," but unless the driver is courteous, he accomplishes nothing. A student may talk about the importance of every person's soul on Sunday, but if he fails to put these words into action on Monday by being friendly to the new student, this statements mean nothing.

Little things. At a crowded cafeteria table, would you make room for another person to sit by you? During class change, when the halls are packed, a student trips and his books spread across the corridor. Would you stop to help him retrieve them? A classmate misses a week of school and needs help making up his homework. Would you be happy to help?

In James, the Bible says that a small bit turns the horse, and a shin driven by fierce winds is controlled by a small rudder, and the smallest spark kindles a great fire.

You wouldn't expect to drive a nail with a single blow, nor expect to win a soul with a single word. Little things always count—especially if they are done often enough!

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T-Shirt Ironic Reminder

BY PATSY EITELMAN

KOUDELCOU, Upper Volta — Bicycling to the post office, I saw a small, malnourished boy standing beside the road sporting a wide grin and a T-shirt, evidently a U.S. cast-off, that boldly declared: "I lost 90 pounds in weeks."

The fact that neither he nor those around him had any idea what the shirt said only increased my amusement.

The more I thought about this encounter, though, the less funny it became. This boy and his shirt are a sad picture of the paradox that exists in the world between the "haves" and the "have-nots."

Does it seem strange that the "haves" are preoccupied with cutting calories while the "have-nots" wonder where their next meal is coming from? That the "haves" are overeating themselves to death while the "have-nots" face starvation and malnutrition; that the "haves" are worrying about abortion, prolonging life, and growing old, while the "have-nots" know that their children will never survive through infancy; that the "haves" are constantly demanding higher wages, more benefits, and lower prices while the "have-nots" despair of ever having a salaried job or enough money to support their families?

Missionaries in developing nations are faced with these contradictions each day, but they are seldom so vividly portrayed as in this boy and his T-shirt.

Non-Smoker's Appeal Rejected By High Court

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court has rejected a claim by a group of non-smoking government workers that the federal government has a legal obligation to provide them with what they call a "safe and healthful work environment."

A spokesman for the group said it will now turn its efforts to Congress in an attempt to have legislation enacted which will better protect the rights of non-smoking government workers.

Without comment, all 9 justices declined to schedule for argument the claim brought by the group.

Peace Among Men Of Honest Intentions

BY REV. SAMUEL D. RALY

RICHTON, Va.—Occasionally, in the light of man's advancing intelligence, experience invests an ancient truth with a new significance and calls for a new interpretation and for new applications. This is evidently true of Luke the second chapter and 14th verse, which heretofore



quoted, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill toward men." A more careful and accurate collating of the Greek texts will yield the following translation: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good-will." And good-will here means, etymologically, "HONEST INTENTIONS."

This rendering is true to the Greek. It is true to human experience, and it seems, it will be true for all times to come. For neither when the angelic choral sang on that eventful night above the Judean hills, nor

Stagg: Paul, Not Jesus Subordinates Female Role

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Frank Stagg, worships Jesus Christ, not the Apostle Paul, he says, so his view of women is different from the majority of the male population.

The Apostle Paul's biblical writings are often used to limit the role of women. In a letter to specific churches he says females are subordinate to males, that they should not speak in church or hold positions of leadership over men.

But Stagg, senior professor of New Testament interpretation at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, feels Jesus liberated women when he liberated the human race.

"Jesus appeared first to women following the resurrection," said Stagg, co-author with his wife, Evelyn, of "Woman in the World of Jesus." "He gave Mary Magdalene the responsibility to inform the apostles, including Cephas, that he is not dead but alive. The risen Christ commissioned a woman to tell the basic tenet of

since, neither in the Bible nor elsewhere has our Heavenly Father ever broadcasted peace promiscuously or indiscriminately to the world.

Peace always comes, and can come, when the prerequisite for peace is met. And the prerequisite for peace is "honest intentions." Not by armies nor by armaments; not by atomic or electronic weapons nor by inter-spatial missiles, nor by might or power, nor even yet by the shrewdness and astuteness of statesmen is peace to come. For lasting peace is not so to be had.

There will be peace between man when there are honest intentions between man and man. There will be peace within a nation when there are honest intentions among the nations of the world. Then, and not until then, and on the principle of honest intentions among men of good-will, will there ever be lasting peace. For it is our Heavenly Father's love messaged us by His holy angels on the birth of His only begotten Son: "Glory in the highest to God, and on earth peace among men of honest intentions."

the Christian faith that He is alive. Jesus had women instructing men.

The Staggs led daily studies on the biblical perspective of women at the Consultation on Women in Church-Related Vocations in Nashville. Eleven Southern Baptist agencies co-sponsored the event for 300 participants.

If it ever will become easier for women to take leadership roles in traditionally male-dominated positions, Stagg believes it will be when Southern Baptists recognize the lordship of Jesus Christ over the church.

"We must interpret all scripture in the light of Jesus Christ, and not vice versa," Stagg said. "We must reaffirm the lordship of Jesus, restudy the concept of Christ as we encounter him in the 4 gospels, and get a basic perspective on how He related to women, what He taught, etc."

"When we do that, it will lead to a recognition that sexual distinctions are as irrelevant as racial distinctions when it comes to salvation or ministry."



OFFICERS OF THE NEUSE RIVER Association line up before the altar as they were installed last September by Dr. Isaac B. Horton. Standing (center) Dr. F. L. Bullock, president; Rev. K. P. Battle, first vice president; Rev. McKenley K. Nicholson, corresponding secretary; Rev. R. C. Battle, recording secretary; Mrs. Arlene Gee, president, Woman's Auxiliary (standing next to Dr. Bullock); and Mrs. Mary Moore, vice president.

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The United Program

\$1.13 Million Goal Set In 1980

BY DR. C. C. CRAIG, Executive Secretary

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention:

I hope that the New Year will hold for you and your families a full measure of health, happiness, and success.

The year 1979, which has just closed, was the best year in the history of our convention, and you played an important part in making it so. I feel sure that the thoughts of what your church gave in 1979 for missions and Christian education will give you real happiness and that what your church expects to give in 1980 will bring you substantial rewards. As we attempt great things for God, we can expect great things from God.

We must continue to emphasize the "Unified Dollar for the Unified Program" as we seek to keep before us the objective of the convention, which is to give financial support, on a percentage basis, to Shaw University and the Divinity School, foreign

missions, state missions, the Central Orphanage and other causes.

We would like for all of our churches to send monthly contributions to the Baptist Headquarters for our objectives. When the "Unified Dollar for the Unified Program" is sent to the Baptist Headquarters, the Unified Dollar is put together with the activities and pro-

(See CRAIG, P. 2)



Baptist Headquarters Staff (left to right): Rev. and Mrs. L. Williams, Director of Christian Education; Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Woman's Convention; Dr. C. C. Craig, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention; Mr. Betty Chilton, Administrative Assistant of the Woman's Convention; Mrs. Majorie Dunn, Administrative Assistant of the General Baptist State Convention; Mrs. Capita Latta, Secretary to the Executive Secretary and the Director of Christian Education; Mrs. Shirley H. Williams, Secretary to the Baptist Informer and to the Director of Music and Lay work; Miss Lory Williamson, Secretary to the Woman's Convention; Mrs. Gladys Watlington, Bookkeeper to the Woman's Convention; Miss Heta Thomas, Part-time Secretary and Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr., Director of Music and Lay work.

Religious Principles Shape Decade

BY DR. JOHN R. MANLEY, President

Not only is another year upon us, but also another decade. The decade of the '80s. And if the past is any prologue to the future, this decade will bring about changes never before known to man.

The decade of the '60s was a period of rapid change and revolution. The decade of the '70s, a time of entrenchment and reassessment.

The signs for the decade of the '80s seem to point to the principles of religion as a means of shaping our lives and for answering life's difficult questions.

These signs are prevalent in many places today. Therefore, I need sight only a few, such as: (1) the charismatic movement that swept this country, espec-

ally among young people; (2) the rise of cults such as the Moonies and the followers of Jim Jones, that have apparently given satisfying answers to many people in our contemporary culture; (3) the rise of the Ayatollah Khomeini and his Islamic Republic in Iran. All of these and many other signs tell

(See DECADE, P. 4)

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!



DR. JOHN R. MANLEY

The 70s

"Ten Years
of entrenchment,
reassessment,
and adjustmnet."

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The year 1970 marked the beginning of an American Protestant recession. A Gallup Poll found church attendance declining, with Protestant participation dropping from 43% each Sunday in 1958 to 37% in 1969. Only 32% of young adults were counted in church, and Sunday Schools showed downward trends.

There was an increasing interest in eastern religions such as Zen Buddhism during 1970. The occult held the attention of many and interest in astrology boomed.

The "Black Manifesto" of 1969, a demand that white churches pay \$500 million to blacks in reparation for past exploitation, faded from the religious scene under the pressure of a financial recession. The Unitarian Universalist Association was unable to fulfill pledges it had made to a black caucus, and other groups, such as the United Methodist Church, put only moderate funds into the hands of moderates.

The women's liberation movement began to gain the attention of many theologians. During liberation debates, the Lutheran Church in America joined a number of Protestant

groups by authorizing the ordination of women.

What theologians James Cone, Vincent Harding and Preston Williams, among others, called "black theology," came into prominence. It set out to fuse the experience of Afro-Americans with elements of Protestantism - sometimes in opposition to "white theology."

Society's discontents were considered in Protestantism, with issues of war and campus unrest, race, law and order, conscientious objection, pornography and others debated in pulpits.

-1971-

Emotionalism and "inner revolution" dominated religion in the United States in 1971. In other parts of the world, inter-religious conflicts aggravated many nations. Interest in African, primitive, eastern and occult religions continued in the United States with the emphasis shifting to Protestant-based beliefs.

The "Jesus Revolution" was chiefly a movement among the young. It began on the Pacific Coast and spread eastward through a campus network. Its members turned to Jesus for inspiration. The more exotic element called themselves "Jesus

Freaks" - heirs of the hippie movement who showed signs that they were not interested in the drug culture. The emphasis was on "getting high" on religion.

The public also heard the sounds of the new movement through recordings of "Jesus Christ Superstar," which revived gospel songs such as "Amazing Grace." Off-Broadway, there was the play "Godspell," which was derived from themes in Matthew's gospel.

During 1971, church leaders grappled with issues such as abortion, ministry to homosexuals and pornography at the movies and on television.

And President Jean B. Bokeale, head of the Church of Christ in the Congo, visited the United States and told mission workers that Protestantism has no hope in the Congo if it is regarded as "white western Christianity." He told them that Africans find denominational competition impossible to justify.

-1972-

There was not as much dramatic attention in the '70s focused on social and ethical issues such as the Vietnam war and racial injustices. But the

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From The Executive Secretary's Desk

CRAIG

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grams at Shaw University and the Divinity School, foreign missions, state missions and the Central Orphanage.

The General Baptist State Convention has grown more effective in doing God's work here in the world. Through the Unified Program, we have given greater assistance to Shaw University and the Divinity School; we have extended a longer arm of outreach to foreign missions through the Lott Carey Convention; we have served a larger number of churches, associations, conventions and unions through the channel of state missions; and we have shared our Christian love with homeless children through the channel of the Central Orphanage.

It is heartwarming to know that many of our churches are accepting tithing as the most excellent way for God's people to financially support His work. In the Christian church, we are beginning to learn that if we want to get something out of life, we had better put something into it. "But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully," II Corinthians 9:6.

Our financial goal for the fiscal year 1979-80 is \$13,134,729.91. As we work to accomplish this challenging goal, our plan is to

ask each pastor to do one of 2 things: 1) lead your church to give 10% of its budget to the Unified Program, 2) lead your church to give an increase of 15% or more beyond the amount that your church gave for the fiscal year 1978-79, or 3) accept the suggested quota from the Baptist Headquarters for the fiscal year 1979-80. Your favorable response to these sugges-

tions will make it possible for the convention to reach its financial goal for the fiscal year 1979-80.

The following quotes have been suggested to the churches for the fiscal year 1979-80:

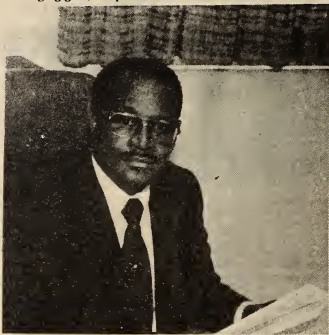
Corrections

Inadvertently, Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Wilmington, Rev. L. M. Boone, pastor, was left completely out of our recent annual report (1978-79). This church contributed \$654.70 and is in the Brunswick-Waccamaw Association.

Also, in our recent annual report, New Hope Baptist Church, Gatesville, was given credit for contributing \$294.14 during the fiscal year. However, New Hope's contributions were \$843.20. This church is in the Roanoke Association, Dr. H. L. Mitchell, pastor.

We regret these errors and any inconvenience or embarrassment it may have caused.

"The United Dollar" For The "United Program"



DR. C.C. CRAIG

Christian Workshops Finalized

BY REV. LEO WILLIAMS, JR.

Christian Education Director

The one-day session of the General Baptist State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress will be held with the Shiloh Baptist Church, College St., Henderson, Saturday, Feb. 9. The theme for the session is "The Prosperity of the Church Within the Framework of Christian Education." The Bible verse is, "And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers; to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ; Until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Ephesians 4:11-13, revised standard version.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the opening assembly will begin promptly at 9:30. The Rev. Robert Milhouse will conduct the devotion; Mrs. Gwendolyn Stewart and Mrs. Leola Harris will direct the music; presidents Althornton Canada and Richmond Turner will preside over the session; and the Rev. Leo Williams, Jr., will give the Christian education directives.

There will be 4 workshops covering the following areas of concern: 1. commitment for results; teaching for unit leader, Mrs. Grace Evans; 2.

training for active participation, leaders, Mrs. Mary Mitchell and Mrs. Otella J. Smith; 3. personal application; stewardship, leader, Julius Montague; 4. vital worship experience, leader, Willie J. Walls. Following the workshops, a question and answer period will provide attendees the opportunity for further clarification or enlightenment.

Each church is asked to please send a messenger to the one-day session, and please send a financial contribution to represent each church with at least \$25.

Dr. R. W. Perry, pastor, and Shiloh Baptist Church, along with Walter Brame, president, Vance County Sunday School Convention, have made preparations sufficient for our session to the extent of providing a lunch for everybody at 1 p.m. May we see you at Shiloh Baptist Church, College St., Henderson, Saturday, Feb. 9.

Make all checks payable to: General Baptist State Convention.

LETTERS

Dear Sir:

As a Baptist who believes "human rights" begin at home, I undertook a personal effort to determine the level of student, faculty, and employee integration at our (Baptist State Convention) supported schools in North Carolina.

The results were released to each school president and board of trustees in March. Later I was able to discuss the results in depth with the leadership of each school. In September, I presented the results to the Executive Committee of the Baptist State Convention. I was impressed with their interest. This was the first survey of this information for the seven schools.

The Biblical Recorder (the Baptist State Convention newspaper) of October 13 gave the barest of details about the survey. A news article in the October 20 Recorder emphasized the favorable parts of the survey such as student integration at three schools, and took the secular press to task for the way it reported the unfavorable parts. Had the secular press not done this, Baptist of this state would not have been informed.

I wrote the Recorder forum to express my opinion about the Recorder articles and the opinions I felt about Human Rights. My opinions about the Recorder articles were censored by the editor.

I respect the freedom of any editor. At the same time I feel that if the editor wants to continue his constant attacks on the dripping wet secular press, as it is often called in Baptist circles, then he must be fair

Convention Makes Plans For Baptist World Alliance

The General Baptist State Convention has made travel arrangements with the Wilcox Travel Agency, Inc. for the Baptist World Alliance in Toronto, Canada, July 8-12, 1980. The round trip fare is \$388. This amount includes the round trip air transportation, baggage handling, transportation to and from the airport, room accommodation at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, which is the headquarters hotel for the convention, and registration for the Baptist World Alliance. For those desiring a single room, the round trip fare is \$472.90. A \$100 deposit, due Feb. 5, will reserve a seat for you on the plane.

Please fill out the form below and return it to our office with your deposit. All checks or money orders are to be made payable to the General Baptist State Convention.

Please enroll me for the trip to Toronto, Canada, July 8-12, 1980. My deposit of \$100 per person is enclosed.

Name _____ Date _____
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Signed: _____

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Gastonia, North Carolina 28052

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51 Years With Dr. King

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On December 10, 1964, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at the age of 35, received the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his non-violent philosophy in the civil rights struggle. Now 15 years since that historical event, the words of Dr. King still ring out the hopes of millions of people seeking freedom and justice for all.

Dr. King was 35 years old when he received the award. If he had lived to see 1980, he would be celebrating his 51st birthday on Jan. 15. During his brief life, Dr. King attracted broader support from all walks of society than any other black leader during his time. He was interested in revolutionizing the status of black men and women, and with this in mind, he led a group of Atlanta ministers to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

King attended Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta and at the age of 15, entered his father's alma mater, Morehouse College. He planned to be a doctor, but was influenced by Dr. Benjamin Mays, president of the college, to study for the ministry. He was ordained by his father in 1947 and graduated from Morehouse in 1948. He later graduated from Crozer Theological Seminary in Harvard University in 1953. While at the college, he met and married Coretta Scott King, Marion, Ala.

King returned to the South in 1954 to pastor a church in Montgomery, and in December of 1955, the black community there called a bus boycott. Rosa Parks refused to surrender her seat on a bus to a white man after a long day of work, the incident sparking the protest.

The community turned to the 27-year-old clergyman for leadership, and after 381 days of

boycotting, passive resisting, and King's personal enduring of harassment and bombings, the Supreme Court of the land ruled that segregated seating was unconstitutional on buses.

Hence, a strong black leader emerged.

His crusade for equal rights and first-class citizenship for black people marched through the streets of Birmingham in 1963 and later resulted in major civil rights legislation of 1964 and 1965. He and his followers made national headlines during the famous Selma March to Montgomery to protest discrimination in Negro voter registration. And in 1966, his efforts spread to Chicago, New York and Cleveland in support of civil rights.

And no one old enough to remember will forget the famous March on Washington on Aug. 28, 1963 when King delivered his "I Have A Dream" address in

which thousands of listeners roared their approval in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

The words "Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!" still ring in our ears 51 years since the man from Atlanta was born.

Rev. King's life came to a brutal and abrupt halt in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968. He had gone to the city in support of a sanitation workers' strike when he was felled by an assassin's bullet outside his motel room.

But 51 years since his birth, Dr. King's dream is still alive. His words are still recalled with pride. And his spirit survives the march of time.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BANQUET

April 11, 1980, 7 p.m., Greensboro, N.C. Dr. W. A. Jones, president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, guest speaker.



DR. MARTIN L. KING, JR.



REV. W.E. SINCLAIR

Rev. Sinclair Installed

JAMES CITY — The Rev. William E. Sinclair was installed as pastor of the Pilgrim Chapel Missionary Baptist Church of James City at 6 p.m. service, Dec. 9. The installation sermon was delivered by Rev. James S. Moore, pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church of New Bern. Music was rendered by the Determined Voices of Green Chapel Missionary Baptist Church of Havelock.

Rev. Sinclair is a native of Charlotte, where he attended the public schools there. He is a graduate of A&T State University in Greensboro. Rev. Sinclair in his second year of study at Shaw University Divinity School in Raleigh and is working toward the Master of Divinity degree.

He was licensed to preach at First Baptist Church, New Bern, in July of 1971, and was ordained as a Baptist minister in October of 1977 by the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association. He has previously pastored the Green Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Havelock, a member church of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association, and also has pastored the Mt. Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Aurora, a member church of the New Bern Eastern Missionary Baptist Association.

Rev. Sinclair is presently employed as a teacher with the

Pamlico County Board of Education in Bayboro, a position he has held for 12 years. He is married to the former Miss Dolores Caple of Morven, and they have 2 children—Eric and Tonya.

Rev. Sinclair was called to pastor Pilgrim Chapel last July. During the 17th annual session of the association, he was elected vice president of the association union, and was elected to the association's executive board.

Shaw Grad Promoted

Chaplain Frederick D. Terry, staff chaplain with the 337th General Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind., was promoted to the rank of Colonel in a special ceremony held at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., in November. He was pinned with silver eagles by Major General Leston Carmichael, Commander of 123rd Army Command. Chaplain Terry was commissioned in 1960 as a First Lieutenant by former President Eisenhower. Since his commission, he has served with the Army Reserve units in Winston-Salem, Greensboro and Raleigh. He has also served with the 510th Depot, Baltimore, Md. Chaplain Terry has completed the Basic Chaplains Course at Ft. Slocum, N.Y. (1961), the Advanced Chaplains Course, Ft. Hamilton, N.Y. (1968), and the Command and General Staff Course at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. (1974).

Chaplain Terry graduated from Shaw University in 1955 and in 1959 received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Shaw. He has done additional study at Oberlin Theological Seminary, Ohio, at Baptist Hospital and Rowman School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, and at the Urban Training Center in Chicago.

As a civilian employee, Chaplain Terry is chief of chaplain service at Veterans Administration Medical Center in Marion, Ind. He was the third black in the nation to be appointed to this position at a veterans medical center.

Chaplain Terry is married to the former Alberta Gibson of Raleigh, also a Shaw University graduate. They have 3 children.

LETTER

Dear Editor:

Next year is an election year, but before I vote for anyone, I would like to hear what they have to say about energy.

I hope that we can get some men in Washington that can work out some compromises with the O.P.E.C. countries and not put us at war.

I want someone in Washington that can determine a nuclear waste policy for our country. Duke Power advocates reprocessing, recycling and spent fuel. Reprocessing is the policy in other countries, including Great Britain, France, West Germany, and Japan.

I would also think that oil prices would go down if our nuclear technology that is used so well by the military were expanded and used to power a fleet of merchant ships.

My having to pay \$1.00 per gallon is not helping me or anyone else to have life more abundantly.

Bill J. Bloomer
6417 McGill St.
Charlotte, N.C.

Rev. Kelsey Dies

The Rev. Roney Kelsey, 61, of Havelock, vice president of the Trent River-Oakley Grove Missionary Baptist Association, died Nov. 24. Rev. Kelsey was pastor of Marshall Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Jacksonville and also served on the Craven County Board of Education for 5 years. Rev. E. W. Wooten, moderator of the association, delivered the eulogy: A Finished Task, from John 17:4.

A brave soldier has passed, who will be greatly missed.

—Pauline Humphrey

WORD of GOD

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13

WORD of GOD

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.

In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoreth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Psalm 15

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The 70s: Cuts, Charisma And Khomeini

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matter of amnesty for draft dodgers who became exiles in foreign countries attracted religious interest. Also, some churches during this year had invested large sums of money in corporations that did business with the racist regime in South Africa.

Membership in Protestant churches in the country continued to decline slightly in 1972. The youthful "Jesus Movement" continued to grow with 80,000 young people attending the Youth Expo '72 in Dallas' Cotton Bowl. But one wing of the movement, The Children of God, became controversial as leaders urged members to forsake everything, including their families. They formed communes that attracted 2,000 members. Claims that hypnosis and brainwashing tactics were used were leveled against the group.

Separation of church and the state in educational issues lived on as the controversy over "parochial aid" (public financial support for parochial schools) raged on.

While the United States ended its direct military involvement in Vietnam, all was not peaceful at home. The Black Muslims made news as violent confrontations. In January, a mass slaying in Washington, D.C. was blamed on one such feud.

Less violent, but nevertheless heated, was the battle in California where religious groups forced the state board of education to revise biology textbooks so that evolution would be presented not as fact, but as one theory of man's development.

Americans continued to show interest in many eastern religions. But religion in every form remained strong and alive as The Living Bible topped the national list of best-sellers. Religious book sales for the year surpassed \$9 million.

The disarray of national black religious leadership was visible in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s successor, Ralph Abernathy, resigned the presidency of the financially troubled organization. He later gave the job a second try.

The Protestant right wing had its problems in 1973. Carl McIntire lost his license to broadcast through his TV station,

very selective in whom we find our hands to do, always remembering to be motivated by Christian love and exemplifying justice, mercy and humility.

During this month, I shall have served as executive secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention for the next year. Sometimes it seems such a short period of time. There have been good and rewarding experiences and difficult ones as well. Certainly, I am very grateful to each of you for your support and cooperation in these endeavors. Yet, throughout it all, I realize that God has guided and strengthened our hands as

WUXU, in Media, Pa. And in Akron, Ohio, Evangelist Rex Hubbard, a highly successful preacher whose Cathedral of Tomorrow was supported by vast secular dollars, fell into deep financial trouble. Billy Graham, the well-known evangelist, argued for restoration of capital punishment. The Watergate scandal also produced difficulties for Graham, who had been identified with President Richard M. Nixon as his informal White House chaplain.

Religion exacerbated tensions in Uganda in 1974 as President Idi Amin Dada, a Moslem in a nation where 90% of the people are of other religious faiths, carried on his ruthless and eccentric rule. Religious traditionalism suffered a setback in Ethiopia where Emperor Haile Selassie fell from power. He was removed by a reformist military coup that ended the Coptic Church-sanctioned feudalism in that African nation.

In the Islamic world, leaders at an Islamic conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, said that in the Moslem world, there is no concept analogous to western Christianity's separation of church and state.

The charismatic (Pentecostal movement) continued to make headlines. Many local congregations experienced conflicts between traditional churchgoers and "spirit-filled" people who made much of speaking in tongues and spiritual healing.

The Presbyterian Church of the United States, a largely southern based church that lost most of its members in a 1973 schism that led to the founding of the National Presbyterian Church, elected its first black moderator, Lawrence W. Bottoms. Race was one of the issues that led to the breakaway.

On Feb. 25, death came to Elijah Muhammad, leader of the Black Muslims, the most successful black religious group outside of Christianity in the United States. Through self-improvement, black pride and power, he preached that blacks who led to the front had been held back by whites. Elijah Muhammad's son, Wallace D. Muhammad, was named leader of the group, and he began to speak in increasingly friendly tones about black-white relationships.

Sun Myung Moon, leader of

the work together for His cause. For those persons desiring applications for hotel reservations for the 1980 Lord Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention in Columbus, Ohio, you may write to our office and request them. It is advisable that you start now to secure hotel reservations.

DECADE

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us that many persons of our day are turning to religion for answers to questions that continue to plague us.

But because of the different interpretations and different levels of spiritual growth, such an upsurge in the interest of religion might prove to be as conflicting and confusing, if not even more so, than when science held supreme sway. Therefore, it is essential, it seems to me, that each person, each church, each denomination, yes each religion, be in touch with its roots - its healthy roots - in such a manner as to be about the business of bearing fruit on whatever branch it occupies.

In other words, the proof of the pudding will be in the eating. What this means for General Baptists is to know the work of God, the history of our church, our own history, and Jesus Christ personally. And to know these things in such a way as to not only help feed our own souls,

power to heal the sick and speak in tongues (languages the person has never learned). Opponents contend that the movement fosters self-centered attitudes in such manner as to be that its biblical basis is questionable.

Religion fared well in 1977 as financial giving to charitable causes rose 9.4% with 43.6% of that going to religious organizations.

The National of Islam changed its name in October to the World Community of Islam in the West in part to fight its image as a black separatist group.

The horrible deaths of nearly 1,000 persons at the People's Temple camp in Latin America left the nation shocked. The California-based religious cult was led by Jim Jones, who also died in the orgy of suicide and murder at Jonestown, Guyana.

In this year, members of the cult murdered Congressman Leo J. Ryan (D-Calif.) and 4 other Americans.

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ALEXANDER UNION—M. G. Dula, Moderator			
Liberty Grove, Taylorsville, G. A. Dula	\$ 600.00		
Macedonia, Taylorsville, C. M. Moore	1200.00		
Mt. Carmel, Taylorsville	400.00		
Mt. Zion, Hickory, Albert Wright	700.00		
New Zion, Taylorsville	200.00		
St. John, Taylorsville	300.00		
St. Peter, Statesville, A. L. Young	400.00		
TOTAL	\$3800.00		
BEAR CREEK—E. L. Daniels, Moderator			
Atkinson Chapel, Goldsboro, W. V. Pritchett	\$ 600.00		
Augusta Chapel, Dudley, Brady Cornack	500.00		
Barnes Chapel, Goldsboro, E. L. Daniels	500.00		
Benezer, Goldsboro, W. C. Horton	2500.00		
Ebenezer, LaGrange, C. H. Brown	650.00		
First, Dover, Ezekiel Sutton	250.00		
First, Fremont, B. J. Daniels	250.00		
First, Kingston, W. K. Raynor	2400.00		
Greater Mt. Zion, Kingston, R. B. Sykes	500.00		
Holly Hill, Kingston, J. E. Williams	500.00		
Holly Grove, Dudley, W. C. Horton	250.00		
Hooks Grove, Pikeville, J. C. Sherrod	1200.00		
Mt. Calvary, Goldsboro, S. Williams, Jr.	2600.00		
Patterson Chapel, Kingston, Roosevelt Taylor	200.00		
Piney Grove, Saratoga, B. J. Daniels	200.00		
St. Delight, Farmville, Roosevelt Taylor	200.00		
St. Stephen, Goldsboro, C. W. Pate	500.00		
Winn Chapel, Mt. Olive, J. C. Clarido	500.00		
TOTAL	\$14,350.00		
BRUNSWICK-WACCAMAW—L. F. Boone, Moderator			
Bristol Creek, J. H. Keel	\$ 250.00		
Central, Whiteville, David Flowers	500.00		
Diamond Branch, Whiteville, Rufus Davis	200.00		
Fifth Avenue, Wilmington	250.00		
Friendship, Whiteville, J. E. Prince, Jr.	1800.00		
Green Chapel, Bolton, W. M. Gaines	200.00		
Iron Hill, Taber, C. N. Benjamin	300.00		
Little Wheel of Hope, R. McCray	200.00		
Mt. Zion, Whiteville, John Beese, Jr.	500.00		
Mill Branch, Whiteville, David Jackson	225.00		
New Light, Hallsboro, N. B. Benjamin	300.00		
St. Bethel, Whiteville, W. D. Frink	300.00		
Second St. Paul, Hallsboro, J. H. Vereen	200.00		
Spring Hill, Whiteville	150.00		
Welches Creek, Whiteville, R. S. Jones	400.00		
Zion Plain, Nakina	250.00		
TOTAL	\$6025.00		
CEDAR CREEK, N. P. Brodie, Moderator			
Greater First, Cedar Creek, N. P. Brodie	\$350.00		
Mt. Carmel, Fayetteville, A. D. McMillan	150.00		
Victory, A. Murphy	150.00		
TOTAL	\$650.00		
CEDAR GROVE—E. L. Kirby, Moderator			
Blackwell, Yanceyville, G. H. Badgett	\$ 200.00		
First, Roxboro, J. W. Barnes	650.00		
First, Yanceyville, J. C. Brown	300.00		
Greater Branden Chapel, Milton, H. R. Surgeon	300.00		
Grooms Chapel, Reidsville, Robert P. King	200.00		
Gwynn Chapel, Pelham, J. C. Brown	450.00		
Kimes Chapel, Mebane, A. A. Crum	300.00		
McLeansville First, J. W. Siddle	250.00		
Mill Hill, Roxboro, J. W. Siddle	200.00		
Morning Star, Eden, John Sims	700.00		
Mt. Herman, Ruffin, Joseph Evans	700.00		
New Ephesus, J. C. Brown	300.00		
Rocky Ridge, Reidsville, P. J. Woods	650.00		
St. James, Leasburg, T. R. Siddle	200.00		
Warrens Chapel, Hillsboro, J. C. Brown	350.00		
TOTAL	\$3530.00		
COUNTY LINE—U. R. Booker, Moderator			
Aaron Creek, Granville Co.	\$ 200.00		
Blue Wing, Oxford, J. E. Hall	250.00		
Hardie Grove, Oxford, Moses Fletcher	250.00		
Huntville, Oxford, R. N. Holloway	300.00		
Michael Creek, Stovall, H. Fields	350.00		
Morning Star, Oxford, W. M. Roberts	300.00		
New Cornith, Oxford	200.00		
New Hope, Oxford	200.00		
New Light, Oxford, H. L. Timberlake	250.00		
New Grassy Creek, Oxford, U. R. Booker	350.00		
New Jonathan Creek, Va., R. C. Page	400.00		
Penn Avenue, Oxford	450.00		
Raleigh Road, Oxford, A. Peace	200.00		
St. Matthew, Virginia, Va., M. Hardy	250.00		
Stovall First, H. Fields	350.00		
Whetstone, Oxford, G. A. Gilchrist	450.00		
TOTAL	\$4650.00		
DEEP RIVER—M. P. McCleave, Moderator			
Bethlehem, Carthage	\$ 200.00		
Edward's Grove, Liberty, M. P. McCleave	1200.00		
First Cameron, A. C. Moore	200.00		
First, Pittsboro, Larry Siler	250.00		
First Calvary, Sanford, J. L. Morgan	1200.00		
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Lamberts Chapel, Siler City, L. B. Cameron	500.00		
Mt. Calvary, Colon, J. E. Lucas, Jr.	500.00		
Bethlehem, Carthage	\$ 200.00		
Edward's Grove, Liberty, M. P. McCleave	1200.00		
First Cameron, A. C. Moore	200.00		
First, Pittsboro, Larry Siler	250.00		
First Calvary, Sanford, J. L. Morgan	1200.00		
Lamberts Chapel, Siler City, L. B. Cameron	500.00		
Mt. Calvary, Colon, George Dark	450.00		
Mt. Moriah, Cameron, J. E. Lucas, Jr.	500.00		
Mt. Olive, Moncure, L. B. Cameron	800.00		
New Bensalem, Robbins, Q. O. Davis	500.00		
New Zion, Sanford, E. N. Hooker	550.00		
Oak Grove, Ramsey, G. W. Donahue	200.00		
Oakland, Ramsey, George Donahue	200.00		
Pine Ridge, Sanford, Q. O. Davis	200.00		
Red Hill, Cameron, E. N. Hooker	225.00		
Robert's Chapel, Goldston, Sampson Buie, Jr.	200.00		
Rocky River, Siler City	200.00		
St. John, Climax, A. B. Bass	250.00		
St. John, Dunn, W. L. Coachman	1000.00		
Sixth Avenue, First, Siler City, James E. Brown	200.00		
Taylor's Chapel, Sanford, Gregory Headen	200.00		
White Oak, Lillington, David Jones	500.00		
TOTAL	\$10,625.00		
EAST CAROLINA-PROGRESSIVE—			
V. A. White, Moderator			
First, Belgrade	\$ 200.00		
Pilgrim Chapel, James City, W. E. Sinclair	850.00		
St. Paul, New Bern, L. A. Dilbant	200.00		
Star of Zion, New Bern, C. Parks	850.00		
TOTAL	\$2100.00		
EAST CEDAR GROVE—W. T. Bigelow, Moderator			
Calvary, Durham, W. L. Butler	\$ 250.00		
Cameron Grove, Durham	200.00		
Cedar Grove, Roxboro, Charles Cobb	200.00		
Clog Chapel, Hurdle Mills, G. Allison	200.00		
Ebenezer, Durham	400.00		
First, Creedmoor, M. T. Timberlake	500.00		
First Calvary, Durham	800.00		
Greater St. Paul, Durham, W. T. Bigelow	4000.00		
Henderson Grove, Durham, G. C. Ragland	200.00		
Jones Chapel, Roxboro, U. R. Booker	200.00		
Lattisville Grove, Hurdle Mills, E. U. Chavis	250.00		
Lawson Chapel, Roxboro, Allandus Wright, Jr.	500.00		
Ledge Rock, Granville County, B. V. Alston	200.00		
Mt. Bethel, Roxboro	200.00		
Mt. Calvary, Bahama, O. L. Sherrill	2000.00		
Mt. Level, Durham, C. L. Dunston	1500.00		
Mt. Vernon, Creedmoor, W. R. McNeal	200.00		
New Hope, Oxford, H. L. Timberlake	200.00		
New St. James, Timberlake, J. A. Raye	200.00		
Oak Grove, Oxford, M. T. Timberlake	450.00		
Olive Grove, Oxford, Mack Timberlake	600.00		
Pine Grove, Creedmoor, Preston Green	400.00		
Red Mountain, Rougemont	200.00		
Rock Spring, Creedmoor, L. M. Gooch	300.00		
Roger Grove, Durham, P. R. Jones	200.00		
St. John, Durham, L. M. Gooch	350.00		
Shady Hill, Roxboro, H. O. Edwards	350.00		
Siloam, Person Co., L. Bridges	250.00		
Synama Grove, Oxford, S. A. Manning	200.00		
Tally Ho, Stem, N. M. Harvey	200.00		
Union, Durham, Grady D. Davis	2000.00		
Union Chapel, Butler, E. U. Chavis	200.00		
West Durham, Durham, H. J. Cobb	2500.00		
TOTAL	\$21,000.00		
EBENEZER—R. E. Devoe, Moderator			
Ebenezer, Kings Mountain, D. C. Wilson	\$ 650.00		
Edwards Chapel	200.00		
Esksridge Grove, Shelby, J. C. Robinson	4500.00		
Fairview, Cherryville, Marvin Connolly	200.00		
First, Earl, R. F. Kilgore	2000.00		
First, Lawndale, R. D. Lucas	1000.00		
Green Bethel, Boiling Springs	1000.00		
Hopewell, Shelby, J. L. Moore	2000.00		
Hoopers Chapel, Shelby, Wade Wallace	2000.00		
Light Oak, Shelby, J. H. Littlejohn	600.00		
Little Mt. Pisgah, Bessemer City, J. H. Watts	350.00		
Long Branch, Kings Mountain	250.00		
Macedonia, Waco, B. W. Glover	600.00		
Maple Spring, Shelby	500.00		
Mt. Calvary, Shelby, S. A. Raper	200.00		
Mt. Pleasant, Bessemer City, L. W. Jackson	500.00		
Mt. Olive, Kings Mountain, W. A. Maddox	1500.00		
Mt. Zion, Shelby	200.00		
Mt. Zion, Kings Mountain, E. E. Harris	300.00		
New Ellis Chapel, Shelby, A. A. Ponder	1500.00		
New Hope, Vale, B. J. Thomas	200.00		
Old Ellis Chapel, Patterson Spring, W. E. Ellis	1500.00		
Palmer's Grove, Polkville, L. C. Knuckles	600.00		
Providence, Lincolnton	400.00		
Ramsey, Shelby, R. L. Garvin	200.00		
St. James, Bessemer City, Eugene Early	1500.00		
St. Peter, Grover, D. A. Grier	2000.00		
Second, Lincolnton, John A. Grier	1500.00		
Shady Grove, Kings Mountain, R. F. Kilgore	600.00		
Shoal, Shelby, R. E. Devoe	4000.00		
Shoal Creek, Shelby, J. M. Alexander	1100.00		
Washington, Waco, H. L. Riedrick	\$1000.00		
Zion Hill, Cherryville	500.00		
TOTAL	\$33,350.00		
GASTON COUNTY—T. M. Walker, Moderator			
Center Grove, Gastonia	\$ 200.00		
Christ Community, Gastonia, R. L. Carson	250.00		
Emmanuel, Gastonia, S. E. Barber, Sr.	2800.00		
Fancy Hill, Dallas	200.00		
First, Dallas	600.00		
Friday Memorial, Dallas, P. W. Anderson	2200.00		
Friendship, Gastonia, T. M. Walker	1500.00		
Macedonia, Lucia, I. G. Johnson	1500.00		
Mt. Hebron, Gastonia, Brevon Antrum	800.00		
Mt. Moriah, Belmont	200.00		
Mt. Pisgah, Gastonia, F. D. Lowry	1500.00		
Mt. Pleasant, Belmont, R. A. May, Jr.	3500.00		
Mt. Sinai, Mt. Holly	200.00		
New Bethel, Mt. Holly	200.00		
New High Springs, Gastonia	600.00		
St. John, Gastonia	2500.00		
St. Paul, Gastonia, H. J. Campbell	2800.00		
Springfield Memorial, Stanley, J. F. Wingate	1500.00		
Tabor, Gastonia, W. M. Worthing	1800.00		
TOTAL	\$21,300.00		
GOLD HILL—H. T. Dodd, Moderator			
Friendship, Ellenboro, J. Hill	\$ 200.00		
Gold Hill, Shelby, H. L. Spears	600.00		
Green Creek, Polk Co., J. E. Smith	400.00		
Jerusalem, Forest City, D. R. Ross	450.00		
Macedonia, Golden Ridge, Bennie Glover	400.00		
Mt. Nebo, Lake Lure, J. H. Bailey	650.00		
New Vernon, Bostic, R. C. Carpenter	200.00		
New Zion, Spindale, J. H. Bailey	275.00		
Oak Grove, Forest City, H. T. Dodd	200.00		
Webb's First, Ellenboro, R. L. Carson	350.00		
Wheat's Creek, Polk Co., Spencer Wilkens	250.00		
White Oak Spring, Ellenboro, Eugene Early	250.00		
TOTAL	\$4825.00		
GUIDING LIGHT—Levi Reid, Moderator			
Bethel, Kannapolis, L. A. Reid	\$250.00		
Friendship, Cooleemee	200.00		
TOTAL	\$450.00		
GUILFORD—W. M. Harris, Moderator			
Antioch, Winston-Salem, R. C. Williams	\$ 200.00		
Bethlehem, Winston-Salem, E. L. Clark	600.00		
E. White Oak, Winston-Salem, G. H. Brooks	600.00		
Elm Grove, Reidsville, James Glover	650.00		
Poster Grove, Jamestown, B. D. Curtis	200.00		
Gethsemane, Winston-Salem, W. M. Harris	250.00		
Mt. Glory	200.00		
Mt. Zion, Greensboro, G. H. Brooks	200.00		
New Hope, Greensboro, Walter Richmond	75.00		
New Light, Greensboro, C. H. Brown	1500.00		
Second Calvary, Winston-Salem, Donald Staves	350.00		
Second New Bethel, Winston-Salem	200.00		
White Oak Grove, Greensboro, Albert Graves	200.00		
TOTAL	\$5025.00		
HAMMONDS CREEK—C. T. Bowen, Moderator			
Baldwin Branch, Elizabethtown, B. L. Smith	\$200.00		
First, Abbottsburg	200.00		
First, Elizabethtown, W. H. D. Flowers	650.00		
Jerusalem, Council, C. T. Bowen	200.00		
Kitchen Branch, Council	200.00		
New Hope, Clarkson, P. E. Leathers	250.00		
Pilgrim Hill, Clarkson	200.00		
Piney Grove, Clinton, B. L. Smith	275.00		
Pleasant Hill, Clarkson, C. T. Bowen	600.00		
Pleasant Union, Reidsville, A. H. Murphy	800.00		
Sandhill, Bladenboro, B. L. Gattison	275.00		
White Creek, Lisbon, J. R. Godfrey	600.00		
TOTAL	\$4550.00		

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HIGH POINT—W. L. Wilson, Moderator

Canaan, Winston-Salem, W. E. Brannon	\$800.00
First Chapel, Winston-Salem, W. L. Wilson	800.00
Getsemane, Greensboro, J. W. Reed	1500.00
Locust Grove, Brown Summit	450.00
Melata Grove, Asheboro, W. H. Brice	200.00
Morning Star, Winston-Salem, B. D. Salley	300.00
New Calvary, Greensboro, C. M. Carrington	250.00
Oak Ridge First, Oak Ridge, K. R. Martin	800.00
St. James, Greensboro, P. E. Graves	850.00
Shiloh, Mt. Airy, B. H. Bonham	250.00
TOTAL	\$6200.00

HYDE COUNTY—Henderson Harris, Moderator

Faithful Hannah, E. D. Alexander	\$ 200.00
John's Chapel, Swan Quarter, John Chance	250.00
Mt. Pilgrim, Engelhard, B. F. Melton	250.00
Mt. Sinai, Engelhard, C. R. Anthony	200.00
Old Richmond, Swan Quarter, H. B. Midgett	200.00
Pleasant Grove, Engelhard, C. R. Anthony	250.00
St. John, Seranton, E. D. Alexander	200.00
St. Mahalia, Seranton, Henderson Harris	200.00
St. Miller, Belhaven, N. L. Barrow	250.00
Snow Hill, Fairfield, N. L. Barrow	250.00
Teria Ceia, E. D. Alexander	200.00
TOTAL	\$2150.00

JOHNSTON DISTRICT ASSOCIATION—

A. A. Crum, Moderator

First, Clayton, L. E. Simpson	\$ 500.00
First, Selma, L. E. Simpson	400.00
First, Smithfield, E. Allen	800.00
First, Wilson Mills	200.00
Forestville Road, Wake Forest, J. E. Robinson	200.00
Galilee, Smithfield, W. H. Lucas	250.00
Good Samaritan, Garner, L. J. Penny	800.00
Johnston Piney Grove, Clayton, L. Coppedge	1500.00
Lee's Cross Road, T. B. Giles	200.00
Mitchner Memorial, Smithfield, W. Y. Davis	200.00
Mt. Zion, Cary	200.00
New Vester, Sims, S. L. Ballentine	400.00
Oakey Grove, Clayton, Roger Brodie	300.00
Spring Hill, Middlesex, E. J. Neal	400.00
Strickland Grove, Four Oaks, W. H. Lucas	400.00
Union, Raleigh, L. J. Penny	700.00
Watts Chapel, Raleigh, F. B. Weaver	1500.00
TOTAL	\$9500.00

KENANSVILLE EASTERN—S. M. White, Moderator

Central Wilmington, Howse Murray	\$ 500.00
First, Calypso, David Howell	200.00
First, Chincapin, R. L. Lassiter, Sr.	250.00
First, Kenansville, C. W. Wright	200.00
First, Warsaw, R. A. Morris	800.00
First, Wilmington	1000.00
Friendship, Rocky Point, J. D. Morrissey	200.00
Manahow, Hamstead	1000.00
Mt. Gilead, Mt. Olive	250.00
Peter's Tabernacle, Wallace L. Wright	500.00
Pilgrim's Rest, Wilmington	500.00
Roseville, Willard, H. D. Jones	1600.00
St. John, Rocky Point, L. R. James	500.00
Six Run, Turkey, Isaac Johnson	700.00
Union Chapel, Burgaw, C. A. Leach	25.00
Willard Chapel, Willard	20.00
TOTAL	\$8550.00

LANE CREEK—L. D. Parker, Moderator

Antioch, Charlotte, Preston Pendergrass	\$ 1800.00
Belmont, Monroe, D. P. Miller	400.00
Elizabeth, Marshville, H. L. Nicholson	1500.00
First, Kannapolis, P. C. Holland, Jr.	1000.00
Liberty Hill, Warsaw, David Cook, Jr.	1000.00
Mt. Moriah, Marshville, J. N. Coble	650.00
Mt. Nebo, Waxhaw, James McCoy	500.00
Mt. Pisgah, Waxhaw, W. T. Richardson	1000.00
Piney Grove, Marshville	600.00
Red Level, Monroe	200.00
Red Branch, Charlotte	600.00
St. David, Wingate, J. B. Crowder	600.00
St. Luke, Charlotte, L. D. Parker	4500.00
Union Chapel, Monroe	200.00
Watts Grove, Monroe, Nathaniel Workman	800.00
West Macedonia, Midland, H. L. Nicholson	800.00
TOTAL	\$14,450.00

LUMBER RIVER—E. B. Turner, Moderator

Aaron Swamp, Fairmont, M. E. Stubbs	\$ 500.00
Antioch, Proctorville, George Cromwell	550.00
Bryant Swamp, Bladenboro, C. Johnson	800.00
Cedar Grove, St. Paul, James A. Raye, Sr.	500.00

Ebenezer, Marietta, C. Hurst	650.00
First, Bladenboro, A. C. Jones	800.00
First, Chadburn, J. E. Barber, Jr.	1000.00
First, Fairmont, J. J. Johnson	Tithe
First, Lumberton, E. B. Turner	6000.00
First, Orrum, E. Roundtree	450.00
Greenville, Lumberton, T. C. Part	200.00
Hester Chapel, Lumberton, J. F. Lesane	200.00
Hilly Branch, Lumberton, J. M. Dunham	2000.00
Holly Swamp, Lumberton, S. McDonald	200.00
Horace Grove, Boardman, Rev. Hall	200.00
Mill Branch, Fairmont, Marvin Ford	200.00
Mt. Cerro, Cerro Gordo, Daniel Lee	650.00
Nel Bethel, Rex	200.00
New Hope, Clarkton, T. D. Killens	200.00
Oak Grove, Robeson Co., Marvin Ford	300.00
Piney Grove, Evergreen, A. Nichols	350.00
Pleasant Meadows, Lumber Bridge, C. C. Baxter	200.00
Rock Hill, Robeson Co., Robert White	200.00
Rose Hill, Robeson Co., C. C. Baxter	250.00
Round Branch, Bladenboro, J. H. Dunham	200.00
St. Mary, Evergreen, Paul Ford	250.00
St. James, L. M. Thompson	200.00
Sandy Grove, Lumberton, Sidney A. Locks	800.00
Star of Bethlehem, Fairmont, C. McDonald	550.00
Stone Grove, Lumberton, J. A. Thompson	200.00
Thompson Chapel, Frank Burns	300.00
TOTAL	\$19,600.00

MECKLENBURG GENERAL—J. B. Humphrey,

Moderator

Ambassador for Christ, Charlotte	\$ 200.00
Beatties Ford Trinity, Charlotte, R. Miller	300.00
Bible, Charlotte, L. Midge	200.00
Chapel Memorial, Charlotte, W. Mitchell	600.00
Ebenezer, Charlotte, A. B. Sutton	4000.00
First, Charlotte, J. B. Humphrey	8000.00
First Mt. Calvary, Charlotte	650.00
First Mt. Zion, Charlotte, C. V. Owens	6800.00
Friendship, Charlotte, C. W. Kerry	3000.00
Greater Mt. Sinai, Charlotte, N. E. Kerry	300.00
Greater Providence, Charlotte, J. W. Wallace, Jr.	600.00
Macedonia, Concord, Sampson Long	800.00
Mt. Carmel, Charlotte, L. C. Riddick	19,000.00
Oak Grove, Pineville	200.00
Rose Hill, Kannapolis, J. W. Wallace	1000.00
St. John, Newell, R. H. Leak	200.00
Second Calvary, Charlotte, L. Foster	2000.00
Silver Mt., Pineville, William Lee, Jr.	1600.00
Temple Community, Charlotte	500.00
TOTAL	\$32,250.00

MIDDLE BAPTIST—J. G. McKnight, Moderator

Allen Chapel, Louisburg, N. E. Spruill	\$ 650.00
Big Run Creek, Henderson, J. L. Davis	500.00
Bunn Chapel, Bunn	200.00
Concord, Kittrell, D. Brown	700.00
Davis Chapel, Henderson, C. V. Harris	250.00
First, Louisburg, W. D. Johnson	500.00
Flat Creek, Henderson, O' Cleve Lewis	500.00
Getsemane, Bunn, A. L. Daye	650.00
Hawkins Chapel, Franklinton, W. S. Taylor	250.00
Menasheh, Frankinton, O. H. Brodie	450.00
Nelson Chapel, Louisburg, E. L. Brodie, Sr.	1500.00
New Bethel, Henderson, J. H. Bryant	700.00
Nutbush, Henderson, O' Cleve Lewis	250.00
Red Bud, Henderson, J. E. Hall	450.00
Shady Grove, Louisburg, James Melton	600.00
Shiloh, Kittrell, T. F. Griswell	200.00
S. Main Street, Louisburg, J. G. McKnight	1000.00
Spring Street, Henderson, R. M. Burnette	200.00
Tylerlake Grove, Louisburg	200.00
TOTAL	\$9750.00

MIDDLE DISTRICT—B. L. Rich, Moderator

Adoram, Wallace, J. L. Ezzell	\$ 250.00
Andrews Chapel, Clinton, F. R. Izi	600.00
Antioch, Goldsboro, W. C. Butts	200.00
Bethlehem, Winnabow, Ervin Pelham	200.00
Canetuck, Currie, G. P. House	200.00
Christian Chapel, No. 2, Wilmington, E. H. Stevenson	250.00
Christian Light, Autryville, J. C. Prigden	200.00
Ebenezer, Wilmington	3800.00
Falling Run, Fayetteville, J. D. McDonald	1000.00
First, Armour, L. B. Boykin	200.00
First, Charity	200.00
First, Garland, Samuel McDonald	250.00
First, Rose Hill, W. K. Raynor	1600.00
First, Steadman	600.00
First, Teachey	800.00
Hawes Chapel, Atkinson	600.00
Hayes Chapel, Leland	300.00
Hoppers Chapel, Leland	300.00
Keathern Chapel, Harrells, D. A. Howard	250.00

Betholie, Magnolia	200.00
Lakes Chapel, Atkinson, C. W. Pate	1000.00
Lee's Chapel, Maple Hill, G. P. House	450.00
Macedonia, Wilmington, A. A. McCrae	1500.00
Moore's Creek, Currie, John Keel	550.00
Mt. Calvary No. 1, Willard, J. L. Utley	200.00
Mt. Calvary No. 2, Wilmington, F. Devane	2,000.00
Mt. Pisgah, Burgaw, A. A. McCrae	600.00
Mt. Rena	250.00
Mt. Sinai, Rose Hill, L. T. Simpson	200.00
Mt. Zion, Rose Hill	350.00
New Christian Chapel, W. E. Beamon	400.00
Newkirk Chapel, Willard, Marion Avery	250.00
Pike Creek, Burgaw, Willie Frank	400.00
Pilgrim, Lenoir, Tomahawk	200.00
Pleasant Hill, Kelly, C. E. Johnson	200.00
Rosa Green	200.00
Royal Chapel, Harrells, S. M. White	350.00
St. John, Bolivia, Freeman Gause	375.00
St. John No. 3, Bolton	300.00
St. John, Maple Hill	550.00
St. Louis, Chincapin, W. E. Martin	600.00
St. Mary, Winnabow, Raymond Smith	250.00
Second, Fayetteville, W. E. Beamon	200.00
Shiloh, Wilmington	2000.00
Shoulders Branch, Castle Haynes, G. P. House	350.00
Snow Hill, Ivanhoe	200.00
Union Hill, Autryville	400.00
Wilson Chapel	200.00
TOTAL	\$27,525.00

MIDDLE GROUND—G. E. Brown, Moderator

Antioch, Robersonville, H. H. Moore	\$ 200.00
Barnabas Chapel, Williamston	200.00
Cedar Hill, Williamston, E. L. Powell	350.00
Chapel Hill, Williamston, T. R. Vines	225.00
Christ Temple, H. Hammond	250.00
Conoco Chapel, Tarboro, T. R. Vines	600.00
Lily of the Valley, E. L. Powell	200.00
Long Ridge, Plymouth, H. Hammond	500.00
Macedonia, Hassell, H. H. Moore	200.00
Mayo's Chapel, Battleboro, W. Cherry	300.00
Olive Branch, Parmelee, J. H. Williams	250.00
Pine Chapel, Pinetops, E. L. Powell	400.00
Poplar Point, Williamston, H. Hammond	200.00
Reid's Chapel, Fountain, Walter Adkins	200.00
Roberson, Roberson, J. R. Robinson	200.00
Rock Hill, Robersonville, H. H. Moore	200.00
St. James, Williamston, J. Chance	200.00
St. John, Stokes, J. H. Chance	250.00
St. Matthew, Rocky Mount, W. Cherry	250.00
St. Paul, Oak City, J. E. James	250.00
St. Paul, Tarboro, William Price	200.00
Sandy Point, Williamston, R. L. Cumming	300.00
Second Zion Grove, Plymouth, W. V. Pritchett	550.00
Sycamore Hill, Hamilton, Rev. Fisher	300.00
Weeping Mary, Hassell, G. E. Brown	200.00
Willow Chapel, Gold Point, G. E. Brown	250.00
Wynn Chapel, Bethel, J. H. Chance	450.00
Zion Hill, Plymouth, G. E. Brown	200.00
TOTAL	\$8,975.00

MOUNT PEACE—R. M. Young, Moderator

Bethel, Mt. Holly	\$ 200.00
Faith Memorial, Charlotte, W. Caldwell	800.00
Fancy Hill, High Shoals, John Sherrill	200.00
Getsemane, Charlotte, C. E. Dewberry	400.00
Getsemane, Davidson, C. Morris, Jr.	800.00
Gold Hill, Lilesdale, D. R. Wallace	300.00
Grace Memorial, Charlotte	200.00
Greater Galilee, Charlotte, W. McKissick	400.00
Green Oak, Charlotte, J. W. Gwin	700.00
Mayfield Memorial, Charlotte, H. S. Diggs	700.00
Mt. Calvary, Gastonia, J. O. Neely	400.00
Mt. Olive, Huntersville, M. B. McIlwaine	400.00
Mt. Zion, Charlotte	300.00
Nazarene, Charlotte	400.00
New Hope, Charlotte	400.00
New Providence, Mt. Holly, J. D. Ponder	900.00
New Zion, Charlotte, B. H. Robinson	1000.00
Pleasant Hill, Charlotte, J. A. Cuthbertson	2500.00
St. Mark, Charlotte, A. G. Coley	700.00
St. Paul, Charlotte, Paul Drummond	Tithe
St. Paul Community, Charlotte, R. M. Young	3000.00
Salem, Charlotte, M. H. Bostic, Jr.	1500.00
Shiloh Institutional, Charlotte, T. G. Davis	200.00
Tabernacle, Charlotte, W. A. Rorie	500.00
TOTAL	\$23,200.00

MOUNTAIN & CATAWBA, D. U. Cooper, Moderator

Antioch, Troutman	\$ 200.00
Chambers Chapel, Morganton	200.00
Chestnut Grove, Statesville, J. Coleman	1200.00
Clark's Chapel, Statesville, V. S. Thompson	1000.00

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Davidsonville, Statesville, L. McCaskill	300.00	Pleasant Hill, Enfield, W. Watson	500.00	Mt. Gilead, Durham, A. D. Moseley	3,300.00
Dula Chapel, Lenoir, A. Harshaw	200.00	Quankie, Roanoke Rapids, R. H. Kidd	200.00	Mt. Sinai, Durham, A. T. Alston	600.00
First, Harmony, W. J. LeGrant	700.00	Red Hill, Whitakers, J. O. Thorne	600.00	Mt. Vernon, Durham, Percy Hill	12,000.00
Friendship, Hickory, D. U. Cooper	2000.00	Righteous Grove, Enfield, R. L. Knight	200.00	Mt. Zion, Chatham County, J. R. Burt	2500.00
Liberty Hill, Claremont, E. B. Williams	1000.00	Roanoke Chapel, Littleton, J. L. Farmer	200.00	Mt. Zion, Durham, Donald Fozard	600.00
Lovelady, Lenoir, W. L. Conner	200.00	Roanoke Salem, Garysburg, E. L. Fleming	900.00	New Bethel, Durham, L. W. Reid	500.00
Jones Chapel, Mooresville, M. Walker	300.00	St. James, Rocky Mount, C. T. Bullock	Tithe	New Hill, New Hill, Jeffrey Williams	300.00
Maiden Chapel, Maiden	200.00	St. John, Garysburg, W. R. Burston	200.00	New Hope, Apex, Marcus V. Ingram	700.00
Morning Star First, Hickory, W. E. Lytle	6500.00	St. John, Red Oak, Wilton Byrd	900.00	North East, Durham, David L. Massey	300.00
Mt. Carmel, Taylorsville, James E. Turner	200.00	St. Paul, Enfield, F. L. Bullock	300.00	Peace, Durham, W. E. Daye	500.00
Mt. Moriah, Marion, U. C. Wynn	300.00	St. Peter, Weldon, G. A. Gilchrist	450.00	Piney Grove, L. W. Reid	700.00
Mt. Nebo, Morganton	200.00	Shiloh, Rocky Mount, R. L. Battle	200.00	Second, Chapel Hill, J. A. Brown	200.00
Mt. Olive, Newton, B. F. Carpening	200.00	Shiloh, Scotland Neck, Waymon Walden	850.00	Shiloh, Morrisville, Donald Leake	200.00
Mt. Pilgrim, Lenoir	200.00	Shiloh, Whitakers, W. H. Burgess	300.00	Terrill's Creek, Chapel Hill, T. J. Foster	1300.00
Mt. Sinai, Catawba, M. C. Roseboro	350.00	Simmons Grove, Roanoke Rapids, G. E. Battle	800.00	White Oak, Apex, C. R. Tyner	700.00
Mt. Zion, Drexel, Ervin Millsap	200.00	Smith Chapel, Halifax, R. L. Battle	500.00	White Rock, Durham, L. A. Lynch	1200.00
Mt. Zion, Taylorsville, C. D. Pooke	200.00	Tillery Chapel, Tillery, E. L. Fleming	500.00	TOTAL	\$37,650.00
Moore's Chapel, Lincolnton, J. Norwood	200.00	Twilight, Weldon, G. A. Gilchrist	500.00	NORTHAMPTON CO.—Sherley Edwards, Moderator	
New Bethel, Morganton	300.00	Walnut Grove, Roanoke Rapids, G. E. Battle	200.00	Antioch, Jackson, R. L. Knight	\$ 600.00
New Light, Lenoir, R. L. Ferguson	350.00	Washington Branch, Macclesfield, W. R. Burston	200.00	Branches Chapel, Rich Square, J. Webb	200.00
New Prospect, Sherrills Ford, C. E. Rowe	2400.00	White Oak, Enfield, R. R. Rynum	400.00	Chapel Hill, Rich Square, J. R. Wiggins	200.00
Pleasant Grove	1200.00	Zion Hill, Littleton, C. H. Whitakers	200.00	Conway First, R. L. Lassiter, Sr.	200.00
St. John, Statesville, Troutman, Leroy Wilson	600.00	Zion Hill, Seaboard, McKinley Nicholson	600.00	Cumbo Chapel, Rich Square, F. Lee, Jr.	200.00
Table Rock	200.00	TOTAL	\$11,700.00	Faithful Band, W. R. Burston	350.00
Third Creek, Stony Point, J. H. Thomas	1500.00	NEW BERN—EASTERN, W. C. Horton, Moderator		First, Rich Square	300.00
University Park, Charlotte, J. E. Palmer	200.00	Bethel, Edward, Frank Davis	400.00	First, Severn, E. C. Watson	300.00
TOTAL	\$27,350.00	Bethel, Merritt, C. E. Gray	200.00	Jerusalem, Woodland, A. C. Robinson	200.00
MUD CREEK, H. B. Ferguson, Moderator		Bethel, New Bern, I. M. Jordan	300.00	Neb. Murrefreesoar, C. M. Creevy	850.00
Bethel, Brevard, J. C. Levy	\$ 200.00	Bay Bottom, Blounts Creek	200.00	Patillo Chapel, Henrico, Edward Fleming	400.00
Bethel "A", Brevard, F. H. Goldsmith	200.00	Green Hill, Bayboro, J. T. Parks, Jr.	200.00	Revelle Hill, Conway, L. J. Morris	500.00
Blue Ridge, Edneyville	300.00	Maple Grove, Chocowinity, L. Adams	200.00	Second, Creeksville, Frank Lee, Jr.	450.00
Catawba View, Old Fort, J. H. Sullivan	2500.00	Memorial, New Bern, W. L. Griffin	200.00	Second, Potocasi, S. W. Edwards	500.00
Fairmont, Asheville, J. E. Roberts	200.00	Mt. Olive, Messic, W. C. Horton	900.00	Zoar, Pendleton, C. M. Creevy	500.00
First Nazareth, Asheville, C. R. Mosley	3500.00	Mt. Pilgrim, Newport, J. A. James	350.00	TOTAL	\$5,500.00
French Broad, Pisgah Forest, R. J. Young	200.00	Mt. Shiloh, Aurora, W. E. Sinclair	300.00	OCEAN VIEW—Freeman Gause, Moderator	
Glade Creek, Pisgah Forest, R. J. Young	200.00	Mt. Sinai, Stonewall, W. C. McDavid	350.00	Big Macedonia, Supply	\$ 200.00
Greater New Zion, Fletcher, L. C. Ray, Sr.	800.00	Mt. Zion, Arapahoe, J. B. Grandall	500.00	Cedar Grove, Supply, W. H. D. Flowers	2700.00
Hill Street, Asheville, N. M. Avery	5500.00	Queen Chapel, Oriental, C. D. Bell	450.00	Central, Whiteville	200.00
Mills Chapel, Black Mountain, F. L. Gordon	1300.00	Quem Street, Beaufort, J. H. Pritchett	200.00	Cherry Grove, Whiteville	400.00
Mt. Carmel, Arden, J. H. Sullivan	200.00	St. Anna, Blou e Creek	200.00	First, Riegelwood	200.00
Mt. Zion, Asheville, J. W. White	6500.00	St. Francis, Bl ounts Creek, A. J. White	200.00	Friendship, Southport, Freeman Gause	200.00
Mt. Zion, Murphy	200.00	St. Galilee, Bayboro, L. A. Dillahun	200.00	Hickory Grove, Fair Bluff, Rufus Davis	500.00
New Bethel, Asheville, A. L. Smith	200.00	St. John, Aurora, A. J. White	200.00	Little Macedonia, Supply, W. D. Frink	300.00
New Mt. Olive, Asheville, O. T. Tomes	400.00	St. John, New Bern, J. S. Moore	200.00	Little Prong, Ash	200.00
New Salem, Swannons, W. E. Simpson	3000.00	St. Hooper, Aurora, J. H. Parker	200.00	Mt. Zion, Longwood, M. C. Herring	1300.00
Rock Hill, Asheville, H. B. Ferguson	1700.00	St. Luke, Edwards, J. H. Parker	450.00	Piney Grove, Nichols, S. C., R. L. Blue	200.00
St. Paul, Asheville, J. E. Peden	200.00	St. Luke, Morehead City, Clario Dickens	700.00	Pleasant Grove, Thomashoro	400.00
Tabernacle, Hendersonville, J. C. Moore	1500.00	St. Monica, Grimesland, A. J. White	200.00	Pleasant Hill, Shallotte, G. E. Buck	1000.00
Tabernacle, Asheville, C. Johnson	200.00	St. Peter, Randle, Billy Smith	200.00	Pleasant Meadows, N. Myrtle Beach, S. C.,	
Union Grove, Hendersonville, Q. Owens	900.00	St. Peter, Vaydemere, W. V. Pritchett	200.00	H. M. Daniels	200.00
Worldwide Tabernacle, Asheville, W. Grant	100.00	St. Stephen, Aurora, J. A. Gibbs	350.00	Pleasant View, Shallotte, H. Jones, Jr.	600.00
TOTAL	\$33,400.00	St. Stephen, Oriental, L. D. Bizzell	200.00	St. James, Bolivia, Raymond Smith	200.00
NEUSE RIVER, F. L. Bullock, Moderator		Tabernacle, New Bern, Pardee Midgett	200.00	St. John, Bolivia	500.00
Allen Grove, Halifax, James Barham	\$ 200.00	TOTAL	\$8,862.00	Zion Plain, J. R. Keel	200.00
Bethlehem, Seaboard, E. L. Fleming	800.00	NEW COVENANT—M. M. McMillan, Moderator		TOTAL	\$10,000.00
Carter's Chapel, Roanoke Rapids, D. Alston	200.00	Cox's Cove, Crumpler, M. M. McMillan	\$200.00	OLD EASTERN—J. R. Person, Moderator	
Cedar Grove, Henrico, F. L. Mitchner	200.00	Macedonia, Sparta, E. R. Young	200.00	Batts Chapel, Tarboro, G. E. Brown	\$ 400.00
Cedar Grove, Rocky Mount, J. O. Thorne	200.00	TOTAL	\$400.00	Cedar Grove, Greenville, K. R. Hammond	1600.00
Chapel Grove, Garysburg, E. J. H. Hunter	600.00	NEW ERA—Samuel Stanley, Moderator		Cherry Chapel, Hobgood, S. J. Jones	400.00
Cherry's Chapel, Elm Grove, J. N. Hunter	200.00	Butler Branch, Fair Bluff, W. J. Boykin	\$ 200.00	Cherry Hill, Tarboro	200.00
Crowell, Halifax, McKinley Nicholson	500.00	Center, Bladenboro, O. L. Anderson	250.00	Cornerstone, Greenville	800.00
Daniel Chapel, Enfield	200.00	First, Tabor City, J. T. McCray	400.00	Cornerstone, Williamston, G. L. Harris	800.00
Eastern Star, Tarboro, L. J. Morris	1500.00	Mt. Olive, Clarkson, G. H. Buck	500.00	Craven Corner, Havelock, J. R. Person	1100.00
Ebenezer, Rocky Mount, T. L. Walker	300.00	Olive Grove, Cerrro Gordo, J. B. Manning	200.00	Davis Chapel, Washington, C. C. Gray	500.00
First, Battelboro, N. M. Johnson	500.00	St. John, Chadbourn, Raymond Smith	400.00	End Street, Salisbury, J. H. Moore	250.00
First, Halifax	200.00	Sandy Grove, Durham, C. A. Leach	500.00	First, New Bern, J. F. Kelly	1200.00
First, Roanoke Rapids, R. H. Kidd	200.00	Spring Green, Riegelwood, W. E. Martin	200.00	Green Chapel, New Bern, W. E. Sinclair	800.00
First, Weldon, J. B. Moore	4500.00	TOTAL	\$2,850.00	Guilfield, New Bern, A. J. Moore	800.00
First African, Goldsboro, I. B. Horton	300.00	NEW HOME & DURHAM—Roney Enoch, Moderator		Hayes Chapel, Pactolus, J. B. Crandall	250.00
First Calvary, Rocky Mount, S. J. Jones	700.00	Lakeview, Durham, Clifford Bullock	\$200.00	Jones Chapel, Palmyra, Jesse Williams	400.00
Poster Memorial, Rocky Mount, J. Webb	1800.00	Northside, Durham, C. R. Mitchell	200.00	Kehukie, Scotland Neck, W. T. Taylor	350.00
Friendship, Rocky Mount, D. D. Williams	350.00	Orange Cross Road, Cedar Grove	200.00	Macedonia, Farmville, F. R. Peterson	1300.00
Galilee, Tillery, N. M. Johnson	350.00	Orange Grove, Durham	200.00	Mary's Chapel, Scotland, E. R. King	200.00
Gaston, Henrico, J. E. Boykin	200.00	TOTAL	\$800.00	Midland, Tarboro	250.00
Harts' Chapel, Tarboro, J. H. Staton	900.00	NEW HOPE—C. R. Tyner, Moderator		Moore's Chapel, Aurora, C. B. Crandall	400.00
Hickory View, Rocky Mount, J. H. Dixon	700.00	Barbee's Chapel, Chapel Hill	\$ 450.00	Moore's Chapel, Newport, J. E. Baker	300.00
Hillsdale	200.00	Bazzell Creek, Holly Springs, N. T. Davis	250.00	Mt. Calvary, New Bern, W. J. Cox	500.00
Lebanon Grove, Halifax, W. R. Burston	300.00	Cedar Rock, Bonsol, David Parrish	350.00	Mt. Olive, Ayden, F. R. Peterson	400.00
Leggett Chapel, Leggett, Willie Taylor, Jr.	700.00	Community, Durham, Percy Chase	500.00	Mt. Shiloh, Williamston	1000.00
London, Littleton, G. A. Gilchrist	350.00	Felton Grove, Apex, Larry W. Leake	300.00	Mt. Tabor, Beaufort, W. V. Pritchett	200.00
Long's Chapel, Hogbog	300.00	First, Apex, J. E. Perkins	1700.00	Phillips, Simpson, D. S. Hammond	1000.00
Marks Chapel, Battelboro	Tithe	First, Chapel Hill, J. R. Manley	Tithe	Providence, Robersonville, W. T. Taylor	350.00
Metropolitan, Rocky Mount, J. E. Arnette	300.00	First, Lillington, James A. Raye	700.00	Riddick Grove, Bethel, J. L. Farmer	250.00
Morning Star, Battelboro, T. R. Vines	800.00	First, Mebane, J. E. Davis	350.00	Roanoke Zion, Palmyra, W. E. Battle	300.00
Morning Star, Pinetops, George Cooper, Jr.	300.00	Gethsemane, Durham, V. E. Brown	200.00	St. James Temple, Tarboro, L. L. Lloyd	400.00
Mt. Carmel, Rocky Mount, W. E. Battle	1000.00	Haw River, Pittsboro, R. D. James	500.00	St. John, Falkland, J. R. Person	1100.00
New Bethel, Enfield	200.00	Hickory Grove, Carrboro, J. R. Manley	500.00	St. Luke, Tarboro, Lee Beal	200.00
New Hope, Battelboro, Wilton Byrd	400.00	Lincoln Memorial, Durham	350.00	St. Mary, Greenville	200.00
North End, Rocky Mount, Elbert Lee	1400.00	Markham Chapel, Chapel Hill	200.00	St. Mary, New Bern, George Edwards	200.00
Olive Chapel, Sparksburg, Ernest Barnes	750.00	Morehead Ave., Durham, B. A. Mack	1500.00	St. Paul, Oak City	900.00
Oak Grove, Garysburg, George Smith	750.00			St. Peter, Greenville	200.00
Parker's Chapel, Jackson, McKinley Nicholson	200.00			St. Stephen, Tarboro, W. O. Merritt	650.00
Pittman Grove, Rocky Mount, W. C. Cotton	200.00				

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Spring Garden, Washington, E. R. McNair	1200.00
Sycamore Hill, Greenville, B. B. Felder	1700.00
Triumph, Washington, C. B. Gray	1300.00
Union, Tarboro, Raymond Morris	2200.00
Ware Creek, Blount Creek, George Smith	300.00
White's Chapel, Speed, J. E. James	400.00
White Oak, Grimesland, J. H. Taylor	300.00
TOTAL	\$28,700.00

ORIGINAL SHILOH—P. G. Davis, Moderator

Antioch, Oxford, F. C. Moody	\$ 200.00
Beltan Creek, Oxford, P. G. Davis	950.00
Brooks-on, Henderson, W. Bell	450.00
Coley Spring, Warrenton, L. G. Brown	350.00
Dickies Grove, Henderson, A. B. Bass	300.00
First, Oxford, T. L. Stearns	700.00
Haywood d. Louisburg, Luther Coppedge	1500.00
Ilong, Kitzrell, M. C. Bullock	700.00
Jones C. Chapel, Louisburg, Roger Brodie	200.00
Jones C. Chapel, Norlina, J. R. Fogg	350.00
Jordan Chapel, James Barham	200.00
Mitchell, Louisburg, E. L. Brodie, Sr.	2500.00
Oliver Grove, Littleton, P. G. Davis	600.00
Ridgeway, Norlina, W. T. Ramsey	600.00
St. John, Henderson, A. A. Brown	400.00
Sandy Grove, Henderson, J. R. Fogg	300.00
Serepta	200.00
Shiloh, Henderson, R. W. Perry	3200.00
Snow Hill, Warrenton, Al Horton	400.00
Spring Green, Warrenton, C. H. Brown	200.00
Swift Creek, Whitakers, W. A. Barnes	650.00
Union Grove, Warrenton, P. G. Davis	700.00
Warrenton, W. Walter Yarborough	600.00
Woodsworth, Townville, O'Clée Lewis	200.00
TOTAL	\$16,650.00

I EEE DEE—J. H. Ferguson, Moderator

Bethlehe n, Laurinburg, R. L. Milhouse	\$ 2300.00
Bright Hopewell, Laurinburg, A. L. Byrd	500.00
Clark's Grove, Red Springs, J. M. McDonald	300.00
Coversing, Chapel, Troy, J. D. Bratton	400.00
Ebenezer, Rockingham, Hatten Floyd	350.00
Fairley's Chapel, Laurinburg, L. A. McVlin	350.00
Faith, Southern Pines, Thomas Flowers	1100.00
First Missionary, Southern Pines, W. J. Haire	600.00
Friendship, Hamlet, D. M. Ferguson	400.00
Galilee, Finehurst, John Daniels	500.00
Holly Grove, Rockingham, H. McLaurin	300.00
Island Grove	400.00
Leviston Chapel, Ghio, J. J. Covington	200.00
Lovely Hill	200.00
Mt. Calvary	200.00
Mt. Taber Rowland, J. Foster, Jr.	300.00
Nashville	200.00
New Hope Hamlet, W. H. Gatewood	1200.00
Pee Dee, Wadesboro, H. Gatewood	400.00
Poplar Spring, W. M. McDonald	200.00
Poplar Spring, Rockingham, J. H. Ferguson	1700.00
Providence, Rockingham, R. T. Gilchrist	200.00
Rock Hill, Lilesville, G. T. Thomas	400.00
Rockingham	200.00
St. Luke	200.00
St. Paul, Pinehurst, W. M. Gay	200.00
Sandy Grove, Maxton, J. Foster	200.00
St. Stephens, Rockingham	400.00
Shiloh, Maxton, H. E. Edwards	200.00
Spring Branch, Wagram, J. W. Swindell	750.00
Spring Hill, Rex Spring	200.00
Union, Hamlet, Howard McLaurin	200.00
TOTAL	\$17,700.00

PEE DEE UNION—A. Simpson, Moderator

Pleasant Grove, Mt. Gilead, A. L. Evans	\$250.00
Saron, Ellerbee, G. Thomas	300.00
Sidney Grove, A. Simpson	200.00
TOTAL	\$750.00

PROGRESSIVE TAR RIVER—G. W. Dudley,

Moderator

Greater Mt. Herman, Rocky Mount,	
J. O. Thorne	\$ 200.00
Mt. Zion First, Rocky Mount, G. W. Dudley	2900.00
St. Stephen, Spring Hope	650.00
TOTAL	\$3750.00

REEDY CREEK—Lawrence Edwards, Moderator

Ashley Grove, Vaughan, H. F. Peace	\$ 300.00
Chapel Hill, Norlina, J. E. Hall	250.00
Enon, Littlejohn, W. C. Gaylor	250.00
Greer, Lovely Hill, Macon, R. H. Hedgpe	1100.00
Ivory Hill, Enfield, J. J. Copeland	300.00
Lee's Chapel, Littleton, G. E. Battle	300.00
Locust Grove, Wise, A. L. Daye	900.00
Mt. Olive, Littleton, J. S. Spruill	200.00
Mt. Vernon, Nashville, L. Edwards	650.00

Mt. Zion, Macon, W. O. Tabron	200.00
Oak Grove, Littleton, C. E. McCollum	1100.00
Pine Chapel, Hollister, Kermit Richardson	1200.00
Phipps Chapel, Henderson, W. S. Taylor	400.00
Pleasant Grove, Hollister, J. Evans	400.00
Pleasant Zion, Littleton, C. V. Harris	200.00
Rocky Chapel, Louisburg, J. M. Boone	1300.00
St. Luke	200.00
St. Paul, Warrenton, Norman Richardson	200.00
St. Zion, Warrenton, S. A. Manning	200.00
Second, Macon, Jerimah Webb	200.00
Shiloh, Arcola, Will C. Tabron	500.00
Shocco Chapel, Warrenton, R. Brodie	450.00
South Street, Littleton, G. E. Battle	250.00
Union Hill, Nashville	200.00
Walnut Grove, Louisburg, J. S. Spruill	1000.00
TOTAL	\$19,400.00

RISING STAR—J. G. Gaston, Moderator

Antioch, Granite Quarry, R. T. Wyatt	\$ 500.00
Boxwood, Mocksville, K. E. Alexander	250.00
Brown New Calvary, Thomasville, J. W. Flake	900.00
Emmanuel, Thomasville, S. McLenon	500.00
Fairview Heights, Salisbury, R. N. Lockhart	2000.00
First, Southmont, J. G. Gaston	1300.00
New Zion, Linwood, Moses Caldwell	200.00
Old Smith Grove, Greenville, L. O. Hammond	300.00
St. John, Winston-Salem, W. M. Adams	200.00
Shiloh, Albemarle, W. C. Wilkerson	200.00
Union, Thomasville, W. Fulp	250.00
TOTAL	\$6500.00

ROANOKE ASSOCIATION—H. L. Mitchell, Moderator

Alligator Chapel, Columbia, Leon Freeman	\$ 200.00
Chapel Hill, Columbia, A. R. Winborne	200.00
Christian Home, Moyock, G. W. Powell	200.00
Cornetstone, Elizabeth City, J. R. R. McRay	650.00
First, Hartford, J. H. London	400.00
First Zion Grove, Plymouth, H. Hammond	250.00
Gale Street, Edenton, O. C. Welch	250.00
Galatin, Hertford, George H. Powell	300.00
Galilee, Elizabeth City, W. H. Troutman	300.00
Haven Creek, Manteo, L. E. Burham	200.00
Joppa, Hobbsville	200.00
Lebanon Grove, Greenville, C. A. Hart	250.00
Memorial, R. L. Dunston	400.00
Mt. Epworth, R. D. S. Hammond	450.00
Mt. Pleasant, W. A. Davis	200.00
New Bethel, S. L. Lawrence	200.00
New Chapel, Plymouth, A. R. Winborne	300.00
New Hope, Gatesville, H. L. Mitchell	400.00
New Middle Swamp, Gates, A. J. Cherry	300.00
New Oak Grove, Va. Beach, O. L. Cromwell, II	200.00
New Piney Grove, Gates, Richard Smallwood	200.00
New Piney Wood Chapel, Gates, E. M. Lewis	200.00
New Providence, S. L. Lawrence	250.00
New Salem, Elizabeth City, R. E. Williams	200.00
New Shiloh, Shiloh, J. F. Smith	200.00
Oliver Branch, Elizabeth City, E. A. Balling	200.00
Philadelphia Shiloh, W. A. Davis	250.00
Pleasant Grove, Belhaven, David Saunders	200.00
Pool's Grove, Hertford, J. L. Willes	300.00
Providence, Edenton, J. L. Fenner, Sr.	300.00
Riddick Grove, Belvidere, W. A. Morgan	300.00
Ryan's Grove, Edenton, M. A. Reddick	300.00
Saint John, Creswell, D. W. Lamb	1300.00
Saint John, Edenton, J. E. Griffin	400.00
Saint Redick, Belhaven, C. E. Morgan	500.00
Saint Stephen, Elizabeth City	800.00
Salem, Columbia, B. P. Heckstall	200.00
Salem Chapel, Elizabeth City, John Johnson	250.00
Saunders Grove, Hertford, C. A. Proctor	200.00
Union Branch, Corapeake, H. L. Mitchell	200.00
Union Chapel, Elizabeth City, J. E. Barnes	200.00
Warren Grove, Edenton, Wilbert Mills, Sr.	650.00
Weeping Mary, J. H. Taylor	200.00
TOTAL	\$13,750.00

ROWAN—J. C. Harris, Moderator

Anderson Grove, Greensboro, E. S. Anderson	\$ 450.00
Bethlehem, High Point	200.00
Bethlehem, Winston-Salem	250.00
Beulah, Concord, B. M. Hambricht	200.00
Beulah, Madison, C. Carter	200.00
Buncombe, Lexington, S. W. Mack	600.00
Cedar Grove, Mocksville, K. O. P. Goodwin	450.00
Dreamland Park, Winston-Salem, E. C. Austin	250.00
Ebenezer, Greensboro, W. L. Gladney	750.00
Emmanuel, Winston-Salem, S. W. Mack	500.00
Fairfield, Mocksville, F. D. Betts	200.00
First, Badin, L. R. Crawford	200.00
First, Burlington, R. W. Styles	1000.00
First, Concord	1000.00
First, Graham, C. R. Trotter	400.00
First, Lexington, B. J. Daniels	1300.00

First, Reidsville, O'Kelly Lawson	1000.00
First, Statesville, J. C. Harris	2000.00
First, Thomasville, W. E. Banks	1500.00
First, Trinity, John Mason	300.00
First, Winston-Salem, W. S. Eggs	250.00
First Calvary, Salisbury, T. M. Walker	3500.00
First Emmanuel, High Point, C. Lawrence	1100.00
First United, High Point	250.00
Friendship, Lexington, H. B. Waiters	900.00
Friendship, Winston-Salem, S. E. Tyndall	2300.00
Galilee, Winston-Salem, W. C. Hay	3200.00
Getsemane, Salisbury, A. O. Walker	400.00
Goodwill, Clemens, R. H. Bonham	350.00
Goodwill, Madison, B. H. Bonham	500.00
Harshaw Grove, Randleman, Joseph Evans	350.00
Henderson Grove, Salisbury, Paul Mosley	700.00
Jerusalem, E. Spencer, Charles Blakney	200.00
Macedonia, Salisbury, C. H. Bryan, Jr.	200.00
Mars Hill, Winston-Salem	1100.00
Morning Star, Winston-Salem, D. B. Sally	450.00
Mt. Carmel, Winston-Salem, H. L. Moore	200.00
Mt. Moriah, Pinnacle, L. R. Crawford	200.00
Mt. Pleasant, Winston-Salem	1500.00
Mt. Sinai, Eden, R. S. Geiger	1400.00
Mt. Vernon, High Point, F. O. Bass, Jr.	1300.00
Mt. Zion, Albemarle, J. C. Robinson	1900.00
Mt. Zion, Mt. Airy	200.00
Mt. Zion, Salisbury, S. R. Johnson	350.00
Mt. Zion, Winston-Salem, G. G. Campbell, Sr.	7500.00
New Bethel, Winston-Salem, Jerry Drayton	4000.00
New Hope, Winston-Salem, S. L. Hodges	250.00
New Jerusalem, Winston-Salem, I. C. Mullin	300.00
New Shepherd, Cooleemee, J. C. Harris	300.00
New Smith Grove, Lexington, J. F. Chambers	300.00
New Testament, Madison, Eli McEachern	350.00
New Zion, Greensboro	200.00
New Zion, Winston-Salem, Leroy Smith	200.00
Oak Grove, China Grove, C. H. Hawkins	200.00
Oak Grove, Wakeforest, L. L. Anthony	200.00
Pine Hall, Pine Hall, F. R. Lowry	600.00
Piney Grove, Winston-Salem, T. J. Joyce	300.00
Pleasant Hill, Harmony	400.00
Providence, Greensboro, H. A. Chubb	350.00
Providence, Kernville, D. Johnson	300.00
Red Bank, Winston-Salem, J. J. Clyburn	200.00
Reynolds Chapel, Greensboro	200.00
Rising Ebenezer, Winston-Salem, E. N. Young	1300.00
Rising Star, Walnut Cove, Robert Hairston	600.00
St. Luke, Salisbury, W. C. Wilkerson	200.00
St. Mark, Winston-Salem, James Fulwood	200.00
St. Paul, Eden, R. J. Howard	750.00
St. Paul, Greensboro	200.00
St. Stephen, Winston-Salem, J. R. Samuel	5300.00
Shady Grove, E. Spencer, J. G. Gaston	2800.00
Sharon, Stonesville	200.00
Shiloh, Greensboro, O. L. Hairston	7500.00
Shiloh, Mocksville, Howard Parker	200.00
Shiloh, Winston-Salem, J. Ray Butler	750.00
Springfield, Eden, W. M. Lee	400.00
Temple Memorial, High Point, L. L. Macon	600.00
Union, Lexington, J. L. Stowe	1200.00
Union, Winston-Salem, A. H. McDaniel	4000.00
United, Kannapolis, J. Jones	200.00
United Institutional, Greensboro,	
C. W. Anderson	3300.00
United Metropolitan, Winston-Salem,	
J. D. Ballard	Tithe
United Progressive, T. Caldwell	200.00
Wauhtown, Winston-Salem, E. L. Grant	500.00
West End, Reidsville, W. F. Wright	200.00
Yadkin Grove, Salisbury, J. L. Stowe	250.00
Zion, Reidsville, E. L. Kirby	3500.00
Zion Memorial, Winston-Salem,	
J. A. Jennings, Jr.	1200.00
TOTAL	\$97,150.00

ST. JOHN—J. J. Johnson, Moderator

Buffalo Springs, Raeford, N. Worley	\$ 400.00
Cedar Grove, Raeford, J. C. Fairley	425.00
Christ Memorial, O'Neal Taylor	200.00
Ellerbee Grove, Rockingham, S. J. Ratcliff	400.00
First, Laurel Hill, W. M. Ford	725.00
First, Marston, S. M. Dixon	250.00
Fletcher's Grove, S. Gilchrist	300.00
Green Lake, James Murphy	300.00
Jones Chapel, Laurinburg, G. W. Ware	1800.00
Jones Chapel, Raeford, W. McDiffie	600.00
Macedonia, Hoffman, J. B. Everett, Jr.	250.00
McCormick Chapel, J. B. Everett, Jr.	200.00
Mt. Calvary, Leroy Smith	200.00
Mt. Moriah, Biscoe, S. Ratcliff	275.00
Nazareth, Marston, S. C. Fairley	600.00
Oak Hill, Wagram	275.00
Piney Grove, Raeford	200.00
Reedy Creek, Laurinburg, J. B. Everett, Jr.	650.00
St. Mark	200.00
Shady Grove, Wagram, J. Gorham	250.00
Silver Grove, Raeford, W. K. Mitchell	2500.00

“The United Dollar For The United Program”

Solid Rock, Laurinburg, Leroy Davis	1000.00	Mt. Sinai, Fayetteville, A. J. Johnson	5500.00	First, Winton, A. C. Robinson, Jr.	500.00
Timmons Grove, H. Morrison	200.00	New Bethel, Rex, J. L. Williams	300.00	Harrellsville Chapel, C. A. Hart	600.00
Twilight, Aberdeen, D. Kelly	200.00	New Bethlehem, Fayetteville, C. C. Bryant	200.00	Indian Woods, Windsor, C. M. Creevey	550.00
Union Grove, Laurinburg, R. Flagger	250.00	New Hope, Wade, Henry Melvin	250.00	Jordan Grove, Winton, J. R. White	200.00
Unionville, Wagram, J. W. Briston	250.00	Oak Ridge, Lumber Bridge, J. A. McLaughlin	200.00	Luella, Kelford, D. C. Spruill	200.00
TOTAL	\$12,759.00	Piney Grove, Raeford, R. Holmes	1100.00	Melton Grove, Winfall, J. W. Law	200.00
SHILOH—Kermit Richardson, Moderator					
Bethlehem, Wise, Frank Bullock, Jr.	\$ 650.00	Pleasant Grove, Lumberton, J. T. Gilchrist	350.00	Menola, Woodland, J. A. Davis	700.00
Cooke's Chapel, Warren Plains, W. L. Barnes	275.00	Pleasant Hill, Lumberton, W. D. Holmes	275.00	Mt. Branch, Aulander, Frank Lee	300.00
First, Norlina, C. R. Barnes	400.00	Pleasant Grove, St. Paul, J. T. Gilchrist	200.00	Mt. Neek, Como, H. L. Mitchell	800.00
Fork Chapel, Warrenton	200.00	Pleasant View, St. Paul, J. R. Simpson	250.00	Mt. Ararat, N. C. McNaair	200.00
Greenwood, Warrenton, A. D. Lyon	250.00	Principium, Fayetteville, C. R. Bryant	225.00	Mt. Herman, Aulander, W. D. Moore	200.00
Hughes Grove	250.00	Rock Hill, Raeford, Sylvester Melvin	275.00	Mt. Moriah, Winton, E. C. Watson	200.00
Jerusalem, Warrenton, C. V. Harris	250.00	St. John, Shannon, Harry McRae	250.00	Mt. Olive, Lewiston, Moses Shearin	600.00
Jordan Hill, Macon, James Melton	275.00	St. Mark, Marion Avery	225.00	Mt. Pleasant, Harrellsville, J. R. Wiggins	400.00
Manson, Manson, James Melton	250.00	St. Matthew, Shannon, Theodore Patterson	250.00	Mt. Sani, Como, Frank Lee	300.00
Mt. Olive, Henderson, J. S. Freeman	600.00	St. Paul, Fayetteville, M. J. Wade	600.00	New Ashokie, Ashokie	750.00
Mt. Pleasant, Manson, K. Richardson	600.00	St. Peter, Raeford, James Mills	300.00	New Bethany, Ashokie, C. M. Creevey	475.00
New Bethel, Macon, N. E. Spruill	225.00	Savannah, Fayetteville, C. C. McLaughlin	500.00	New Haven, Murfreesboro, S. W. Edwards	900.00
Perry Chapel, Louisburg, Elbert Lee	300.00	Second, Fayetteville, W. E. Beam	1500.00	New Holly Grove, W. D. Lassiter	200.00
Pine Grove, Macon, N. M. Johnson	550.00	Second New Light, St. Paul, Ollie Miller	900.00	Newsome Grove, Richard Smallwood	250.00
St. James, Henderson, Eugene Fields	400.00	Shiloh, Dublin, F. D. King	400.00	Oxley Hill, Merry Hill, J. R. Wiggins	300.00
TOTAL	\$5425.00	Shiloh, Maxton	275.00	Parkers Grove, Mapleton, J. H. Dixon	800.00
TAR RIVER—Frank Bullock, Jr., Moderator					
Bethlehem, Rocky Mount, Wilton Byrd	\$ 800.00	Shiloh, St. Paul, C. J. Thomas	300.00	Peterson Chapel, Windsor, W. H. Trotman	300.00
Castalia, L. Edwards	650.00	South End, Fayetteville, C. C. Ray	275.00	Peterson Grove, Windsor, B. P. Heckstall	200.00
Elizabeth, Spring Hope, J. N. Hunter	400.00	Spring Hill, Fayetteville, Harry Giles	250.00	Phillipi, Coffield, C. A. Hart	500.00
Hickory Grove, S. T. Dunston	200.00	Spring Lake Memorial, Spring Lake	250.00	Piney Wood Chapel, W. H. Trotman	650.00
Hillsdale, Rocky Mount, J. H. Hunter	350.00	Star of Bethlehem, Fairmont	250.00	Pleasant Oak, Windsor, W. D. Lassiter	200.00
Momyer South Side, Robert Perry	200.00	Swan's Creek, Hope Mills, C. C. McLaughlin	625.00	Pleasant Plains, Ashokie	550.00
New Hope First, Spring Hope, A. M. Wiggins	375.00	Thompson Chapel, Lumberton	200.00	St. Elmo, Windsor, E. C. Watson	1200.00
Oak Level, Rocky Mount, J. Simpson	225.00	TOTAL	\$39,825.00	St. Francis, Windsor, E. C. Watson	200.00
Philadelphia, Nashville, B. V. Abston	650.00	WAKE—W. B. Lewis, Moderator			
Pilot, Zebulon, Frank Bullock, Jr.	500.00	Baptist Grove, Raleigh, N. M. McMillan	\$ 375.00	St. John, Murfreesboro, W. D. Lassiter	200.00
Pleasure Hill, Frank Strickland	200.00	Elevation, Raleigh, N. A. Trice, Jr.	200.00	St. Luke, Windsor, W. A. Moore	270.00
Red Oak, Stanhope, O. D. Williams	575.00	First, Frankinton, O. H. Brodie	1000.00	St. Mark, Colerain, John Chance, Sr.	200.00
Rock Hill	475.00	First, Fuquay-Varina	250.00	St. Matthew, Windsor, James Cary	200.00
Rocky Point, Spring Hope, A. M. Wiggins	400.00	First, Holy Springs, A. A. Crum	350.00	St. Paul, Windsor, Leroy Gilliam, Sr.	200.00
St. Delight, Castalia, J. H. Staton	550.00	First, Raleigh, C. W. Ward	8900.00	Sandy Branch, Roxobel	700.00
St. Hope, Spring Hope, F. Bullock, Jr.	3500.00	First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh, W. B. Lewis	600.00	Sandy Point, Windsor, J. W. Law	500.00
Sandy Fork, Bailey, F. Bullock, Jr.	750.00	Friendship Chapel, Wake Forest, Leonard Farrar	200.00	Second St. John, Ashokie, W. D. Lassiter	200.00
White Oak, J. N. Hunter	750.00	Good Hope, Raleigh, J. E. Daniels	1000.00	Second Union, Ashokie, S. B. Lewis	400.00
TOTAL	\$10,850.00	Jones Chapel, Knightdale, W. G. Horton	300.00	Spring Hill, Lewiston	650.00
TRENT RIVER-OAKY GROVE—E. W. Wooten, Moderator					
Davis Chapel, Navassa, C. E. Gray	\$ 250.00	Jones Hill, Spring Hope, W. M. Giles	225.00	Weeping Mary, Lewiston, W. D. Lassiter	275.00
Dixon Chapel, Jacksonville, E. W. Wooten	300.00	Juniper Level, Raleigh, G. A. Jones, Sr.	300.00	Woodville Plain, B. P. Heckstall	200.00
Evening View, Jacksonville, David Ollison	200.00	Malaby's Cross Road, Knightdale	200.00	Wynns Grove, Colerain, J. W. Law	225.00
First, Jacksonville	500.00	G. A. Jones, Sr.	250.00	Zion Bethlehem, Merry Hill, Leroy Gilliam	275.00
First, Kellumtown, A. M. Kelly	500.00	Martin Street, Raleigh, P. H. Johnson	6000.00	Zion Grove, Aulander, S. B. Lewis	300.00
First, Maysville, L. A. Dillahun	200.00	Morning Star, Raleigh, S. R. Spencer	450.00	Zion Hill, Colerain, C. C. Lawrence	800.00
Hills Chapel, Trenton, R. Taylor	250.00	Mount Pleasant, Neuse, P. R. Jones	200.00	TOTAL	\$23,695.00
Jenkins Chapel, Sneads Ferry, J. D. Jacobs	350.00	Mount Zion, Cary	200.00	WESTERN UNION—J. B. Everett, Moderator	
Macedonia, New Bern, D. S. Hammond	350.00	New Bethel, Roanokeville, W. A. Morgan	1500.00	Bear Skin, Clinton	\$ 200.00
Marshall Chapel, Jacksonville, Ronnie Kelsy	750.00	New Hope, Wendell	250.00	Brown's Chapel, Clinton, L. A. Melvin	200.00
Mt. Moriah, Cove City, C. E. Gray	200.00	New Light, Lousburg, M. R. Hedgepeth	250.00	First, Clinton, Clifford Jones	4000.00
Oakley Grove, Trenton, E. L. Batts	600.00	New Providence, Fuquay-Varina, W. H. Brock	650.00	First, Roseboro, J. W. Haire	200.00
Reform Chapel, James City, J. Farris	200.00	Oak City, Raleigh, C. B. Walton	650.00	First, Tomahawk	200.00
St. Louis, Jacksonville	200.00	Oak Grove, Apex, Elmo Thorpe	200.00	Ingold First, W. H. Brock	425.00
St. Louis, Richard, J. A. James	300.00	Oberlin, Raleigh, H. B. Pickett	650.00	Lisbon Street, Clinton, H. R. Cogdell	5200.00
St. Phillip, Pollocksville, J. T. Parks	500.00	Old Liberty, Lousburg, A. M. Wiggins	200.00	Littfield, Newton Grove, J. D. Herring	1400.00
St. Stephens, Silverdale, A. M. Kelly	500.00	Olive Branch, Wake Forest, S. L. Suitt	500.00	Mount Pleasant, Clinton, Lacy Jones	400.00
Sandy Run, Jacksonville, E. W. Wooten	2000.00	Pleasant Grove, Wendell, John Mendez	600.00	Mount Zion, Dunn, L. J. Penny	275.00
United, New Bern, S. David	200.00	Riley Hill, Wendell, W. G. Horton	300.00	Red Hill, Clinton	200.00
Virgil Hill, Jacksonville, W. A. Green	200.00	St. Amanda, Garner	200.00	Snow Hill, Roseboro, J. H. Everett	675.00
Washington Chapel, Jacksonville	600.00	St. Matthew, Raleigh, J. D. Lockley	500.00	TOTAL	\$13,375.00
White Oak, Maysville, L. A. Dillahun	200.00	Springfield, Auburn, A. Brown	700.00	WILSON ASSOCIATION—T. A. Watkins, Moderator	
Zion Chapel, Pollocksville, W. A. Greene	200.00	Stables Chapel, Middlesex, J. Q. Dunston	200.00	Antioch Missionary, Wilson, George Cooper	\$ 275.00
TOTAL	\$9250.00	Union Grove, Youngsline, J. C. Sherrord	800.00	Barnes Chapel, Wilson	200.00
UNION—A. C. Johns, Moderator					
Baptist Union, Hope Mills, M. Hayes	\$ 350.00	Wake Baptist Grove, Garner, C. P. Briley	1700.00	Calvary, Wilson, D. D. Wilson	200.00
Beauty Spot, Fayetteville, D. Johnson	200.00	Wake Chapel, Millbrook, G. A. Jones, Jr.	400.00	Ebenezer, Wilson, W. I. Bowden	800.00
China Grove, Fayetteville, E. B. Garrett	275.00	Walefield, Zebulon	1000.00	First, Bailey, E. D. Woodard	425.00
First, Fayetteville, C. R. Edwards	200.00	Woodland Chapel, Irvin Davis	38,700.00	First, Elm City, James Barron	200.00
First, Parkton, L. A. Melvin	650.00	WAYNESVILLE—J. H. Smith, Moderator			
First, Red Springs, Lindsey Godwin	200.00	Fort Hembree, Hayesville, H. J. Kincaid	\$ 200.00	First, Lucama, Odell Forte	450.00
First, St. Pauls, J. R. Simpson	250.00	Liberty, Sylva, J. H. Smith	850.00	Jackson Chapel First, Wilson, T. A. Watkins	3500.00
First, Steadman	200.00	Morning Star, Bryson City, O. T. Tomes	200.00	Johnson Chapel, Elm City, J. E. Barron	375.00
First, New Light, White Oak, J. D. McDonald	200.00	Mt. Nebo, Lake Lure, J. H. Smith	200.00	Mary Grove, Lucama, E. D. Woodard	600.00
Flat Swamp, Fayetteville, Henry Melvin	250.00	Tithe Mt. Olive, Mars Hill, J. H. Smith	200.00	Roundtree, Wilson, I. M. Jordan	1000.00
Friendship, Fayetteville, B. L. Rich	3500.00	Mt. Olive, Waynesville, Eugene Waters	650.00	Sandy Fork, Wilson, David Howell	275.00
Good Hope, Fayetteville, Samuel McDonald	650.00	Pleasant Grove, Canton	675.00	Vaughn Chapel, Elm City, Harvey Woodard	325.00
Gray's Creek, Hope Mills, Lacy Jones	850.00	Texana, Murphy, Louis Grant	700.00	Wilson Chapel, Wilson, John Mangum	300.00
Laurel Hill, Lumber Bridge, S. Melvin	1000.00	TOTAL	\$3675.00	TOTAL	\$8,925.00
Leach Springs, Raeford, Frank Wooten	225.00	YADKIN DAVIE—Ardeal Roseboro, Moderator			
Lewis Chapel, Fayetteville, John D. Fuller	200.00	Ashland, Merry Hill, R. B. Brown	\$ 600.00	Cedar Creek, Mocksville, W. C. Hay	250.00
Missionary, Fayetteville, Iday Watson	300.00	Calvary, Ashokie, H. H. Murrill	400.00	Chinquapin, Mocksville, Calvin Banks	200.00
Mt. Calvary, Fayetteville, Henry Melvin	500.00	Cedar Landing, Lewiston, H. H. Murrill	400.00	Forbush	200.00
Mt. Carmel, Fayetteville	400.00	Concoquary, Aulander, C. C. Lawrence	600.00	Mt. Nebo, Harmony, Ardeal Roseboro	800.00
Mt. Olive, Fayetteville	250.00	Tithe Elm Grove, Aulander, R. L. Lassiter, Sr.	550.00	Pleasant Grove, Yadinville, F. A. Leak	350.00
Mt. Pisgah, Raeford	3700.00	First, Aulander, W. D. Moore	250.00	Smith Grove, Hiddenite, Walter Tidline	475.00
		First, Colerain, J. A. Davis	600.00	TOTAL	\$2,475.00
		First, Kelford, J. W. Law	250.00	YADKIN VALLEY—Montreal Howell, Moderator	
		First, Murfreesboro, A. M. Williams	650.00	First, N. Wilkesboro	\$ 450.00
		First, Powellsville, A. J. Cherry	300.00	Friendship, Olin, James Millsap	275.00

"The United Dollar For The United Program"

Mt. Pleasant, Jonesville, Montreal Howell	550.00
Mt. Valley, Ronda, C. L. Welborn	250.00
New Damascus, N. Wilkesboro, W. N. Rowe	850.00
Parks Grove, Wilkesboro, W. O. Brown	300.00
Patterson Grove, Lenoir	400.00
Piney Grove, Moravian Falls, Mack Millsap	225.00
Pleasant Hill, N. Wilkesboro, Coot Gilreath	1100.00
Poplar Spring, Roaring River, Fred Carlton	1500.00
Sandy Creek, Traphill, Walter Tidline	450.00
St. Home, Elkins, Rodney Stevenson	400.00
St. John, Taylorsville, Mack Millsap	325.00
Thankful, Boomer, H. P. Dalton	600.00
Union Grove, Roaring River, John Hampton	300.00
TOTAL	\$8,225.00

YADKIN PHILADELPHIA—W. H. Sturdivant,

Moderator

Antioch, Monroe, E. H. Martin	\$1000.00
E. Macedonia, Norwood, G. T. Thomas	500.00
First, Ansonville, R. E. Blount	650.00
First, Norwood, C. C. Clark	450.00
Flakes Chapel, Wadesboro, L. W. Walker	350.00
Garris Grove, Wadesboro, F. R. Butler	650.00
Henderson Grove, Polkton, J. N. Coble	900.00
Mt. Pleasant, Wadesboro, E. H. Martin	600.00
Mt. Zion, Badin, David L. Thompson	500.00
Olive Grove, Mt. Gilead, W. H. Sturdivant	300.00
Parson Grove, Mt. Gilead, W. H. Sturdivant	300.00
Piney Grove, Waxaw, James McCoy	500.00
Pleasant Hill, Ansonville, C. M. Huntley	600.00
Red Hill, Lilesville, C. C. Clark	200.00
Thomasville, Mt. Gilead, J. B. Garris	500.00
Walker Grove, Wingate, L. W. Walker	500.00
TOTAL	\$8300.00

ZION—A. L. Bell, Moderator

Barringer Chapel, Ansonville, Jasper Powe	\$ 500.00
Brown Creek, R. E. Blount	700.00

Cedar Creek, Wadesboro, G. V. Lewis	300.00
East Rockford, Wadesboro, Donald Taylor	525.00
Ebenezer, Wadesboro, W. W. Williams	300.00
Elizabeth, Lilesville, B. A. Allen	200.00
Elizabeth, Monroe, J. H. Ferguson	2200.00
First, Hamlet, W. O. McCullough	1600.00
First, Wadesboro, A. L. Bell	1200.00
Flag Branch, Monroe, E. H. Martin	600.00
Flat Rock, Wadesboro, D. M. Morehead	250.00
Flint Ridge, Marshville, A. L. Evans	750.00
Friendship, Monroe, J. B. Crowder	5400.00
Galilee, Oakboro, Jasper Powe	900.00
Long Pine, Wadesboro, J. J. Wilson	200.00
Mellonville, Peachland, Rev. Presley	550.00
New Grove, Polkton, D. H. Dockery	200.00
New Union, Peachland, E. H. Martin	300.00
Nicey Grove, Wingate, C. J. Evans	2400.00
Olive Branch, Marshville, J. C. Robinson	1800.00
Parson Grove, Lilesville, B. R. Robinson	400.00
Poplar Hill, Polkton, H. Sturdivant	275.00
Poplar Spring, Burnville, D. W. Morehead	350.00
Ramah Grove, McJordan, Lewis Blakey	1800.00
Sandy Ridge, Morven, W. H. Sturdivant	700.00
West Deep Creek, Wadesboro, W. A. Sellers	800.00
West Rocky Ford, Wadesboro, James W. Parson	650.00
White Oak, Morven, L. Mungo	225.00
TOTAL	\$26,225.00

UNIDENTIFIED

Baptist Grove, Granville Co.	\$ 200.00
Beulah, Leasburg	200.00
David Chapel, Kelly	200.00
Eastern Chapel, David Howell	275.00
Eastern Star, Tarboro	250.00
Elizabeth, Autryville	225.00
Eureka First	300.00
Faith, Raleigh, C. R. Trotter	350.00

First, Marion	550.00
First, St. Paul, Whiteville, W. J. Boykin	600.00
Gethsemane, High Point	200.00
Goodwill, Claremont	200.00
Hatcher Grove, Cary	200.00
Homer, Blanch, C. H. Lea	250.00
Little Zion, Whitakers	200.00
Martin's Chapel, Mebane	500.00
Mt. Gilead, Hallsboro	225.00
Mt. Moriah, Lenoir	300.00
Mt. Moriah, Matthews, J. C. Robinson	2500.00
Lee's Chapel, Cedar Grove	250.00
Mt. Nebo, Harmony	200.00
Mt. Olive, Winston-Salem	200.00
Mt. Olive, Whiteville	200.00
Mt. Pilgrim, Whiteville	200.00
New Hill, Watha	200.00
New Zion, Charlotte	1700.00
Oak Grove, Litleton	200.00
Phelps Chapel, Lenoir, J. S. Spruill	250.00
Piney Grove, Fair Bluff	225.00
Pleasant Grove, Durham	575.00
Pleasant Grove, Thomasville	600.00
Pleasant Union, Hiegelwood	200.00
St. Chapel, Edfield	200.00
St. John, Jefferson	200.00
St. Luke, Landrum, S. C. A. Stover	200.00
St. Stephen, Warrenton	200.00
Salem Chapel, Tarboro	200.00
Union, Hurdle Mills	225.00
Union, St. Paul	200.00
Union, Taber City, V. E. Daniel	200.00
West Hill Street, Warsaw	600.00
Westside, Robbins	200.00
Wheats Creek, Tryon	225.00
White Oak, Granville County	200.00
Zion Plain, Nakina	250.00
TOTAL	\$16,725.00

300 Churches Attain 1978-79 Goals

(Support the Unified Program With the Unified Dollar)

Many thanks to all the officers of the General Baptist State Convention, moderators of the

associations, pastors of the churches, presidents of the district members and unions and members of the 1,700 churches for making the fiscal year 1978-79 the best year in the

history of the convention.

According to our records, the following churches met their suggested quotas during the fiscal year 1978-79. Some of the following churches gave more

than the suggested quotas, and many of them gave a tenth of their budget to the objectives of the convention.

I trust that the pastors who were unable to lead their

churches to reach their suggested quotas during the fiscal year 1978-79 will inspire their churches to do so during the fiscal year 1979-80.

ALEXANDER UNION

Mt. Carmel, Taylorsville
Mt. Zion, Hickory, Albert Wright
Macedonia, C. M. Moore, Taylorsville

BEAR CREEK

Barnes Chapel, Goldsboro, E. L. Daniels
Bee's Grove, Goldsboro, W. C. Horton
First, Kinston, W. R. Raynor
Hooks Grove, Pikesville, J. C. Sherrard
St. Stephen, C. W. Pate
Winn Chapel, Mt. Olive, J. X. Clarido

BRUNSWICK-WACCAMAW

Mt. Nebo, Wilmington, L. F. Boone
Mt. Zion, Chadburn, John Beese, Jr.
Welches Creek, Whiteville, R. S. Jones

CEDAR GROVE

Gwynn Chapel, Pelham, J. C. Brown
Mt. Herman, Ruffin, Joseph Evans
Rocky Ridge, Reidsville, P. J. Woods

COUNTY LINE

New Grassy Creek, Oxford, J. R. Booker
New Johnathan Creek, Virginia, R. E. Page
Whetstone, Oxford, G. A. Gluchrist

DEEP RIVER

Edwards Grove, Liberty, M. P. McCleave
First Calvary, Sanford, J. L. Morgan
Mt. Moriah, Cameron, J. E. Lucas, Jr.
Mt. Olive, Moncure, L. B. Cameron
New Bessalem, Roblin, Q. O. Davis
Sixth Avenue, First Baptist, Siler City, J. E. Brown
White Oak, Lillington, David Jones

EAST CEDAR GROVE

Mt. Calvary, Bahama, O. L. Sherrill
Mt. Level, Durham, C. L. Dunston
Cedar Grove, Roxboro, Charles Cobb
Greater St. Paul, Durham, W. T. Bigelow
Shady Grove, Roxboro, H. O. Edwards

West Durham, H. J. Cobb

EBENEZER

Esbridge Grove, Shelby, J. C. Johnson
First, Earl, R. F. Kilgore
Macedonia, Waco, B. W. Glover
Mt. Calvary, Shelby, S. A. Raper
Mt. Pleasant, Bessemer City, L. W. Jackson
New Ellis Chapel, Shelby, A. A. Ponder
St. James, Bessemer City, Eugene Early
Shady Grove, Kings Mountain, R. F. Kilgore
Green Bethel, Bailing Springs
Maple Springs, Shelby
Mt. Olive, Kings Mountain, W. A. Maddox
Shiloh, Shelby, R. E. Devoe
St. Peter, Grove, D. A. Costner

GASTON COUNTY

Emmanuel, Gastonia, S. H. Barber
Friendship, Gastonia, T. M. Walker
Macedonia, Lucia, I. G. Johnson
Mt. Pisgah, Gastonia, G. F. Lowry
St. Paul, Gastonia, H. J. Campbell
Tabernacle, Gastonia, V. M. Worthy

GOLD HILL

Gold Hill, Shelby, H. R. Spears
Macedonia, Golden Ridge, Bennie Glover
Mt. Nebo, Lake Lure, J. H. Bailey

GULFPORT

Bethlehem, Winston-Salem, E. L. Clark

HAMMONDS CREEK

First, Elizabethtown, W. H. D. Flowers
Pleasant Hill, C. T. Bowens, Clarkton
Pleasant Union, Reigelwood, A. H. Murphy

HIGH POINT

Canaan, Winston-Salem, W. E. Brannon
First Calvary, Winston-Salem, W. L. Wilson
Gethsemane, Greensboro, J. W. Reed
Oak Grove First, K. R. Martin

JOHNSTON DISTRICT

First, Smithfield, E. Allen

KENANSVILLE-EASTERN

First, Warsaw, R. A. Morris
Peter's Tabernacle, Wallace, Louis Wright
Roseville, Willard, H. D. Jones
Six Run, Turkey, I. Johnson

LANE CREEK

Elizabeth, Marshville, H. L. Nicholson
Liberty Hill, Waxhaw, David Cook, Jr.
Mt. Moriah, Marshville, J. N. Coble
Mt. Pisgah, Waxhaw, W. T. Richardson
Piney Grove, Marshville
St. Davie, Wingate, J. B. Crowder
St. Luke, Charlotte, L. D. Parker
Watts Grove, Monroe, N. Workman
West Macedonia, H. L. Nicholson

LUMBER RIVER

Antioch, Proctorville, G. T. Cromwell
First, Fairmont, J. J. Johnson (Tithe)
Hilly Branch, Lumberton, J. H. Dunham
Mt. Taber, Cerra Gordo, Daniel Lee

MECKLENBURG-GENERAL

First, Charlotte, J. B. Humphrey
Friendship, Charlotte, C. W. Kerry
Greater Mt. Sinai, Charlotte, N. E. Kerry
Greater Providence, Charlotte, J. W. Wallace, Jr.
Mt. Carmel, Charlotte, Leon Riddick
Rose Hill, Kannapolis, J. W. Wallace
Temple Community, Charlotte, J. M. Kennedy

MIDDLE BAPTIST

First, Lenoir, W. D. Johnson
Nelson Chapel, Lenoir, N. E. Spruill
New Bethel, Henderson, J. H. Bryant
South Main Street, Lenoir, J. G. McKnight

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MIDDLE DISTRICT

Ebenezer, Wilmington
Falling Run, Fayetteville, J. D. McDonald
First, Rose Hill, W. K. Raynor
First, Teachey, R. L. Carr
Halls Chapel, Atkinson
Lakes Chapel, Atkinson, C. W. Page
Lee's Chapel, Maple Hill, G. F. House
Macedonia, Wilmington, A. McCrae
Mt. Calvary, Wilmington, F. R. Devane
Mt. Pisgah, Burgaw, A. A. McCraw
St. Louis, Chincupin, W. E. Martin
Union Hill, Autryville

MIDDLE GROUND

Cottee Chapel, T. R. Vines
Pine Chapel, Pinetops, E. L. Powell
Willow Chapel, Gold Point, G. E. Brown

MT. PEACE

Greater Galilee, Charlotte, W. McKissick
Green Oak, Charlotte, J. W. Gwin
Gethsemane, Davidson, Clement Morris, Sr.
Gethsemane, Charlotte, C. E. Dewberry
Pleasant Hill, Charlotte, J. A. Outhbert
Saint Paul Community, Charlotte, R. M. Young
Salem, Charlotte, M. H. Bostic, Jr.

MOUNTAIN & CATAWBA

Chestnut Grove, Statesville, J. L. Coleman
Clarks Chapel, Statesville, V. S. Thompson
Friendship, Hickory, D. U. Cooper
First, Harmony, W. J. LeGrant
Morning Star First, Hickory, W. E. Lytle
New Prospect, Long Island, C. E. Rowe
St. James First, Troutman, Leroy Wilson
University Park, Charlotte, J. E. Palmer

MUD CREEK

Catawba View, Old Fort, J. H. Sullivan
Greater New Zion, Fletcher, L. C. Ray, Sr.
Mt. Zion, Asheville, J. W. White
Union Grove, Hendersonville, Q. O. Owens
Worldwide Tabernacle, Asheville, W. Grant

NEUSE RIVER

Bethlehem, Seaboard, E. L. Fleming
Chapel Grove, Garysburg
Cromwell, Halifax, M. Nicholson
Eastern Star, Tarboro, L. J. Morris
Ebenezer, Rocky Mount, T. L. Walker
First, Weldon, J. B. Moore
Hart's Chapel
Hickory View, Rocky Mount, J. H. Dixon
Leggett Chapel, Leggett, W. Taylor
Metropolitan, Rocky Mount, J. E. Arnette (Tithe)
Morning Star, Pinetops, George Cooper, Jr.
Mount Olive, Rocky Mount, G. E. Battle
Parker's Chapel, Sharpburg, E. Barnes
Red Hill, Winklers, J. O. Thorne
St. James, Rocky Mount, Charles Bullock
Tillery Chapel, Tillery, Edward L. Fleming

NEW BERN-EASTERN

Mount Olive, Messic, W. C. Horton
Mount Pilgrim, Newport, J. A. James
Mt. Zion, Arapahoe, J. B. Crandall
St. Luke, Edwards, J. H. Parker

NEW ERA

Mt. Olive, Clarkton, G. H. Buck
Sandy Grove, Fairbluff
St. John, Chadbourn, R. Smith

NEW HOPE

Barbee's Chapel, Chapel Hill, T. R. Cole
Bazzell Creek, Holly Springs, N. T. Davis
Fulton Grove, Apex, L. Leak
First, Apex, J. E. Perkins
First, Chapel Hill, J. R. Manley
Hickory Grove, Durham, J. R. Manley
Morehead Avenue, Durham, B. A. Mack
Mount Gilead, Durham, A. D. Moseley
Mt. Sinai, Durham, A. Alston
Mt. Vernon, Durham, Percy High
Mt. Zion, Chatham County, J. R. Burt
New Bethel, Durham, L. W. Reid
Terrell's Creek, Chapel Hill, T. J. Foster, Jr.

OCEAN VIEW

Cedar Grove, Supply, W. H. D. Flowers

OLD EASTERN

Cedar Grove, Greenville, K. R. Hammond
Green Chapel, New Bern, W. E. Sinclair
Guilfield, New Bern, A. G. Moore
Mary's Chapel, Scotland Neck, E. R. Irving

Mary's Chapel, Scotland Neck, E. R. King
Mt. Calvary, New Bern, W. J. Cox
Mt. Zion, Beaufort, James M. Moore
Phillips, Simpson, D. S. Hammond
Spring Garden, Washington, E. B. McNair
Sycamore Hill, Greenville, B. Felder
Union, Tarboro, Raymond Morris

ORIGINAL SHILOH

Mitchell, Lousburg, E. L. Brodie
Union Grove, Warrenton, P. G. Davis
Warrenton, Walter Yarbrough

PEEDEE

Bethlehem, Laurinburg, R. L. Milhouse
Fairley Chapel, Laurinburg, L. A. Melvin
Holly Grove, Rockingham, Howard McLaughlin
New Hope, Hamlet, W. H. Gustafson
Poplar Spring, Rockingham, J. H. Ferguson
Providence, Rockingham, R. T. Gilchrist
St. Paul, Pinehurst, W. M. Gay

PROGRESSIVE TAR RIVER

Mt. Zion First, Rocky Mount, G. W. Dudley

REEDY CREEK

Lee's Chapel, Littleton, G. E. Battle
Locust Grove, Wise, A. L. Daye
Oak Grove, Littleton, C. E. McCollum
Rocky Chapel, Louisville, J. M. Boone
Shiloh, Arcola, Will C. Tabron
Wainut Grove, Louisville, J. S. Spruill

RIISING STAR

Antioch, Granite Quarry, R. T. Wyatt
Fairview Heights, Salisbury, R. N. Lockhart
New Brown Calvary, Thomasville, J. W. Flake

ROANOKE

Cornerstone, Elizabeth City, J. R. R. McRay
New Hope, Gatesville, H. L. Mitchell
St. John, Creswell, D. W. Lamb
St. John, Edenton, J. E. Griffin
St. Stephen, Elizabeth City, P. C. Holland

ROWAN

Anderson Grove, Greensboro, E. S. Anderson
Emmanuel, Winston-Salem, S. W. Mack
First, Lexington, B. F. Daniels
First, Thomasville, W. E. Banks
First, Winston-Salem, W. E. Epps (Tithe)
First Calvary, Salisbury, T. D. Walker
Friendship, Lexington, H. B. Walters
Galilee, Winston-Salem, W. C. Hay
Jerusalem, E. Spencer, Charles Blakney
Morning Star, Winston

Morning Star, Winston-Salem, D. B. Sally
Mt. Sinai, Eden, R. S. Geiger
Mt. Zion, Albemarle, J. C. Robinson
Mt. Zion, Salisbury, S. R. Johnson, Jr.
New Bethel, Winston-Salem, Jerry Drayton
New Testament, Madison, Eli McEachern
Pine Hall, Pine Hall, F. R. Lowery
St. Paul, Eden, R. J. Howard
St. Stephen, Winston-Salem, J. R. Samuel
Shady Grove, E. Spencer, J. G. Gaston
Shiloh, Greensboro, O. L. Hairston
Shiloh, Winston-Salem, J. R. Butler (Tithe)
United Institutional, Greensboro, C. W. Anderson
United Metropolitan, Winston-Salem, J. D. Ballard
Zion, Reidsville, E. L. Kirby (Tithe)

ST. JOHN

First, Laurel Hill, W. M. Ford
Jones Chapel, Laurinburg, G. W. Ware
Nazareth, Marston, S. C. Fairley

Reedy Creek, Laurinburg, J. B. Everett, Jr.

SHILOH

First, Norlina, C. R. Barnes
Mt. Olive, Henderson, J. S. Freeman
Pine Grove, Macon, N. M. Johnson

TAR RIVER

Bethlehem, Rocky Mount, Wilton Byrd
Castalia, Castalia, L. Edwards
Elizabeth, Spring Hope, J. H. Hunter
Philadelphia, Nashville, B. V. Alston
Red Oak, Stanhope, O. D. Williams
St. Hope, Spring Hope, Frank Bullock, Jr. (Tithe)
Sandy Fork, Bailey, Frank Bullock, Jr. (Tithe)

TRENT RIVER-OAKY GROVE

Marshall Chapel, Jacksonville, Ronnie Kelsey
Sandy Run, Jacksonville, E. W. Wooten
Washington Chapel, Jacksonville, W. L. Griffin

UNION

Beauty Spot, Fayetteville, D. Johnson
First, Fayetteville, C. R. Edwards (Tithe)
Friendship, Fayetteville, B. L. Rich
Gray's Creek, Hope Mills, L. Jones
Laurel Hill, Lumber Bridge, S. Melvin
Lewis Chapel, Fayetteville, J. D. Fuller
Mt. Pisgah, Raeford
Mt. Sinai, Fayetteville, A. J. Johnson
Piney Grove, Raeford, R. Holmes
Pleasant Grove, Lumberton, J. T. Gilchrist
St. Paul, Fayetteville, M. J. Wade
St. Peter, Raeford, J. Mills
Second, Fayetteville, W. E. Beamon
Shiloh, Dublin, F. D. King

WAKE

First, Franklinton, O. H. Brodie
First, Raleigh, C. W. Ward
Good Hope, Raleigh, J. E. Daniels
New Providence, Fuquay-Varina, W. H. Brock
Oak City, Raleigh, C. B. Walton
Tupper Memorial, Raleigh, Leatha Debnam
Union Grove, Youngsville, J. C. Sherrard
Wake Baptist, Fuquay, Garner, C. P. Briley
Wake Chapel, Millbrook, G. A. Jones, Jr.
Wakefield, Zebulon

WAYNESVILLE

Liberty, Sylva, J. H. Smith

WEST ROANOKE

Mill Neck, Como, H. L. Mitchell
Parker Grove, Mapleton, J. H. Dixon
Piney Wood Chapel, Fovellsville, W. H. Trotman
St. Elmo, Windsor, E. C. Watson
Sandy Branch, Roxobel, P. C. Holland
Spring Hill, Lewiston

WESTERN UNION

Libson Street, Clinton, H. R. Cogdell
Littlefield, Newton Grove, J. D. Herring

WILSON

First, Wilson, T. A. Watkins
Roundtree, Wilson, I. M. Jordan

YADKIN-DAVIE

Smith Grove, Hiddenite, Walter Tidline

YADKIN VALLEY

Pleasant Hill, Wilkesboro, Coat Gilchrist
Poplar Spring, Roaring River, F. Carlton
New Damascus, N. Wilkesboro, W. N. Rowe

YADKIN-PHILADELPHIA

Antioch, Monroe, E. H. Martin (Tithe)
First, Ansonville, R. E. Blount (Tithe)
Flakes Chapel, Wadesboro, L. W. Walker
Garris Grove, Wadesboro, F. R. Butler
Henderson Grove, Polkton, J. N. Coble (Tithe)
Pleasant Hill, Ansonville, C. M. Huntley
ZION

East Rockford, Wadesboro, D. Taylor
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Dr. Craig's Message

We are in the process of conducting our regional workshops. Our theme for the fiscal year 1979-80 is: "How A Church Can Lead Its Members to Participate in Its United Program." The participants are: 1) C. C. Craig, How A Church Can Lead Its Members To Participate In Its United Program Of Budgeting; 2) Dr. Priscilla Brodie, How A Church Can Lead Its Members To Participate In Its Program Of Teaching Missions And Performing Missions Activities; 3) Leo Williams, How A Church Can Lead Its Members To Participate In Its United Program Of Teaching And Church Training; 4) Waverly Camp, How A Church Can Lead Its Members To Participate In Its United Program Of Teaching Missions To Men And Boys, And Its United Program Of Teaching Church Music.

Our list of regional workshops for January 1980:

Region 9 - Jan. 14-15, Memorial Baptist Church, New Bern, W. L. Griffin, pastor; Jan. 16-17, Sandy Run Baptist Church, Jacksonville, E. W. Wooten, pastor.

Region 6 - Jan. 28-29, Lisbon Street, Clinton, H. R. Cogdell, pastor; Jan. 30-31, Foster Memorial, Rocky Mount, Jeremiah Webb, pastor.

We hope to meet with all of the pastors, church officers, leaders and members in each region of the state. The objective of the workshops is to take the program, plans and the objectives

of the convention to the people of the local level. The staff members at the Baptist Headquarters are adequately prepared to interpret the work of the General Baptist State Convention and the work of the church under the lordship of Christ.

"WHAT TO FORGET"

If you would increase your happiness in the New Year, and prolong your life, forget your neighbor's faults. Forget the temptations. Forget the fault finding and give a little thought to the cause which provoked it. Forget the peculiarities of your friends, and only remember the good points which make you fond of them. Forget all personal quarrels or histories you may have heard by accident, and which, if repeated, would seem a thousand times worse than they are. Blot out as far as possible, all disagreeables of life; they will come, but will only grow larger when you remember them and the constant acts of meanness, or worsted, malice will only tend to make you more familiar with them. Obliterate everything disagreeable from yesterday, write upon today's clean sheet those things lovely and lovable. "Happy New Year."

Sincerely,
C. C. Craig

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Friendship, Monroe, J. B. Crowder
Galilee, Oakboro, J. Powe
Nicey Grove, Wingate, C. J. Evans

ZION

Olive Branch, Marshville, J. C. Robinson
Poplar Spring, Buxeyville, D. W. Morehead
Ramah Grove, McFarlan, Lewis Blakely
Sandy Ridge, Morven, W. H. Sturdivant
West Deep Creek, Wadesboro, W. A. Sellers
West Rock Ford, Wadesboro, J. W. Parsons

BFW Educational Fund Launches Hunger Study-Action Campaign

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Bread for the World Educational Fund has launched a nationwide study-and-action campaign which will focus on the report of the Presidential Commission on World Hunger.

The Educational Fund in cooperation with 30 national church bodies will initiate a program of local study groups and community forums based

Christians Key, Says Gov. Hunt

BY JIM NEWTON

North Carolina Gov. Jim Hunt believes the problems in society will never be solved without the help of dedicated, Christian people.

"People all over our state are hurting, and we need to respond to their hurts," he says. "But the government can't solve their problems, because they are human problems."

"What we've got to do is to challenge the Christian people of North Carolina to get out there and help people in need," he continues, gesturing like an evangelist.

Gov. Hunt, an active Presbyterian layman, feels the churches of North Carolina—some 10,000 strong, are the best organized and best equipped organizations in the state to help accomplish this goal.

That's one of the reasons he recruited two Baptist ministers and former denominational workers to head up his administration's effort to involve citizens in a massive, statewide program of volunteerism. (The fact that 1.1 million of the estimated 2 million church members in North Carolina are Baptists also may have influenced that decision.)

Gov. Hunt believes "every Christian ought to be a volunteer in his own community."

He believes if Christians really responded to the challenge to help others, it would result in significant tax cuts and radical changes in society.

on the commission's report. President Jimmy Carter is scheduled to receive a preliminary version of the report this month. Bread for the World, a grassroots citizens' movement, is cooperating in planning the program.

The study phase will utilize a study guide being prepared by the BFW Educational Fund with the help of editorial consultants from the cooperating church bodies. Hundreds of study groups are scheduled for March 1980 in local churches, on campuses, and in communities nationwide. These groups will spend from one to six sessions critically reviewing the commission's recommendations on how the United States should be involved in seeking solutions to the problems of world hunger.

The action phase will revolve around organizing hundreds of community forums across the nation to take place in April 1980, when legislators are scheduled to be in their home states and districts on recess.

Christian citizens who have become familiar with the commission's report through the study groups will gather with other interested citizens to discuss the commission's report with their elected representatives, candidates, and other public officials. The forums will deal with the effects of the commission's recommendations on U.S. citizens, the local community, the nation, and the world.

Participating church bodies and the BFW Educational Fund are currently recruiting volunteer leadership to help implement the project. Local churches, campus Christian groups, and local interdenominational hunger groups are encouraged to begin planning now for the March discussion groups in April forums. Study guides and guidelines for organizing community forums may be requested soon after the first of the year, free of charge, from Bread for the World Educational Fund, 207 E. 16th Street, New York, N.Y. 10003.

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1980 Winter Calendar

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- The Name of Jesus
- 5 Twelfth Night
- 6 Epiphany
- 12 Mid-Year Session (Woman's Convention), Raleigh Civic Center
- 13 Baptism of Jesus
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
- 18 Conversion of St. Peter
- 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 19 Laymen's Study Commission, St. Luke Baptist Church, Charlotte
- 20 Laymen's (Brotherhood) Day
- 20 Missionary Day
- 21-24 National Baptist Convention of USA, Inc., Mid-Year Session, Hot Springs, Arkansas
- 21-24 Board of Directors - National Baptist Woman's Convention USA, Inc., Hot Springs, Arkansas
- 21-24 Progressive National Baptist Convention, Mid-Year Session, Tampa, Fla.
- 21-24 National Baptist Convention of America, Mid-Year Session, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

- 22 Church Building Conference, Memorial Baptist Church, Greenville (Building Planning)
- 25 Conversion of St. Paul

FEBRUARY

- 1 National Freedom Day
- 2 Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
- 4-5 Statewide Evangelism Conference, War Memorial Auditorium, Greensboro
- 9 State Sunday School and BTU Congress, One Day Session, Shiloh Baptist Church, Henderson
- 10 Race Relations Sunday
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 St. Valentine's Day
- 17 The Transfiguration
- 17-24 Brotherhood Week
- 19 Associational Teams VBS Clinic, Greenville
- 20 Ash Wednesday
- 21 Associational Teams VBS Clinic, Elizabethtown
- 22 Associational Teams VBS Clinic, Burlington
- 23 State Usher's Convention, One Day Session, Whetstone Baptist Church, Oxford

- 24 First Sunday in Lent
- 27 Ash Wednesday

MARCH

- 2 Second Sunday in Lent
- 4 Associational Teams VBS Clinic, Waynesville
- 6 Associational VBS Clinic, Lincoln
- 7 Associational Teams VBS Clinic, Wilkesboro
- World Day of Prayer
- 9 Third Sunday in Lent
- 16 Fourth Sunday in Lent
- 17-19 Pastor's Conference, Shaw University
- 20 One Day Session of Lott Carey Laymen's League
- Covenant Ave. Baptist Church, New York, N.Y.
- 23 Fifth Sunday in Lent
- Passion Sunday
- 24-28 Churchmanship Seminar, Camp Caraway
- 30 Sixth Sunday in Lent
- Palm Sunday
- Passion Sunday (alternate)
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Women Draw 2,000 To Raleigh Civic Center

BY MISS AUGUSTA WHITE

Approximately 2,000 men, women and youth from across North Carolina flocked to Raleigh on Saturday, Jan. 12, to attend the 27th annual Mid-Year Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, held at the Civic Center complex.

"Christ the Challenge to a Desperate World" was the convention theme, manifested in the objective of saving souls through the State Mission, Foreign Mission, Shaw University, Shaw Divinity School, Central Orphanage, and the Baptist Assembly.

The Convention was called to order by Mrs. Georgia Turner of Lumberton, president of the convention.

The tone of the Convention was set by the Devotional Moments led by Mrs. Georgia Thompson and the worship committee.

Following the soul-stirring devotional service, President Turner greeted the assembly with warm words. She said that we were twelve days into the new year and God was still blessing us.

"We gather here to take a look at our ongoing work. We are doing well, but there is still room at the top," President Turner urged all of us to come together in unity. "We are made up of many units but we are one body. All of us are needed to keep the motion in force for Christ. In our convention structure there is a place for all. Let us continue to be a united force for Christ. Let us pray that we will be full-time missionaries and not part-time missionaries. Christ is a challenge to this desperate world."

Greetings were brought by Dr. J. R. Manley, president of the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina, and Dr. Corbin Cooper, Cooperative

Ministries. Both expressed thanks for the cooperation of the Woman's Baptist State Convention.

The sub-theme discussion was both informative and inspirational. The sub-theme was "How to Minister to A Desperate World."

Christ And Organization
Mrs. Bernice Artis
Wayne County Public Schools
In Matthew 28:19-20, the commission was extended, "Go

ye and teach all people whatsoever I have commanded." We are not ready for the mission that is extended to us. Our church memberships do not commit themselves in any way to Christ's commitment of mission. Membership involvement must have organization. Change is painful but needed. It is unwise for us to think that we can win this world for Christ with outdated methods, uninformed ministers and outdated materials. We must move out and use our talents to turn this world upside down. We must teach our youth, young adults and adults that they will be sharers in this mission for Christ. New days require new ways, attitudes, and fellowship. Christ is the answer."

Christ and our Global Neighbor

Mrs. Dorothy Okeke
Eastern Cedar Grove

Women's Auxiliary

"Believers in Christ can never neglect our global neighbors. Go ye into the world and teach all people. Ever since man has been touched by the Spirit of God, there has been a desire to share our experiences. Christ was the first missionary. He came and died to save (See WOMEN, P. 3)



Participants in the 1960 Greensboro sit-ins gather at a permanent historical marker that was unveiled Feb. 1 in downtown Greensboro. Near the marker are (left to right) Joseph McNeill, David Richmond and Franklin McCain (all wearing glasses).

During Black History Month

Sit-Ins Observed

BY RICHARD E. MOORE

GREENSBORO—When four A&T State University freshmen students staged a sit-in at the local Woolworth's twenty years ago, little did they know that their decision would cast them firmly into American history.

How much this is true was apparent last Friday when Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeill, Jibreel Khazan, and David Richmond returned to the city to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their daring deed, which set off a national civil rights movement.

The A&T family honored its distinguished sons at a mammoth university-wide convocation and at two public receptions.

Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, chancellor, presented the four men with specially designed and emblazoned navy blue blazers. A&T State University National Alumni Association president, Dr. Velma Spight, gave the heroes laminated plaques; and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People also presented them plaques.

The Greensboro community, the governor's office, and the office of the vice president of the United States also had tributes for the men, and a permanent historic marker was unveiled at the corner of Elm Street and Friendly Road, two blocks north of the Woolworth's store.

In a luncheon in the Hilton Inn, Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, former A&T president, said, "The sit-in demonstration of 1960 was the watershed of the movement of America's black population toward full integration into this society."

"Because of their courage," added Proctor, "the end came quickly to an entire system of demeaning, dehumanizing and deprivative customs and mores."

When the four former A&T students returned to the Woolworth's store for an early morning breakfast on Feb. 1, their anniversary date, this time the meal was paid for by the management.

In addition, the four men attracted more than 50 newsmen, including representatives of the three national networks, the major newspapers and newsmen from several foreign nations.

Mrs. Shirley Frye, assistant vice chancellor for development and university relations, was chairperson of the Greensboro observance, which was one of the largest ever staged in this city.

Woolworth's also unveiled a plaque in honor of the men in front of the store, and in addition, donated \$6,000 to A&T to initiate a lecture series each February in honor of the sit-ins.



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Plans Unveiled For Pastors' Confab

The Shaw Divinity School proudly announces the observance of its seventh annual Pastor's Conference, March 17-19, at Shaw University, Raleigh. Registration for the conference will begin at 2 p.m. Monday, March 17. The conference will end at noon Wednesday, March 19. Registration and all sessions of the conference will be held in the Shaw University Church. The cost of registration is \$25.

The theme for 1980 is "The Pastor and the Ministry of Preaching." The services of

three outstanding pastors and educators have been secured.

Dr. William J. Shaw will be the Conference preacher. Dr. Shaw is pastor of White Rock Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Shaw will deliver sermons on Monday and Tuesday at 8 p.m. He will preach for the Shaw Theological Alumni Association on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. The Shaw Theological Alumni Association observes its annual meeting in conjunction with the pastor's conference.

The Rev. Cain H. Felder will

be a principal lecturer. Rev. Felder is instructor in New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J. He will deliver two lectures on the theme, entitled, "Preaching in the New Testament." Both lectures will be delivered on Tuesday, at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Dr. Kelly Miller Smith will be a principal lecturer. Dr. Smith is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., and is assistant dean at Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville.

(See PASTORS', P. 8)

Mt. Calvary Dedicates New Building

BY AUGUSTA A. WHITE-SALISBURY—The First Calvary Baptist Church, as a spiritual beacon and an organized institution, has been guided by the Divine Hand of providential power and protection in a special manner since 1965, under the present administration.

Under the dynamic leadership of Rev. Theodore Walker, the following accomplishments have been made:

1. Purchased one city block of land;
2. Built and burned the mortgage of a new church on the purchased land;
3. Built and burned the mortgage of a new parsonage built on the same block with the church;
4. Paved parking lot; and
5. Recently built an annex



The ribbon is being cut by Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary, General Baptist State Convention. Others pictured: Rev. Spaulding, Livingstone College; Rev. L. R. Lockhart, Fairview Baptist Church; Rev. T. D. Walker, First Calvary; Rev. William Weeks, Associate Minister, First Calvary; Rev. S. R. Johnson, Mount Zion Baptist Church.

with a seating capacity of 350. On Nov. 30, 1979, the dedication and open-house of First Calvary's new \$170,000 annex was held, with Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina as guest speaker. Dr. Craig's topic was "Can the Church Fail?"

After the inspirational mes-

sage by Dr. Craig, Rev. Walker led the congregation in the responsive dedication service. Following the dedication service, the ribbon to the entrance of the new annex was cut by Dr. Craig.

First Calvary is appreciative to all members and friends for their interest and goodwill expressed through the years.



FIRST CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH ANNEX, SALISBURY, N. C.

From The Executive Secretary's Desk

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention:

Your consistent giving to the Unified Program makes it possible for the Convention to honor its commitments to the objectives of the Convention on a percentage basis.

Each church is asked to send a contribution to the Baptist headquarters each month which will help the Convention reach its financial goal of \$1,134,729.91 on or before August 31. Our convention has made remarkable progress in the past two years. The records show that during the past two fiscal years, 1977-78 and 1978-79, we have realized \$2,084,933.07 for the objectives and other causes.

Our convention continues to be the greatest black Baptist State Convention in the nation. It is the greatest Convention because of your prayers, support and cooperation. However, we have nothing to boast about except the fact that the Lord is good. He is kind and considerate, He has blessed our work, and He has smiled on us.

Our financial record shows that contributions from the

churches were greater from Sept. 1 through Dec. 31, 1979, than they were during the same period in 1978. We are gratified, but we are not satisfied. "There is much land yet to be possessed." If our churches continue to give sacrificially in the next nine months as they have in the past three months, the convention will surely reach its financial goal.

Workshops Overflow
We are in the process of contacting our regional workshops. Thus far, the attendance and the financial response to the workshops have been amazing. We had a record-breaking attendance at the Memorial Baptist Church in New Bern (Rev. W. L. Griffin, pastor), and at the Sandy Run Baptist Church in Jacksonville (Rev. E. W. Wooten, pastor). As a matter of fact, some people could not find seats in the auditorium at the Sandy Run Baptist Church.

The purpose of the workshop is to interpret the work of the church as well as the work of the convention—plans, programs and objectives. We hope to meet all of the pastors, (See DR. CRAIG'S, P. 8)

Convention Makes Plans For Baptist World Alliance

The General Baptist State Convention has made travel arrangements with the Wilcox Travel Agency, Inc. for the Baptist World Alliance in Toronto, Canada, July 8-12, 1980. The round trip fare is \$388. This amount includes the round trip air transportation, baggage handling, transportation to and from the airport, room accommodation at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, which is the headquarters hotel for the convention, and registration for the Baptist World Alliance. For those desiring a single room, the round trip fare is \$472.90. A \$100 deposit, due April 1, will reserve a seat for you on the plane.

Please fill out the form below and return it to our office with your deposit. All checks or money orders are to be made payable to the General Baptist State Convention.

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From The President's Desk

"A Time To Celebrate"

BY DR. J. R. MANLEY
PRESIDENT

The Book of Ecclesiastes (3:1) reminds us that "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." We wish to point up the importance of the time to celebrate, as Hebrews 10:25 reminds us where it says "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together."

We also wish to point up the importance of the time to work, as John 9:4 suggests: "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

In the Christian community,

both celebration and work take place. For when we assemble ourselves together for work, for worship, for fellowship, and for business; and for Christian study in our churches, associations, regional meetings, auxiliary meetings and conventions, we celebrate.

And we have much to celebrate, such as the saving grace of Jesus Christ, the spirit of unity that characterizes the various leaders of our convention, the support we have given to the various objectives of our convention, and the work of each individual, church and pastor.

But we cannot, must not,

shall not, sit upon our laurels, especially when the need is so great and the cry is so loud. So loud until religious faith of all persuasions are hearing their cry and attempting in their own way to answer the call. And no matter when, where, or how much we celebrate, it is always in the local church, or the vineyard as Matthew 20:4 suggests, that the work is to be done. It is on the local level that the battle is to be won or lost.

Therefore, if our convention is to meet the challenge of giving adequate support to Shaw University, Shaw University Divinity School, the Central Orphanage, the Lott Carey Convention, and a state mission program, each church must be saturated with the same spirit; with the blood of one flowing into the blood of the other, giving both the local church and the Convention a transfusion.

And to the extent that some of us gain inspiration by sharing in celebrations, we have the opportunity to share the same with our brothers and sisters.

As Luke 22:32 says, "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brother." Let us therefore work while it is day, for when night cometh no man works. Then we can sing with the hymnologist, "Like a mighty army moves the church of God."

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BGSC Workshops Generate Crowds

BY REV. LEO WILLIAMS

The Baptist Headquarters team launched out on its series of annual regional workshops, beginning in Region 9, on Jan. 14 and 15, at the Memorial Baptist Church, New Bern, where Rev. W. L. Griffin is pastor.

It has been said, "The first impression is the lasting impression." If this adage is true, the General Baptist State Convention is headed for another banner year in the Lord's work. At this first workshop, there was ample cause for rejoicing and deep appreciation for the large attendance; for full participation; for a warm welcome and hospitality; and for the liberal financial contributions to the objectives of the convention. The pastors and members of many of the churches were present, beaming with excitement and exemplifying their intense desires for enlightenment.

In the New Bern Eastern Association and some of the churches in the Trent River Oakey Grove, the East Carolina Progressive, and the Old Eastern Associations. The Rev. W. C. Horton, pastor of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Mesic, and moderator of the New Bern Eastern Association, served as coordinator of the preparation for the workshop.

The lively response by pastors and church members was indicative of a job well done by Rev. Horton. The Rev. J. T. Parks delivered a dynamic sermon on Jan. 14. He was accompanied by his fine congregation from the Green Hill Baptist Church of Bayboro. A great spirit of fellowship was observed on Tuesday, when the Rev. E. W. Wooten was guest preacher. He was accompanied by the wonderful people from Sandy Run Baptist Church of Jacksonville.

On Wednesday, Jan. 16, all workshop roads led to Region 6

and the Sandy Run Baptist Church in Jacksonville. The pastors and church members in the Jacksonville area, having heard of the successful effort in New Bern, were eager to carry the workshop a step higher.

The spirit of fellowship was further exemplified. The Rev. W. C. Horton served as guest preacher and was accompanied by the Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Mesic and several other persons from Region 9. On Thursday, Rev. Vaughn delivered the sermon, accompanied by the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville. Rev. Wooten, moderator of the Trent River Oakey Grove Association, served as coordinator of the workshop held in Jacksonville. The attendance was so great that standing room was available only in the auditorium.

The financial contributions were liberal and surpassed all expectations.

The workshop theme for the fiscal year 1979-80 is: "How A Church Can Lead Its Members To Participate in Its United Program." The participants are: (1) G. C. Crapshaw, Church Can Lead Its Members To Participate in Its United Program of Budgeting;" (2) Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie—"How A Church Can Lead Its Members To Participate in Its United Program of Teaching and Performing Missions Activities;" (3) Leo Williams, Jr.—"How A Church Can Lead Its Members To Participate in Its United Program of Bible Teaching and Church Training;" and (4) Waverly Crapshaw—"How A Church Can Lead Its Members To Participate in Its United Program of Teaching Church Music."

The Baptist headquarters staff and the entire Convention staff to express deepest appreciation to pastors and church members who worked so diligently to make these workshops successful.

president of the Sunday School Congress, was also present.

The president passed a few words of wisdom to the audience before proceeding with his message, "You Can't Lead Where You Don't Go, You Can't Teach What You Don't Know, and You Can't Come Back From Where You Haven't Been." The audience was very receptive to the message. Our prayer is that the officers will perform as excellently as Dr. Manley spoke. From all of us at Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, Dr. Manley, thank you.

Speaks At Installation

BY VERA J. WALTHOUR

Installation service for all officers of the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church in Durham was held Sunday, Jan. 27 at 11 a.m. The guest speaker for the occasion was our illustrious president of the General Baptist State Convention, Dr. J. R. Manley. The Paulettes of Greater St. Paul rendered the music.

Dr. Manley thanked Dr. W. T. Bigelow, the choir and congregation for the invitation. Mrs. Hazel McClamb, first vice

Rev. Bigelow To Speak

Dr. W. T. Bigelow, pastor of the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church of Durham and moderator of the East Cedar Grove Missionary Association, was again extended the privilege to be among the speakers of the week for the National Baptist Convention, Inc. board meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Hot Springs, Ark. hosted the Mid-Winter Session of the Convention.

Dr. Bigelow is known for pouring his heart into every message he delivers. This held true Wednesday night, as the Spirit was so intense that Dr. Jackson, president, called for a dismissal shortly after the closing of his message. "Unauthorized Authority."

Many congratulations were showered upon him by fellow ministers and laymen as well.



Persons representing the "Lydia Circle" churches contributing one thousand dollars to the Convention last year. (See article)

Women Draw 2,000

manhood. Paul was a great missionary. Men and women have been sent to the foreign fields to take the gospel to those who need it. Procedures change, but the needs of the people are the same. We should do more this year than we did last year. Continue to grow more and prosper more this year. Be sincere in what you do. This work needs to be work-centered and not self-centered."

Christ And The Homeless
Mrs. Arlene Gee, Neuse River Women's Auxiliary

"When the Son of Man shall come in His glory there shall be all nations. He shall set the sheep on the right hand and the goats on the left. I was hungry and ye fed me, sick and ye ministered unto me, thirsty and ye quenched my thirst. A great challenge confronts all who identify with missionaries. How shall we continue to meet the great challenge of helping the homeless? Christ was aware of the needs of the homeless when He gave the commission to His disciples. The call came from Macedonia, 'Come over and help us.' We raise our missionary money and ask God's blessing and use it for everything except what we raise it for. We keep the money in the treasury instead of using it. God has no hands or feet except ours to do His work. Can anything be any sweeter than administering to the needs of the homeless? Let us pray for continued strength as we administer to the homeless."

Christ and the College Campus

Mrs. Lisa Jones
Shaw University

"We must speak out and answer when questioned by students on the college campus. We can help students if we:

- (1) work with students, not criticize them; work closely within to give guidance when they come home.
- (2) encourage them to think before acting and provide more Christian influence on our college campus.
- (3) don't be afraid to say to a student, 'you need to pray.'

Christ And Recreation
Rev. Theodore Breeden
Baptist Assembly Superintendent

"To be successful in life you must be a man, but to enjoy life you must be humble and submissive like a little child. Without God you can do nothing. Once we have fun and recreate we forget Christ. People think

you have to give up everything to become a Christian, but once you confess Christ you don't want to do those things of the world anymore.

"I have won many medals and awards playing baseball, but the greatest award I received was being called to preach and to follow Christ. We must be willing to help meet the challenge in a desperate world."

Bible Study
Dr. Herbert O. Edwards
Shaw And Duke
Divinity Schools

"Without any fanfare, God can shut things down with a little fog or inclement weather. If we put more time in our Bible study, it would be more concrete. We take so little time to study the Bible. Some of us don't know any more about the Bible now than we knew when we first came into the Church. The basic problem in our Bible study is that of interpretation. We spread all the lies and

wives' tales about the Bible.

"The descriptive fact is that the world is troubled and in desperatness. In the western world, we are in the worst trouble. Black folks have always been in depression. We have the answer. Christ is sufficient for our needs. What is so good should come to an end so cruel. Hardly had He begun His work when the unprincipled, expediency-serving religious leaders turned against Him. They laughed at Him, called Him a psychopath, and determined to rid the land of Him at all costs.

You see, Jesus Christ did not please many of His countrymen. In time, they killed Him! Why not?

He offended the rich. He told them that they did not possess their wealth, rather their wealth possessed them.

He offended the poor. He told them that poverty should remind them that life is not

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Woman's Page

From The Executive Secretary

Certainly for me, our Mid-Year Session was one of the highlights of our Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention's annual activities.

Why? Because you came in great numbers (seniors, young adults, youth, pastors, and visitors), because you gave sacrificial offerings and helped us exceed our goal of \$10,000. For these and other reasons we are grateful to you.

What great things can we people of God accomplish when we work together and seek to do missions in His name, having remembered to put God first. "Eyes have not seen and ears have not heard" what missions we can do if we continue to put God first and give sacrificially in love, service, finance, and interest. Thus, let us not become complacent nor discouraged, but rather strive for

even greater missions in His name.

Your state officers are honored to serve God through people like you. Many, many thanks.

NOTES TO REMEMBER

Persons who desire applications for housing accommodations for the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., may write to this office and request them.

The Pre-Convention Banquet tickets are now available.

Please make checks or money orders payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention or Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, not to the objectives. But please indicate on the check or money order for what objective it is.

APOLOGY!

To persons who received the Lydia Circle Certificates and you feel your Youth and Young Adult Departments were omitted, let us remind you that these departments are a part of the Senior Circle. However, to prevent this problem from

BY MRS. G. M. TURNER
"Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be



DR. PRISCILLA A. BRODIE

"The United Dollar" For The "United Program"

occurring again, we shall make revisions. We are grateful to all of you for your support.

Mrs. Priscilla M. Turner

President

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie

Executive Secretary

Treasurer

youers," Mark 11:24. Our prayers were for the Lord's blessings during our 27th Mid-Year Session, wherever He saw our need. We were truly blessed in so many ways.

First, you came—ministers, brothers and sisters—from all over our great state. Second, our stewardship goals in attendance and finance were exceeded. Praise God! Third, you came with patience, love, peace and a sincere spirit of fellowship as many on a Mission for God. For all of this, I sincerely thank God, and I do thank you. We attended in numbers and surely the Holy Spirit dwelled with us.

Each program participant left a message for all of us to remember. We drank deeply from the refreshing fountain of their study and research. We ate heartily from the table of knowledge projected by our participants. I do hope that, even now, you are still digesting the blessed information, interpretations, and messages given us at our Mid-Year Session.

May we be reminded that as we gain inspiration from others, let us use it to the glory of God in all our involvements. Keep in mind our Convention

calendar dates. We find these in our Missionary Helper and in the Informer. Please do plan your year so that you may be a part of all that in which you should be involved.

Our Leaders' Workshop, May 31, at the Civic Center in Raleigh, is being planned for senior presidents, the four vice presidents and secretaries; young adult directors, presidents, their four vice presidents, youth supervisors, youth presidents, and chairpersons and co-chairpersons of year-round committees. We would like, this year, to use our Workshop group format. Presidents of circles, unions, auxiliaries and district conference chairpersons, please see that these persons from your church or group do attend our State-Wide Leaders' Workshop. Send in your pre-registration fee of \$2.00. Also send in your request for money for banquet tickets—\$12.00 each....

You are supporting your Convention beautifully, sisters and brothers. The Lord is truly blessing us. Let all of us continue to pray for the redemption of our Heavenly Father that we may solicit your continued prayers.

Woman's Convention Bestows Stewardship Awards

(Continued from page 3)

guaranteed, and He refused to turn His kingdom into either a soup line or a bakery.

He offended the Zealots. He refused to embrace their politics and would not let them use Him as any national flag for their bloody insurrection....

STEWARDSHIP AWARDED

A certificate of recognition was given to persons who had given 25 or more years of continuous service to the convention. The following persons received certificates:

Mrs. Lydia Vanhook, Durham; Mrs. M. S. Philson, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Nannie P. Lyons, Durham; Mrs. Mozella Harvey, Durham; Mrs. Hattie Solomon, Smithfield; Mrs. Ella Manson, Burlington; Mrs. Mary Blakney, Charlotte; Mrs. Martha B. Howard, Reidsville; Mrs. Willie G. Sneed, Durham; Mrs. Louise Davis, Laurinburg; Mrs. Myrtle Harrison, Henrico; Mrs. Ruby Pressley, Charlotte; Mrs. Gula H. Mabey, Charlotte; Mrs. Elizabeth Boswell, Wadesboro; Mrs. Ruby Allen, Oxford; Mrs. Eunice Kirby, Reidsville; Mrs. Ethel Bittle, Charlotte; Mrs. Omega F. Johnson, Fairmont; Mrs. Laia W. Williams, Roxboro; Mrs. Lillie Johnson, Roxboro; Mrs. Addie Byrd, Rocky Mount; Mrs. Lillie S. Pittman, Rocky Mount; Mrs. Mae C. Grier, Belmont; Mrs. Mary T. Horton, Durham; Mrs. Georgia Thompson, Durham; Mrs. Eria Norris, Durham; Mrs. Rosetta Webb, Durham; Mrs. J. B. McLeister, Durham; Mrs. Clara Ballentine, Raleigh; and Mrs. Mary B. Moore, Rocky Mount.

The proposed budget was presented by Dr. Priscilla Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer of the Woman's

Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention. She urged the missionaries to continue to support the convention in order for the convention to reach the goal of \$276,000. Dr. Brodie also explained the week of memorial prayer to be conducted by churches April 7-12. A memorial prayer gift will be sent to India Mission in memory of the late Dr. Ivey F. Nelson, former superintendent of the Lott Carey Mission in Delhi, India. Contributions are to be sent to the state office.

Dr. Brodie said, "We need

The Joint Session of the convention was held at 12:30 p.m., with reports from the youth and young adult departments. Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, state supervisor of the youth department, said that the session was inspirational. Nearly four hundred attended and all of the youth officers were in attendance. Mini-planning sessions were conducted by the supervisors.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lassiter presented a helpful hint on fund raising. Mrs. Bronnie Daniels, state director, gave a report of the

honorees was done for all churches which contributed \$1000 or more to the Woman's Baptist State Convention during FY 1979. They include:

Mt. Sinai—Fayetteville, Dr. Aaron Johnson, pastor; Mt. Vernon—Durham, Dr. Percy High, pastor; Mt. Zion—Winston-Salem, Rev. Gilbert Campbell, Jr., pastor; New Bethel—Winston-Salem, Dr. Jerry Drayton, pastor; New Zion—Charlotte, Rev. B. Vernon, pastor; Second Baptist—Fayetteville, Rev. W. E. Beamon, pastor; Shiloh—Win-

ship—Charlotte, Dr. C. W. Kerry, Jr., pastor; Friendship—Fayetteville, Rev. B. L. Rich, pastor; Friendship Baptist—Winston-Salem, Rev. S. E. Tyndall, pastor.

After an inspirational solo by Mrs. Georgia Geiss, "Through It All," Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary-treasurer of the GBCS, presented the speaker, the Rev. Thomas Walker, pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount. His subject was "Mary Had A Little Lamb," based on the text of Matthew 1:18.

"You see things differently and you hear things differently when you know Christ. Mary had a little lamb, his fleece was white as snow, and everywhere that Mary went, the lamb was sure to go." I have heard about another Mary who had another Lamb. This Mary was used of God to bring the Messiah into the world. Young women, you should pray for God to use you. Because of Mary's Lamb, we are here today. Because of that Lamb we have hope of tomorrow, we have salvation. This Lamb was brought into the world to take away the sins of the world.

"When John was baptizing one day he saw Jesus and he said, 'Behold the Lamb of God.' God provided a remedy for our sin. Jesus died for the sins of the world. When Israel was under Pharaoh, God put together His plan to deliver His people. God always has a way to protect His own. All we need to do is abide in Him. God used His plan of death. He used the blood of a male lamb and placed it on the door post of Israel's household, and when I see the blood I will pass over it. Mary had a Lamb, I have a Lamb.



Certificates presented to women who have rendered 25 years of service to the Woman's Convention.

\$14,000 for foreign missions to help equip the new library in Africa. If we help others, we help ourselves.

"As we were celebrating our 27th Mid-Year Session, I am celebrating my first term in office. We are about no mission for ourselves but Christ's mission. We must work what is yet day, for the night comes when no man can work. Though the pathway to glory may sometimes be dreary, you'll be happy each step of the way."

young adult department. She said that the convention is growing. Nearly 300 attended the young adult session. The new president, the Rev. Wayne Hines, challenged them to put Christ first and do everything possible to minister to the needs of people in a desperate world, economically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. The budget adopted by the young adults was \$20,000. A newsletter entitled "The New Harvest" was passed out.

Recognition of Lydia Circle

ston-Salem, Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor; Star of Zion—New Bern, Rev. Cleveland Parks, Jr., pastor; United Metropolitan—Winston-Salem, Dr. J. D. Ballard, pastor; First Baptist Church—Lumberton, Dr. E. B. Turner, pastor; Ebenezer—Charlotte, Dr. A. B. Sutton, pastor; Emmanuel—Winston-Salem, Rev. S. W. Mack, pastor; First Baptist Church—Fayetteville, Dr. C. R. Edwards, pastor; First Baptist Church—Dunston-Salem, Rev. W. S. Epps, pastor; Friend-

Ultimate Word Of God Today Is Jesus

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following excerpts from an address were presented by W. Randall Lolley, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, during the school's Conference on Biblical Authority, Jan. 29-30.

JESUS CHRIST: THE LIVING WORD OF GOD
(John 1:1-4)
BY DR. W. RANDALL LOLLEY

The Negro spiritual raises the enduring issue of Jesus:
"Long time ago, you wuz born.
Born in a manger low...
The world treats you mean,

Treats me mean, too. But that's how things is down here. We didn't know 'twas you.

You done showed us how. We is a-tryin'. Master, you done shown us how even when you's dyin'.

Just seems like we can't do right.

Look how we treated You. But please, shuf forgive us, Lord. We didn't know who you was.

It is the very same incarnation issue underscored by John: "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. He was in the world and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not."

"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not."

This is the enduring issue of Jesus Christ: "He came unto His own and His own received Him not." Those original New Testament folk and their immediate successors had to make one monumental decision. They had to make up their minds about who Jesus Christ really was.

It took time—lots of time—but slowly, surely, they reached their conviction. Here it is: "Jesus Christ is God's only Son, our Lord."

Some years ago, Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo, director of the chapel, George Washington University, wrote an essay entitled, "What Manner of Man is This?"

His central point in that essay was that "the most distinguishing characteristic which separates Christianity from all other religions lies in the personality of its Founder."

He is right: Hinduism is loyalty to an idea.

Confucianism is loyalty to a tradition.

Shintoism is loyalty to a country.

Islam is loyalty to a code.

Buddhism is loyalty to a method.

Only Christianity is loyalty to a Person! You may conceive of Christianity without an organization; you may conceive of it without a ritual; you may conceive of it without a creed. But to think of Christian faith without Jesus Christ is an about him.

1. He is Jesus. Here is there conviction in relation to his manhood. It affirms his real and genuine humanity. Lend me your mind. Journey with me back into the days of His flesh. Let us search for the clues indicating what

incredible as it is impossible.

I say, that original New Testament folk had to make up their minds—and their hearts—about one thing for sure. Exactly who was this Man of Nazareth? What manner of man was he?

This is what they decided: Jesus Christ is God's only Son, our Lord.

In that simple, profound statement there are four crucial affirmations of faith: manner of man is this Lord Jesus Christ. Carlyle was right. "Great men have short biographies." About all we know firsthand of Jesus is crowded into a few pages at the beginning of our New Testament.

He left no record of Himself. He wrote no scroll. He kept no diary. He left no orders that the details of His life be recorded in an affidavit. Thus, we have no autobiography of Jesus.

What we have are four testimonies, four witnesses by persons who knew Him and loved Him. Even these four do not furnish us a photograph of Him, but a broad-brushed verbal portrait written down a generation after He had lived. Such events as we have of His life are quickly told:

He was miracle born to a young virgin in an obscure cave in the dead of night on a Judean hillside attended by animals, odors, and grimy shepherd folk. He grew up in a sheltered mountain village among the common peasantry of Palestine, where Rome ruled all the real estate. He had 4 brothers and two sisters. He attended the synagogue school. He was confirmed at age 12. He grew up in a normal, home-normal, daily life. He learned how to trim wicks and fill oil lamps. He could build fires and fry dry fish. He learned His father's carpenter trade and how to tend sheep.

Apparently, Joseph died before Jesus was grown, so he, being the eldest son, became the responsible head of the family. All the while, two fires burned within Him. One flamed for His immediate task at home. The other flamed for His divine task in the world.

One day He closed the door of the Nazareth carpenter shop to walk out of that village where caravans crossed; into the world.

Then He went south to be baptized by his cousin, John, Elizabeth's son, and at age 30 he trudged back into Galilee declaring that indeed the Kingdom of God had come. The crucial remainder of His story is crowded up not so much in what He said or even in what He did, but in the fact of who He was. They called Him Jesus.

"Jesus" is the Greek form of the Hebrew name, "Joshua"—"Deliverer." At least five Jewish high priests were named Jesus in the New Testament we meet Jesus Justus (Colossians 4:11) and the sorcerer of Paphos called Bar Jesus (Acts 13:6).

So, His very name affirms that Jesus was a man among men. Jesus' manhood is His humanity. It underscores His perfect and complete manhood. This thing that is different?

Jesus did not change the heart of God. He simply pointed out how much God loved us. God has taken the same Jesus and raised him from the dead. God sent the Holy Spirit as He promised. The Holy Spirit will come to all those who believe. God can do anything He chooses to do. God is God all by Himself. You have to have an open mind and have the right spirit and not believe that you know it all. Every knee shall bow and every tongue can be forced to call Him Lord. Christ is Lord and King is to be obeyed. God says he will not share places with anyone.

"Christ is savior and peace, to be proclaimed as such, to teach and instruct."

"Christ is prophet and example. (1) What did Jesus find wrong? He found every kind of injustice or wrong and challenged it at every level. (2) What did He challenge? Jesus as a prophet challenged every-



W. RANDALL LOLLEY

thing, custom and traditions. (3) Who were his enemies? The enemies of Jesus are always standing around watching. There is always someone ready to say what is wrong, but never ready to do anything. We have these binding rules, but God is bigger than our rules."

Here we see Jesus in His relationship to the Jewish people and their history. The word "Christ" is the same as "Messiah." "Christ," the Greek, and "Messiah," the Hebrew, both mean "anointed." The Messiah is the central figure in Jewish religious thought. The Jews never forgot that they were a covenant people.

Someday, some way, God would come to them and deliver them into their appointed destiny as the people of God. The agent of deliverance was to be the Messiah. He was the anointed One from God who would bring in the reign of God and in whom the history of God's people would be consummated and all God's promises fulfilled.

In the Messiah it was believed that God Himself would enter the arena of human history for man's sake. That is exactly what the earliest Christians believed happened in Jesus Christ.

His birth, for them, split time in two: time before was "B.C."—"before Christ." Time after was "A.D."—"anno domini"—"the year of our Lord."

The title "Christ" affirms this man, Jesus, as the climax

not only of a people's history but of the world's history also.

Now Messiahs were nothing new in first century Palestine. In fact, the place was famous for street preachers. Every year a new crop of them arose. Up and down the dusty land they tackled like geese. Some of them shouted, their wild eyes flashing fire. Others, palpitant, droopy-eyed, whispered their promises.

NONE LASTED LONG! That is, until this one came along. He stood tall, talked sense. He was every inch a man. And boy, was He contemptuous of platitudes.

To look upon Him was to know that He had the appearance of His countrymen, but to ponder Him for long was to know that He was utterly unlike anyone before Him or since. Jesus was "monogenes," the "only begotten," unique Son of God, Son of Man—JESUS CHRIST.

C. S. Lewis said that: "I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be the Christ.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on the level with a man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Christ, or else a madman or something worse." They called Him "Christ."

And He is Christ.
3. He is God's only Son. Here we affirm Jesus Christ in His relationship to God. This is the place where the whole matter runs right into a cloud bank of mystery. Our railroad tracks of knowledge run right

into a swamp. Here is the forever unfinished task of Christendom—defining the relationship of Jesus to God. We can begin with one perfectly definite fact. The New Testament does not merely say that Jesus is God's Son. It says that He is God's only Son!

Jesus Christ is monogenes—the only one of His kind, absolutely unique!

There is no one who does share or who can share His relationship to God. He is not a Son of God. He is the Son of God. To call Him that is to affirm that Jesus is thoroughly divine. His relationship to God is not one which is in any way achieved. It is a given in His very nature!

Jesus' relationship to God is not incidental. It is essential. It is not an acquired thing. It is His by His very being.

Thus, the relationship is not alterable. It is permanent.

His countrymen knew that they were in the presence of an entirely new kind of Holy Man. He was never petulant, never impatient, never jealous. He was never suspicious. He was never in a hurry, never uncertain. He never vacillated. He never took advantage of a person. He was never proud, never haughty. He never forced himself on people. He never speculated about truth. He was truth.

He lived with a God-consciousness never before known. He was completely God possessed.

He never argued or debated the health or the existence of God with anybody, anywhere, anytime. For Him, God was not a definition or syllogism. For Him, God was a presence, a Father. God was more real to Jesus than the main artery in His neck.

(See ULTIMATE, P. 5)

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Speakers At Shaw Pastor's Conference March 17-19 (See story page 1)



DR. KELLY MILLER SMITH

REV. CAIN H. FELDER

Suicidal Behavior A Social Concern

BY CHARLES LOVE

Why do people continue to smoke when they know it is harmful?

Why does a patient neglect prescribed medication, thereby endangering his or her life? Why does a sky diver wait until the last moment to pull the rip cord, coming as close as possible to almost certain death?

Is this behavior suicidal? Many answers to such questions can be found in a new study, *The Many Faces of Suicide*, an examination of indirect self-destructive behavior—from smoking and compulsive gambling to drug abuse and high-risk sports (McGraw-Hill, 446 pages, \$8.95).

Featuring contributions by 28 experts, this work focuses on many types of behavior that are not ordinarily considered suicidal, although they may cause pain, injury, loss of a limb, or premature death.

Subtitled *Indirect Self-Destructive Behavior*, the book provides analyses of the major characteristics and manifestations of such behavior. The contributors consider vital questions: Are there common motivations that lead to the development of indirect self-destructive behavior? Are there universal personality traits? After the behavior

pattern has been recognized in an individual, can the behavior be altered?

Comprehensive coverage has been given to such irrational behavior patterns as alcohol abuse, delinquency and crime, hyperbesity, asceticism, prostitution, and noncompliance to prescribed medical regimens. For each type of behavior, the authors describe the problem and suggest a systematic, conceptual approach to evaluation.

ULTIMATE WORD

He lived a thoroughly blameless life, yet was tempted as all of us are tempted, without sinning.

The pages of the New Testament are sprinkled with the confessions of those who detected in Him an amazing new quality of life. In His presence Peter said, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man." Dying beside Him, the thief said, "We indeed die justly, but this man has done nothing worthy of death." Dreaming about Him, Pilate's wife told her husband, "Have nothing to do with this just man." Realizing the depths of His betrayal, Judas said, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood."

The matchless quality of the

ation and adjustment.

Editor Norman L. Farberow, Ph.D., is co-director of the Los Angeles Suicide Prevention Center and a professor of psychiatry at the School of Medicine of the University of Southern California. A past president of the American Association of Suicidology, he is the author or editor of numerous books, including *Clues to Suicide*, *The Cry for Help*, and *The Psychology of Suicide*.

He stood before the best and the worst of His generation affirming:

"I am the Light of the World."

"I am the Door."

"I am the Good Shepherd."

"I am the Resurrection."

"I am the Lord of the Sabbath."

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

"Before Abraham was, I am."

In Him, alone, these claims are not out of reason or out of place. He is totally entitled to them.

We use certain adverbs:

"Usually," "generally," "per-

Funeral Held For Rev. R. L. Carr

From THE WALLACE ENTERPRISE

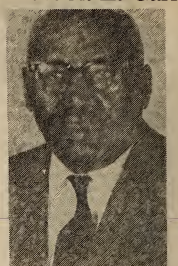
CHARITY—The Rev. R. L. Carr, 84, of Rose Hill, died Dec. 27.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Dec. 31, at the New Christian Chapel Baptist Church, Charity, the Rev. W. E. Beamon officiating.

Rev. Carr was well known throughout this area, having entered the ministry early in life and having served some 56 years. He was a devoted man of God, a loving husband and father, and active in the community.

The son of the late Richard and Lular Brown Carr of Duplin County, he was born Oct. 18, 1895. In 1921 he preached his first trial sermon at Christian Chapel Baptist Church, Rose Hill. He served the Rosie Green Baptist Church and Bethel Baptist Church. His first pastoral work was at Graham's Chapel Baptist Church, near Kenansville. He also pastored at First Baptist, Ingold, in Sampson County. He pastored Beantown Baptist Church near Faison for one year, and organized the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Willard.

He also pastored Mt. Ranier Baptist Church in Rocky Mount; Enoch's Chapel Baptist Church, Harrells; and Lewis Chapel Baptist Church, Fayetteville. When stricken with illness, he was pastoring the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Maple Hill (45 years) and the First Baptist Church, Teachey (44 years). He has held the position of vice moderator, Burial was in New Christian Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery, Rose Hill. Minister friends served as pallbearers.



REV. R. L. CARR

or of the Daughters of Zion; board member of the Lott Carey Convention; and chairman of the building committee at Burgaw.

Rev. Carr spent his entire life as a resident of Duplin County. His first wife, Clara Mae Boney, died on March 14, 1976. To their union were born seven children. In November, 1977, he married Fannie Bell Dobson Carroll, and they continued to make their home in the Green-ers section east of Rose Hill.

He is survived by his wife, five daughters, a son, a stepdaughter, four stepsons, 21 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

His family and friends, his churches and the many people from all walks of life who knew and loved Rev. Carr felt blessed to have had his life touch theirs during his many years of service.

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haps," "maybe." Jesus' adverb was "verily."

The ultimate clue to His relation to the Father was His great love. Never before had a man cared like He cared. He always had time for people—all types of people. He identified Himself with his times. He was approachable. He did not show the world a clenched fist, but an outstretched hand.

He did not build walls. He built windows. He did not erect barriers, but bridges. He did not separate people behind such barbed wire entanglements as society, class, race, economics, politics.

He dragged the sorrows and the hopes of His generation across His great heart. He met people at the point of their need—at midnight, it was a Hebrew scholar; at noonday, it was a fallen woman; in the afternoon, it was a group of the hungry and the unemployed; in the early morning, it was the company of floundering fishermen. Across His way fell the shadows of the limp, the lame, the halt, the blind; and He healed them.

He broke up a funeral procession at Nain. He shattered a graveyard at Bethany. He cared for people whom no one else dared care for. He loved persons who were hard to love.

He saw a chance for people whom no one else gave a chance. He touched the untouchables, reached the unreachable, taught the unteach-

ables, and proceeded to make a somebody out of every barefooted nobody who dared to follow after Him.

He was a LIFECHANGER! Jesus Christ did saying in effect, "You can break my bones and you can drain the blood from my veins, but you cannot stop me from loving you."

All this, and the record is: "He came into His own and His own received Him not."

Oh, there were positive reactions to Him—He had His moments. Little children followed Him. The aged found comfort when He came. The sick felt their hearts leap within them when He approached their beds. But for the most part, the three years of His public ministry were filled with controversy and adversity.

It startles us to think that one He offended the Sadducees, wealthy, land-owning country gentry. They thought surely He was subversive—He put so little stock in their precious establishment.

He offended the Pharisees—puritan patriots, self-appointed watchdogs of orthodoxy. Most of His attitudes and actions appeared left-wing to them. He took such offense at all the fine boxes they had God in.

He offended the priests. He was daily unimpressed with their splendid temple and all the elaborate ways they had sought to fence God on Zion Hill.



The four H. C. A&T State University graduates who started the country's sit-in movement 20 years ago are honored during a convocation at the university. From left to right are David Richmond, Jimbreel Kibran, Dr. Velma Speight, president of the A&T National Alumni Association, Franklin McCall and Joseph McNeill.



Presentation of the First Calvary Baptist Church annex key to Rev. T. D. Walker by L. O. Harris, chairman of the Trustee Board. The dedication plaque is presented by Mrs. Ethel Clifton, a member of the Building Committee; and the scissors to cut the ribbon are presented by W. O. T. Fleming, co-chairman of the Building Committee.



Dedication plaque presented to Dr. C. C. Craig by Rev. T. D. Walker. Plaque was hung in the new annex in memory of those who have loved and served the church.

Freewill Baptists Aid Shaw U.

BY JOHN W. FLEMING
Director of Church Relations
Shaw University

Heartwarming is the growing interest of two Freewill Baptist groups in the welfare of Shaw University. They are the Reformed Freewill Baptists, headed by Dr. G. D. McNeil, Jr., a Shaw graduate, and the Cape Fear A Conference of the Original United Freewill Baptist Churches of America. Those in that group who are responsible for lighting the flame of interest in Shaw are Elder Muriel Colton Murphy, Bishop M. N. McLean, the titular head of the body, and Mrs. Eva Minter, an energetic laywoman whose oratorical appeal for support of Shaw is something worth listening to.

The Original Freewill Baptist group has sponsored a Shaw University Rally in 1979 and 1980. Last year, the rally came in April on a beautiful night. Dunn Chapel Church of Dunn, site for the rally, was packed to capacity. Approximately \$2300 was raised for Shaw.

This year, the rally was held on a night when the weather seemed to conspire against the effort. The night was Feb. 1, just after the area's first major snow of the winter. The

temperature was in the teens. The roads were icy. Naturally, attendance at the rally suffered. We were surprised that the rally went on and we were even more surprised that a sum of \$1200 was raised for Shaw.

We are grateful to the officers and members of the Cape Fear "A" division for their support of Shaw. We are even more appreciative of the groups' expressed desire to make Shaw one of its objectives.

The Reformed Freewill Baptist conference, a much smaller group, holds its annual session

in August. At its last annual session, held in Kinston, the conference presented a check for \$500 to Shaw. It, too, has decided to make Shaw one of its permanent objectives.

I am sure that the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina welcomes these two groups to the list of supporters for our institution. We feel that their support will grow and that Shaw will be a ground of common interest for missionary and freewill Baptists in the state of North Carolina.

High Point Union Organized

HIGH POINT—On Dec. 30, 1979, representatives from several churches met at Temple Baptist Church for the purpose of organizing a city union—the High Point City Area Missionary and Educational Union. Among the churches represented were Calvary, Temple Memorial, New Bethel, First Emmanuel, Brown's New Calvary, Mount Vernon, and First United.

The speaker for this occasion was Mrs. Georgia M. Turner, president of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign

Missionary State Convention of North Carolina. Music was given by a trio from Temple Baptist Church.

The following persons were elected as officers: president, the Rev. L. L. Macon; first vice president, the Rev. John Mason; second vice president, Mrs. Marian Bass; third vice president, Mrs. Cordelia Gaines; fourth vice president, the Rev. J. W. Pike; recorder, Mrs. Mildred Macon; assistant recorder, Mrs. Rudolph Carter; and financial secretary, the Rev. J. E. Trotman.

Ushers Travel To Oxford

The one-day session of the North Carolina Baptist Ushers' Convention will be held at the Whetstone Baptist Church, Oxford, on Feb. 23. The Rev. G. A. Gilchrist is pastor.

I am kindly urging all churches to please plan to have your ushers represented. We are committed to do our best to help the General Baptist State Convention raise the budget that has been set for 1979-80, and I firmly believe that we are able to meet the challenge.

I wish to express appreciation for the loyal support you gave in the year 1978-79. I am happy to say to you that we had a banner year in many ways and for that we are grateful. We are expecting many

busloads of people this month, characteristic of our one-day sessions. Many have called already seeking information.

I hope that you have given careful consideration to the oratorical contest, which will be one of the highlights of the convention.

Directions: Come to Oxford and follow 96 North to Kinton Fork. At the Cornwall Road Service Station on the right, turn right and the church will be on the left. There will be a sign bearing the name of the convention and an arrow pointing to the church.

Arrangements: The County Line Ushers' Union will serve dinner for \$2.25 per plate plus 50 cents for registration, which makes the total \$2.75.

Southern Region Meets In Monroe

BY O'KELLY LAWSON
The Southern Region of the Progressive National Baptist Convention will meet in Monroe on March 4-6, at the Elizabeth Baptist Church. Rev. J. H. Ferguson is pastor.

The Southern Region includes North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Tennessee.

The theme is "God's Power—The Dynamic that Delivers." Various topics of the theme will

be developed by able speakers from all parts of the region. Messengers from the churches

will be in Monroe each week.

The Rev. O'Kelly Lawson, regional president, will deliver the annual keynote message Wednesday evening.

Dr. W. A. Jones, national president, and Rev. Lawson invite you to attend. Inspiration and information will highlight the gathering.



WOMAN'S CONVENTION SPEAKERS—Left to right: Mrs. Dorothy Okeke, Mrs. Bernice Artis, Mrs. Ura Speight, Rev. Theodore Breeden, Mrs. Eva M. Pratt, Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Dr. Herbert Edwards, Mrs. Georgia Turner, Mrs. Robbie Diggs, Mrs. Clara

Hayes, Mrs. Arlene Gee, Mrs. Maggie White, Mrs. J. B. McLester, Mrs. Luella Edwards, Dr. C. C. Craig, and Dr. J. R. Manley.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following service was read during the Homecoming service at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Bahama by Miss Emma Adams, currently a graduate student at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. The service was held on the second Sunday in November, Dr. O. L. Sherrill, pastor.



EMMA ADAMS

Living Today For A Better Tomorrow

BY EMMA ADAMS

BAHAMA—"Living Today for a Better Tomorrow" is the theme of our Homecoming Program today. This is an essential theme, because since it affects each one of us individually and in a special way. I feel there are two basic ways that lead to better living and a better tomorrow. These are becoming a Christian and continuing to live as a Christian. By doing these things, your tomorrow and all your tomorrows are guaranteed.

Becoming a Christian is a very simple thing to do. It involves more than just the act of baptism. It involves the devotion of your complete mind, body and soul. It involves trust, belief, and eternal faith in God. You must ask Him to forgive you for your past sins. You must ask Him to mold you into the person He wants you to be, not what you want to be, or what you think you should be. Be ready for Him to use you in ways He feels necessary and be ready to suffer just as His Son did for us.

Do not waste your time trying to accumulate excessive riches and wealth. This is not true living, for you are not judged for the quality of your possessions, but for the quality of the life you have lived.

In the twelfth chapter of Luke, Jesus told a parable to a crowd of people. It went something like this:

There was once a rich man whose land bore good crops. He began to think to himself, "I don't have a place to keep my crops, what can I do?" So he tore down all his old barns and built larger ones. There he stored his grains and all his other food. Then he was very happy indeed. He felt that he had all the good things he needed for many years. He had planned to live easily, eating, drinking, and enjoying himself. Then God spoke to him: "You fool, this very night you will have to give up all these things you have stored up for yourself!"

You see, this man was rich in the sight of man, but not in the sight of God. The quality of his life was poor, and he certainly

had not lived today for a better tomorrow.

Living as a Christian is very difficult to do. Life is not meant to be wasted or taken for granted, it is meant to be lived. To live life to its fullest, you need faith in God. Sure, there will always be temptation. There will always be those with little faith who manipulate and toy with your beliefs. But life is not guaranteed to be easy. Just as Jesus suffered, we all will have to suffer.

Also in the twelfth chapter of Luke, Jesus talked with His disciples about faith. I would like to share with you what he said.

He told them not to worry about the food they ate or the clothes they needed for their body. Life is so much more important than food. Look at the crows, they don't plant seed or gather a harvest. They don't have storage rooms or barns, but God feeds them. You are worth so much more than birds. Then he added, "Look at how the wild flowers grow. They don't work or make clothes for themselves. But not even Solomon, as rich as he was, had clothes as beautiful as those flowers." It is God who clothes the wild grass. Grass that is here today and gone tomorrow.

Just as grass is here today and gone tomorrow, so are we, for tomorrow is promised to no one. For this simple reason, we must live our lives according to the Bible. We must become Christians and continue to live as Christians. We should not live as the rich fool, gathering worldly, material things. Rather, we should share what we have with others, just as we shall do this Homecoming Day. We must become as one of the flowers I spoke of earlier. Your life should be beautiful, full of God's love and shining with faith. Just as the delicate flower was clothed in loveliness and fed by the sunshine, so shall we.

vention, will be the guest speaker. Tickets are available at the Baptist Headquarters for a donation of \$15 each. The donation for the tickets will be credited to your church or to the individual, according to your request. Please send your donation for as many tickets as you desire as soon as possible in order to be assured of a seat.

Baptist World Alliance Seats Limited

We have a few more available seats for persons who desire to attend the Baptist World Alliance in Toronto, Canada, July 8-12.

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When God Says, "Well Done"

Frank H. Epp tells of a story from Oriental folklore of a man who had built a large and prosperous business through talent and unselfish cooperation of his fellow workers. As he grew old he became more and more concerned about the future interest of his enterprise. His only relatives were three nephews. One day he called these three into his office and said to them, "One of you shall be my successor, but before I determine which one, I have a task for you to perform." He then handed each youth a coin and these instructions: "Go and buy something with this coin that will fill this large room as full as possible. Spend no more than I have given you and return at sunset."

All day long the youths scouted around the market place. When the shadows lengthened, they made their way back to their uncle. The first one dragged a huge bale of straw into the room, which, after he had untied it, hid two walls of the room. The others complimented him and helped him to clear it away. The second youth brought in two bags of thistle, which, when

released, filled half the room. Again the others cheered.

The third youth, looked somewhat forlorn. "I gave my coin to a hungry child," he explained, "and most of what I had left I gave to the church. Then with a farthing that was left I bought a flint and candle. He then struck the flint and lit the candle, which in turn filled every corner of the room with its light."

The old man blessed the lad and declared him his successor.

This story brings to mind the parable of Christ in which the owner distributes his goods to his servants. When he returned the servants presented their gains, and he said, "Thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things."

This recognition of "well done" is what I should like to hear from God. It will outweigh any compliment offered by men and will thrill the heart more than any praise of people. But this "well done" will be said only to those who place themselves in the will of God.

The Lord is depending upon you and the General Baptist State Convention is depending upon you to help make the fiscal year a year of praise of God. As we seek to help others, if we meet our commitment to the objectives of the Convention, I am confident that the Lord will say "well done."

Sincerely,
C. C. Craig

PASTORS'

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He will deliver two lectures on the theme, entitled, "The Word Preach." Both lectures will be delivered on Tuesday, at 11:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.

On Wednesday, between 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., the Rev. Felder and Dr. Smith will give summation statements consisting of a review of the major accents of their lectures. Question-and-answer periods will follow each lecture and the summation session.

All inquiries about the Conference should be directed to: Dr. James Z. Alexander, dean of academic affairs, Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, 27611, (919) 755-4846.

Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 1 National Freedom Day
- 2 Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
- 4-5 Statewide Evangelism Conference, War Memorial Auditorium, Greensboro
- 9 State Sunday School and BTU Congress, One Day Session, Shiloh Baptist Church, Henderson
- 10 Race Relations Sunday
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 St. Valentine's Day
- 17 The Transfiguration
- 17-24 Brotherhood Week
- 19 Associational Teams VBS Clinic, Greenville
- 20 Ash Wednesday
- 21 Associational Teams VBS Clinic, Elizabethtown
- 22 Associational Teams VBS Clinic, Burlington
- 23 State Usher's Convention, One Day Session, Whetstone Baptist Church, Oxford
- 24 First Sunday in Lent
- 27 Ash Wednesday

MARCH

- 2 Second Sunday in Lent
- 4 Associational Teams VBS Clinic, Waynesville
- 6 Associational VBS Clinic, Lincolnton
- 7 Associational Teams VBS Clinic, Wilkesboro
- World Day of Prayer
- 9 Third Sunday in Lent
- 16 Fourth Sunday in Lent
- 17-19 Pastor's Conference, Shaw University
- 22 One Day Session of Lott Carey Laymen's League, Covenant Ave. Baptist Church, New York, N.Y.
- 23 Fifth Sunday in Lent
- Passion Sunday
- 24-28 Churchmanship Seminar, Camp Caraway
- Palm Sunday
- Passion Sunday (alternate)
- 30-5 Holy Week

Dr. Craig's

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church officers and members when these workshops are held in your region. Thank you for the response that I know you will give. Our list of workshops for February is:

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Feb. 11, First Baptist Church, Severn, Rev. E. C. Watson, pastor;

Feb. 12, Providence Baptist Church, Edenton, Rev. J. L. Fenner, pastor;

Feb. 13, First Baptist Church, Colerain, Rev. J. A. Davis, pastor.

REGION 7

Feb. 18, First Baptist Church, Clayton, Rev. L. E. Simpson, pastor;

Feb. 19, First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh, Dr. W. B. Lewis, pastor;

Feb. 21, Union Grove, Henderson, Rev. P. G. Davis, pastor;

Feb. 22, South Main Street, Louisburg, Dr. John G. McKnight, pastor.

King Banquet Set

We would like for you to clear your calendar for the Martin L. King, Jr. Banquet, which will be held April 11 at the Village Green in Greensboro. Dr. W. A. Jones, president of the Progressive National Baptist Con-

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"My faith helps me survive in the world of politics."
—Andrew Young



Andrew Young chats with Shaw SGA President George Robinson.

During North Carolina Visits

Black Leaders Salute Faith & Churches

When former U. S. Ambassador Andrew Young and Birmingham, Ala. Mayor Richard Arrington, Jr. made quick stops in the state last month, both men spoke positively about the black church.

Young, who endured a stormy tenure in the United Nations, an ordained minister himself, readily admitted that his faith sustained him through many crises.

"My spiritual values are based on the need of the Christian to confront the evils of the world," he said during a brief interview in Raleigh last month.

"I didn't expect the evils of the world to give up easily, but by and large our faith is that by and large say what you

believe to be true and you stand or fall by what you believe in.

"That's the only way I think there is to get along."

At a news conference, Young said that N. C. Senator Jesse Helms is more of a threat to progress in America than the Ku Klux Klan. He said that Helms tried to destroy the peaceful political settlement in Rhodesia between blacks and the minority white government by having the U. S. Congress lift economic sanctions against that country prematurely.

A Georgia Congressman from 1972 to 1975 and a close associate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the civil rights struggles of the 50s and 60s, the through the elections because the black political leaders are

all Christian. He said that one is a Presbyterian minister.

He challenged the audience, composed primarily of students, saying, "Right now if there is a time this nation should avoid getting mad and being emotional—that time is now. We should utilize the sum total of our economic, cultural and productive resources and get smart."

Young also called on all Americans to continue pressing for Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday to become a national holiday.

Arrington, addressing celebrants at St. Augustine's College Founder's Week observance, Feb. 8, said that in addition to black colleges, black churches have sustained black people. He said that the colleges and churches should be about the business of "setting black people free."

"We've had the black colleges and the black churches,"

he said Arrington. "The overwhelming majority of black leadership has come out of the colleges and the churches."

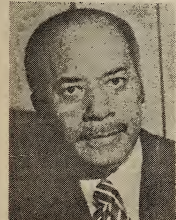
He said that it is the challenge of young black Americans to be the "movers and shakers" in American society—the dreamers and doers.

"Our adversities must be our opportunities, for that is the key to our survival," he said. "Blacks who have reached the middle class must tell others that we want the same for our brothers and sisters as we do for ourselves."

He said that the days of marching and singing in the streets probably won't be repeated on a mass scale.

"We have to own and control the large institutions in this order to finalize plans, please respect this deadline. Approximately 100 rooms have been blocked off for our use at the hotel. When making reservations, please let the management know that you are with the General Baptist Laymen Convention."

"Our adversities must be our opportunities," says sharecroppers' son.



Mayor Richard Arrington, Jr.

Christ has overcome the world and that He can supply all of our needs.

"So I look to my faith to help me survive in the world of politics. This is the thing that has given me my strength and it's also the thing that has gotten me in trouble."

"When you depend on your faith instead of the politics, you

47-year-old Howard University graduate has traveled to most nations of the world.

Young told an audience of more than 2000 at N. C. State University that the South didn't become known as the Sun Belt until blacks and the best of the white South began cooperating.

Young said he believes the peace there will hold up

Position Open For Asst. Exec. Sec.

Applications are now being received for the position of Assistant to the Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Official blanks may be requested by mail from the Office of the Executive Secretary, 603 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh, 27601. All applicants must be members in good standing of a Missionary Baptist Church, must have a reputation of honesty and present acceptable references attesting to mental maturity and emotional stability.

All applications should be sent to:

Dr. O. L. Hairston
c/o Baptist Headquarters
603 S. Wilmington St.
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Laymen's Convention In April

The one-day session of the N. C. State Laymen's League Convention will begin Friday, April 25 at 7 p.m. with a fellowship banquet. The purpose of the banquet is twofold: (1) to afford laymen from across the state the opportunity to fellowship with one another; and (2) to allow the state laymen auxiliary to provide a financial plus to the parent body, the General Baptist State Convention.

The speaker for the occasion will be Joseph Manaker, past president of the Lott Carey Laymen's League Convention of America, deacon and member of the historic Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. A donation of \$12.50 per person is requested.

The session will begin Saturday, April 26, with a dutch breakfast at 8 a.m. for the executive board. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the program will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a full schedule of worship, praise and learning.

Thanks to the hard work of Bro. Charles Porter, Pastor A. B. Sutton and the brothers of Ebenezer Baptist Church who will serve as our hosts, we are holding all of our activities in the Holiday Inn Complex on North Tryon and Craighoad.

A key layman has been chosen in your area to distribute banquet tickets. If you have not received your tickets by March 14, please contact the Baptist headquarters.

April 14 will be the cut-off day for the purchase of tickets. In order to finalize plans, please respect this deadline.

Approximately 100 rooms have been blocked off for our use at the hotel. When making reservations, please let the management know that you are with the General Baptist Laymen Convention."

Single rooms are \$25 per day; doubles, \$35; and each extra person is \$4 per day. Check-out time is 12 noon, and check-in time is before 6 p.m.

Lunch will be served at the hotel, buffet-style. The price will be \$3.50 on Saturday. There will be a registration fee for the one-day session on an individual basis. Each church is asked to register according to the size of its laymen's league. Churches with 1-15 laymen should pay \$25; 16-30, \$30; 31-60, \$75; and 61 and over, \$100.

If this scale does not fit your individual league, please feel free to give as God has blessed

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Rockingham County Young Adult Missionary Department

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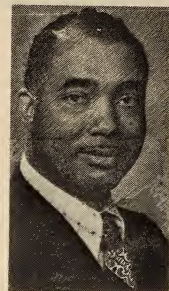
The Rockingham County Missionary Union observed its first Shaw Day in early October, sponsored by the Young Adult Department. The observance was held at the First Baptist Church in Reidsville, Rev. O'Kelly Lawson, pastor. Guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. John W. Fleming Shaw University, Raleigh.

Music was furnished by the Zion Baptist Church Young Adult Choir of Reidsville.

The \$1,609.77 effort was successful because of the full cooperation of the ministers, senior union, youth department, and the program committee.

Persons serving on the committee included: Rev. W. F.

Wright, chairperson, Beulah Hayes, co-chairperson, B. Webster, Robert Manns, Harry Broadnax, Robin Broadnax, Linda Williams, Deborah McNeal, Josephine Wade, Francis Patterson, youth adult president, Fannie Marrow Vincent and Ida W. Tucker, youth adult directors.



DR. JOHN R. MANLEY

President

job for Christ that no one person or church could accomplish alone, such as the programs of Christian Commission Education of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The church, as the body of Christ, so beautifully pictured by the Apostle Paul, holds up to us the eternal need for this kind of unity and fellowship. As a convention, we have a noble past and an exciting present. It is clear that we face a challenging future. If we are to meet the challenge, both present and future, we must do as the body of Christ.

Therefore, let us continue together to finish the work that we have so nobly begun, by giving full cooperation to the entire Convention Program, including the work of our auxiliary.

Hebrews 11:40 reminds us "that they without us should not be made perfect." This is to say that no matter what our past has been, unless we meet the challenge of each and ever present and future hour, we will not only fail our generation, but the good works of our forefathers will come unglued.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention:

Thank you for your financial contributions that represent your expressions of love and commitment to the Cause of Christ. Your financial support helps the Convention to fulfill its financial commitments to Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions, and the Central Orphanage.

If all of our more than 1,700 churches would do one of three things: 1. give 10 percent of its budget to the Convention for Missions and Christian Education; 2. give 15 percent over the amount that the church gave last year, or 3. accept the suggested quota from the Baptist Headquarters, we would have no problem in reaching our financial goal of \$1,134,729.91. We are doing well in moving toward our goal, but we need your support and cooperation along with your prayers for the work and the workers. We are depending upon your monthly contributions in support of our objectives.

During this season of Lent, I trust that each pastor will lead his church to give a sacrificial

offering for the United Program.

John R. Brokhoff, of the Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Ga., gives some helpful information that we

DR. C. C. CRAIG
Executive Secretary

need to know about Lent. He addresses himself to the following questions relating to Lent.

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a period of 40 days set aside by the universal church as a period of repentance for spiritual preparation for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday, the traditional day of repentance, and continues until

Convention Makes Plans For Baptist World Alliance

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Please fill out the form below and return it to our office with your deposit. All checks or money orders are to be made payable to the General Baptist State Convention.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

BY DR. JOHN R. MANLEY

President

The Christian church of which we General Baptists are a part has been viewed from many different symbols. The Christian church has been viewed as the flock of God, the bride of Christ, and the body of Christ. The symbol of the church as the flock of God suggests dependencies upon God as the guiding shepherd. The symbol of the church as the bride of Christ suggests the oneness in spirit and mind, with her Lord. The symbol of the church as the body of Christ suggests the unity and togetherness of the church.

Each symbol suggests a very important view of the church and all of these views, as well as others, help us to see the true nature of the church. But the very fact that we have many different symbols revealing the nature of the

church suggests that it might be necessary at times to emphasize one view or another. Because of the long and honored tradition among Baptists to emphasize individual salvation and local autonomy, as well as our right to disagree, it just might be the time to take a long, hard look at the church as the body of Christ. The body of Christ symbol emphasizes our need for unity, togetherness and fellowship, which are sometimes undercut by our overemphasis upon individualism and by our right to disagree.

It does not take away our right to disagree if we choose to agree, and it does not take away our need for individual salvation to recognize the need for fellowship. It does not take away our local autonomy to recognize the need to unite with others in order to accomplish a

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The station increased its power from 12,600 watts to 25,000 watts last month, almost doubling the distance its signal reached last year. One of the strongest campus stations in the country, WSHA is second only among black colleges to Howard University's 50,000-watt station in Washington, D. C.

WSHA has been on the air over 11 years and prides itself on playing "everything from the news to the blues." And religious programming is an important segment of the station's air time.

From 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, WSHA features gospel music. On Sunday from 6 a.m. to noon, the format includes sermons by the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (8:05 a.m.) and a gospel

show by a popular local artist.

Last month, WSHA began carrying hourly national news, sports and features from the Sheridan Broadcasting Network in Washington, D. C. The national coverage, underwritten by the Mechanics and Farmer's Bank, costs about \$700 annually.

The station began as a training laboratory for students in 1968 and went on the air with 10 watts. Since then, two new professional staff members, Gil Harris and J. C. Futrell, were hired from commercial stations in Greensboro to help facilitate on-air student assignments. The student staff numbers 29 and includes five directors for music, news, programming, sports and religion.

WSHA features include a program produced by local high school students; a show from the Triangle Correctional Center called "Perspectives from Within" (produced by inmates); a black history show; a call-in sports talk show; a show for the elderly.

"My personal opinion is that if we were rated we'd probably

be among the top three stations in the area due to our diversified programming," said Vandergriff. Because the station is educational and non-commercial, it is not rated with commercial stations.

"We want to be known as the community's radio station," Paul Vandergriff, general manager. Because the station is educational and non-commercial, it is not rated with commercial stations.

"We have students who've come here because they can hear our signal in places our recruiters might not reach. This is vital to us."

The improvements to the station transmitter have cost over \$30,000, and were financed primarily by a federal grant. Within a year, the station will be transmitting in stereo, Vandergriff said.

He said many graduates of the university's School of Communications have gone on to successful careers, including Donald Adderton at Jet Magazine, and Octavia Russell and Bill Bullock at ABC-TV in Washington, D. C.

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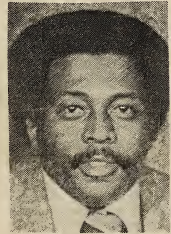
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Chaplain Visits

Chaplain (Captain) James H. Ward, Jr., former pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church, Goldsboro, was home on a mid-tour leave from the Republic of Korea, where he now serves as staff chaplain in Yongsan (Seoul) Korea. Chaplain Ward preached for Rev. E. W. Wooten at the Sandy Run Baptist Church in Jacksonville, where his family resides while he is completing a tour. Chaplain Ward will return in August to Ft. Carson, Colo., and solicits your prayers.



REV. W. F. WRIGHT, JR.

Churches Install New Pastors

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Reidsville

REIDSVILLE — At a special service, Sunday, Sept. 16, 1979, the Rev. O'Kelly Lawson was formally installed as pastor of the First Baptist Church, 401 Hubbard St. in Reidsville.

Dr. E. L. Kirby, pastor of Zion Baptist Church and vice-moderator of the Rowan Baptist Association, presided and led in the reading of the Covenant of Dedication. The Combined Choirs of the Church provided the music, supplemented by the church youth choir.

Scripture was read by the Rev. C. R. Clark, followed by prayer by Deacon Linwood Faulcon. Words of welcome were presented by Mrs. E. M. Logan. Greetings were provided by the Rev. Ricky Spin, for the city councilmen; the Rev. H. A. Smith, for area ministers, and J. F. Anderson, for the Reidsville city schools.

Dr. E. L. Kirby introduced the Rev. A. W. Wright, pastor, Lawson Chapel Baptist Church, Roxboro, who presided at the installation sermon. The Rev. R. J. Howard, pastor, St. Paul Church, Eden, gave the installation prayer. Nathaniel Bowman rendered a solo, "His Eye is On The Sparrow." The charge of the church and to the pastor were presented by the Rev. Otis L. Hairston, pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro. The church was escorted to the pulpit by deacon board chairman Harry Johnson.

Rev. Lawson gave remarks and closed the program. The installation service committee was co-chaired by Deacon Harry Johnson, and Mrs. Exia H. Woods. Other deacons and members served on the committee.

The pastor's wife and their daughter, Laurel, attended the

program. Letters of commendation were received from Shaw University, from the General Baptist State Convention, and from the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

Rev. Lawson has served as pastor of churches in Lumberton, Wilmington, and Greenville. He has held numerous positions in professional and religious organizations on the local, state, and national levels. He had been involved in many civic and community activities in the state and received The Man of the Year Award in 1977.

He has served as guest lecturer at East Carolina University, UNC at Wilmington, Shaw University, Cornell University, (N.Y.) and others. He is the president of the Southern Region of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.

First Baptist Church is very proud of his spiritual leadership and expertise.

NEW MISSIONARY ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Greensboro

The Rev. William Frank Wright, Jr. of Greensboro, has been elected pastor of the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Greensboro.

His election culminates a nine-month search by the Pulpit Committee and the church membership. Rev. Wright will be the ninth pastor in the church's 80-year history.

At the time of his call to New Zion, Rev. Wright was the pastor of the West End Baptist Church, Reidsville, having served there since 1976. He was an associate minister of East White Oak Baptist Church, Greensboro.

Rev. Wright is a native of Nashville. He received his undergraduate degree from A&T State University, Greens-

boro, and earned the master of divinity degree at Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, in 1978. He studied two years at the Greensboro Bible College.

Rev. Wright is a member of Lodge 809, Red Rock Free and Accepted Masonry, Prince Hall Affiliate, Walkertown. An active member of the NAACP, he also holds an active office in the Rockingham County Missionary Union.

Rev. Wright is married to the former Miss Wilma Jean Allen, and they have two children, William Frank III, and Windy Renee, 5.

The 31-year-old minister assumed full responsibilities of this pastorate on Feb. 3.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Kannapolis

Pastor Peter C. Holland, Jr. assumed the duties of minister and spiritual educator at the First Baptist Church, East First Street, Kannapolis August 5, 1979. Pastor Holland was born in Knoxville, Tenn. to Peter C. Holland, Sr. and the late Fetta E. Holland.

He entered the military service at an early age and remained there for more than 20 years. Pastor Holland studied at the National Seminary, Nashville, Tenn., and Guilford College, Greensboro. He is now enrolled in the Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh.

He is married to the former Mildred Canada and they have six children.

LAYMEN

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Shiloh Baptist Church Honors Stellar Worker

BY MRS. LUCILLE H. EVANS

Shiloh Baptist Church recently honored Mrs. Corine

Cabiness for nine years of outstanding service as Sunday School superintendent. Mrs. Cabiness was instrumental in initiating a successful outreach program, increasing Sunday School enrollment, and implementing additional Bible study courses.

Mrs. Cabiness has always exemplified a great concern for humanity. This was evidenced by her participation in the NAACP, the Human Relations Council, and the Cleveland County Council on Educational Improvement. She served as corresponding secretary of the NAACP and was named "Woman of the Year" by the Shelby Negro Woman's Club.

As a dedicated Christian, she has influenced many other people. Her church functions have included: supervisor of the Youth Mission Depart-



ment; leader for the Girls' Auxiliary; director of the Baptist Training Union; teacher in the Sunday School; director of the youth choir; youth supervisor of the Cleveland County Missionary Union; member and leader of the Annie Jones Mission Group; president of District 1, Quarterly Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress of the Ebenezer Association.

Presently, Mrs. Cabiness is a member of the senior choir, the adult Sunday School class, and the Annie Jones Mission Circle. She serves as chairperson of the Education Committee, vice president of the Sunday School and BTU Congress of District 1, is a member of the trustee board of the Ebenezer Baptist Association, and is membership secretary of the NAACP. She is currently in the process of setting up a nursery at Shiloh Church.

A native of Boiling Springs, Mrs. Cabiness and her husband, Paul, reside at 824 Frederick Street in Shelby. The couple has one son, Ronald.

Council Of Churches—44 Years Of Ecumenism

Fortunately, other church leaders shared Smith's convictions on that late spring day almost 45 years ago—50 people representing 13 denominations cast their votes and the North Carolina Council of Churches was born.

MIGRANT MINISTRY

Migrant farmworkers undoubtedly work the hardest, are paid the least, and suffer as much as any people in the American labor force. Migrants are people without a true homeland, moving from state to state and harvest to harvest. North Carolina employs more migrants than

Migrants actually work for crew leaders who, in turn, contract with farmers and landowners. The crew leaders

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The "enabling program" of many of the Council's social ministries is the Legislative Program, an instrument for churches, individuals, business

relating ethical concerns to actual public policy at the state level. This includes the employment of a registered lobbyist who maintains liaison with legislators and other public officials. The program also produces a newsletter, "Raleigh Report," and maintains a network of grass roots citizen lobbyists.

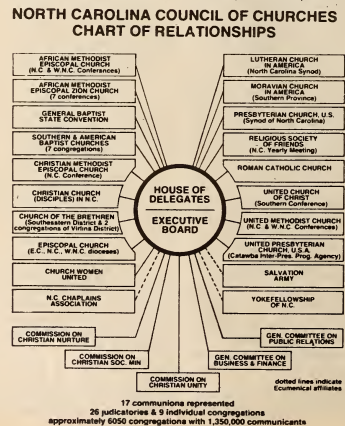
Specifically, the council's Legislative Program has included many of the goals of the other committees, ministries, and commissions. These are humane conditions within prisons, abolition of the death penalty, reform in juvenile corrections, a fair and more progressive tax structure, ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, adequate public assistance for the poor, regulation and control of handguns, and health and safety standards in migrant labor camps.

Forty-five years have passed since the first 50 delegates adopted the first statement of principles, and in that time, the council has grown considerably. With the addition of the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Charlotte and Raleigh in 1977, it now serves approximately 6,230 congregations, with a total of more than 1.3 million members, or half the state's church population.

Lumber R. Aux. Holds Banquet

The guest speaker for the evening was the Rev. Wayne Hines of Rocky Mount, young adult president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention.

Special music was rendered by the Sandy Grove Gospel Choir of Lumberton.



DR. HERSCHEL H. HOBBS

Of course, when we speak of the inerrancy of the Scriptures, we are referring to the autographs. To be sure, we have none of them in hand. But we accept this statement by faith, knowing that the God of truth does not speak error. The Holy Spirit protected the original authors from error. (See WRITTEN WORDS p. 27)

BOOKS

BY LAURA KENDALL

WACO, Tex.—"The Miracle of Easter" is the latest in a series of meditations on the Cross and Resurrection from Word Books. It is designed for both daily devotional reading and for Lenten and sermon preparation.

Compiled by Floyd W. Thatcher, "The Miracle of Easter" contains chapters by 14 of today's leading religious thinkers, including the late Bishop Fulton J. Sheen and leading European theologian Jürgen Moltmann. Other contributors are James Armstrong, Maurice M. Benitez, Ernest T. Campbell, John Killinger, James I. McCord, Dav' L. McKenna, John P. Newport, Robert A. Raines, Arthur Pay Sultz, Alan Walker, Harold C. Warlick, Jr. and Thatcher.

The writers represent a broad theological spectrum, and they approach their subjects from varied backgrounds, including the university, the seminary, the pastorate, and world missions.

Floyd W. Thatcher, vice president and editorial director of Word Books, has written four earlier books, among them "The Splendor of Easter" and "The Gift of Easter."

A Season, A Time...

BY DR. BRODIE

"To everything there is a season and a time..." The season of winter passes away and in comes the season of spring. With the coming of spring comes new birth, a revitalization, a refreshing, an awakening of hibernators and potentials which now are beginning to stretch toward maturity.

Perhaps there is a season of winter in all of our Christian lives: sickness, distress, anxiety, frustrations or other trials and tribulations. Yet we can rest assured that this season will pass and the season of spring will come and bring joy, peace, understanding, love, solutions and victory in Jesus Christ. It is from the season of winter in our lives that we Christians truly learn to depend on God for deliverance and survival, for in this season of life things are usually at a very low ebb. However, when spring comes, life for us starts to surge to its potential. "...Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal... earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure... earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot remove."

Now that winter is passing, let us wake up our sense of doing and being as Christians. Now that another chance to live is being given, let us seek to do better than we did in the past, for the harvest is great and we must work even harder than before to accomplish the mission, which God has set before us, in a season and a time.

Youth— "Leaving Home"

A unique work that documents a sensitive transition period in everyone's life. Leaving Home, by Jay Haley, focuses on the specific problems of disturbed young people as they try to enter the mainstream of normal adult life.

Written by one of the most highly regarded authorities in the field, this provocative work takes dead aim at a particularly crucial period—the time when young people must become self-supporting and independent of their families. Through detailed case histories and interview excerpts, the author provides an in-depth examination of the many problems that often become apparent at this time.

"There Are Still Too Many" Judges 7:14

BY REV. W. T. RICHARDSON

The Israelites had been summoned together by Gideon to war against the Midianites. God said unto Gideon, There are too many. Go and tell them. Those who are fearful and afraid, let them return back home. Twenty-two thousand returned, and there remained ten thousand who were willing to go to war and die. But God said to Gideon, the people are still too many. The words of God to Gideon are the words I will use for my theme, "There are still too many."

When I can see churches, preachers, pastors and all the people that we come in contact with from time to time, and when we cannot get any more people who are willing to risk their time and their lives for a worthy cause, other than those few we see in our churches on Sunday, something is badly wrong.

Maybe some are like the 22,000 Israelites that were afraid, who turned and went back home, or maybe never left home. They are not willing to fight, much less talk about anything. For I can see that there are still too many who are not willing to fight.

Ten thousand who were still willing to fight, God had to separate them, because there were still too many...

Let us start at the top of the ladder and come down. The word of God said to Gideon, "There are still too many." There are too many who are too busy being concerned about his or her own thing, and not concerned about others. There are too many pastors who are in their associations, who are not joining with the army going to war to fight the battle. They are asking what is in it for them.

They are saying by their reaction, "I am afraid and it is better that I turn around and go back home. The enemy is too great for me."

God told Israel, "When you go out to battle against thine enemies, and seeest all the horses and chariots, and the people are more than thou, be not afraid of them. For the Lord thy God is with thee..."

The word of God is with you, you need not be afraid when you go into battle. I am reminded when Sampson battled the Philistines. It was not the size of the people in the battle, but it was the size of the battle that was in Sampson.

When David went to battle against Goliath, one small stone won the battle.

The battle of Jericho was won by merely being silent for six days. On the seventh day, at the sound of the trumpet, they all yelled out with a shout and the

Providence Holy, Rev. James R. Fogg of Jones Chapel; April 3, at Martin Street Baptist, Rev. C. W. Ward of First Baptist; April 4, at St. Matthew A.M.E., Rev. D. R. Ingram of First Congregational.

All services will begin at 7:30 p.m.



REV. W. T. RICHARDSON

walls fell; the battle was almost over. So when God is with you, you need not be afraid to go to battle.

But I find that there are still too many who are not willing to go to battle.

Jesus once asked, what king, who is going to make war against another, does not sit down first and consult whether he, with ten thousand, is able to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand. He first needs to sit down and count up the cost and see if he is ready for the battle.

There are those who are going into battle and are not equipped to fight, and there are those who are equipped, but they won't fight. They are not sitting down and counting up the cost. I will say that they are too many.

Like father, like son; like mother, like daughter. Like the pastors, so it is with the followers. If we cannot get the pastors to go to battle, how can we ever get the followers to go?

I find that many are already shouting for victory and saying the battle has been won. But I am reminded of the children of Israel in the wilderness, when they made the golden calf, and Joshua heard a great shout below, and said unto Moses, "It is a sound as if they are preparing for war." But Moses replied and said, "It is not a shout of victory, nor is it a shout of defeat. They are merely singing."

When I can see those around us who are happy-go-lucky, and shouting for joy as if the victory had been won, and when I can see those who are lost, and dying and going to hell every day, I'm saying, there are still too many.

How can we be so complacent when there are too many who are falling by the wayside? When there are too many who are going astray and who have turned their backs on God, all because of ignorance and the lack of understanding. They are saying they do not have any time for God. They have too many things to separate them from the Jesus of God.

What if I have said, when He was on the cross, that I will not die for all the people? What if He had said that they are too many? What if He had said, I will not die for all of their sins?

But I can hear God saying, come let us reason together. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow. Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. He did not say that they were too many.

Jesus came into His own, and His own received him not. But as many received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God.



Among the many people who attended the Mid-Year Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention last January at the Raleigh Civic Center are (left to right): Millicent Davis, 15, First Baptist, Fairmont; Jackie Alarum, 18, Mill Branch, Fairmont; Restyn Slackhouse, 17, First Baptist, Fairmont; Sherwood Davis, 17, First Baptist, Lumberton; Monica Hood, 13, First Baptist, Fairmont; Joy McLean, 14, First Baptist, Fairmont.

N. C. Council Taps Refugee Coordinator

The Rev. Ruth B. Minter has been called by the North Carolina Council of Churches to be the staff coordinator for refugee sponsorship development.

Rev. Minter, who assumed her new position Feb. 1, has a background of overseas mission work in Africa. She has taught and worked in schools in Mozambique and Tanzania on projects sponsored by the mission agencies of the United Methodist Church, the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., the United Church of Christ, and the National Council of Churches.

In recent years, she has been researcher, writer, and administrator of African News Service, an agency that provides information to church people and others regarding developments in Africa. Rev. Minter has also provided leadership to various church-related mission



REV. RUTH B. MINTER

study programs in recent years.

The program which she heads aims to encourage and assist churches in sponsoring refugee families. Currently the emphasis is upon the "boat people" from Indochina. The program, however, will be concerned with refugees from various parts of the world. Most of the refugees coming into the United States are being resettled by church agencies.

Lenten Services Underway

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Raleigh is sponsoring a series of Lenten and Holy Week services that will end with an Easter sunrise service April 6.

The 6 a.m. Easter service will be at First Baptist Church, Wilmington St. Rev. W. B. Lewis of the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church will speak.

Host churches and guest speakers for the remaining weekly services are: March 12, at First Congregational, Rev. Elie Howard of Providence Holy; March 19, at Oberlin Baptist, Rev. Wilbur Carter of Williams Grove Baptist; March 26, at Wake Chapel Baptist, Rev. Paul H. Johnson of Martin Street Baptist.

March 31, at Wilson Temple United Methodist, Rev. W. P. Briley of Wake Baptist; April 1, at First Cosmopolitan Baptist, Rev. Ralph L. Stephens of St. Matthew A.M.E.; April 2, at

New Generation...

General Assembly Act Stirs Fears

One of the laws passed by the 1979 session of the N. C. General Assembly was the so-called New Generation Act. Many Baptists are being exposed to political rhetoric about it.

Senate Bill 389 was introduced in the Senate on March 7. Forty-six of the Senate's 50 members were co-sponsors. It passed the Senate 44-6 and went to the House, where it passed, 98-8. Because of two minor House changes, it was returned to the Senate for concurrence.

The bill became tied up in committees but finally was approved during the closing days of the session, 35-8.

Of the eight senators who voted "no" at the end of the session, seven had voted "yes" earlier, and the eighth had not voted. Five of those opposing might have originally been co-sponsors of the bill.

POLICY SET FORTH

The full title of the bill states that it is "an act to provide more effective services to children and families." State policy is set forth in the first section. It is the policy of the State of North Carolina to "provide each new generation of children greater opportunities and to burden it with fewer disabilities than the preceding generation had. The General Assembly finds that the family is the most effective institution through which to meet the needs of children; that the family alone cannot meet all of

the essential needs of each new generation of children, particularly in the areas of health care and education; and that the wide range of programs and agencies serving the needs of children requires that steps be taken to coordinate their efforts.

The General Assembly declares, therefore, that it is the policy of the State to promote and encourage programs and practices to support and strengthen families in North Carolina; to give priority to health care programs, especially preventive and ambulatory care services, which are particularly appropriate to children; to encourage every child to acquire the basic skills necessary to achieve a meaningful life; to encourage the establishment of a system of child care accessible to families that need and want the service; and to provide a structure through which child-centered programs may be coordinated for maximum effectiveness.

The remainder of the bill is given over to the establishment of state and county New Generation Interagency Committees. The state committee is composed of certain designated state officials whose jobs deal with children and families (such as the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Secretary of Human Resources). County committees are to be set up by boards of county commissioners, but there is no

requirement that they do so. These committees are given power to identify areas of duplication of government services to families and to identify gaps in existing services.

NO NEW FUNDS

The bill explicitly states that it provides for the appropriation of no funds. Rather, it is intended to provide for more efficient use of funds already appropriated.

This bill does not initiate the process of government involvement with children and families. The state of North Carolina has long been involved in education, health care, juvenile courts and other forms of assistance to children and their parents. In fact, more than \$1 billion of the current budget—more than one-third of the total budget—goes for public schools alone.

The most frequently heard complaint about this new law is that it would undermine the family. The bill clearly sets forth the importance of the family, however, calling it the "most effective institution through which to meet the needs of children." And the first item of priority in the policy of the bill is "to support and strengthen families." These are not words which would initiate an attempt to destroy the family.

Some may be concerned by the statement that the family alone cannot meet all of the essential needs of its children." The specific areas of life cited in the bill—health care and education—demonstrate the truthfulness of the statement. Very few, if any, families provide single-handedly for their children's education. They are aided by state funding of public schools, church contributions, scholarship funds, and other sources of help. Similarly, few families with major health bills can

afford to pay for them by themselves and must receive help from insurance, charities and other outside sources.

NO "STATE CONTROL"

There are those who claim that the new law would allow the state to snatch children away from their families and put them under some kind of "state control." There is absolutely no provision for removing children from their families. Nor is there any funding for such a massive program.

The only statement in the law itself which seems even remotely relevant is the policy of establishing a child care system. But again, notice that the bill clearly states that such a system would be for those families which "need and want" it. The family which doesn't want day care does not have to participate. The hard fact remains that for many families, today, child care has become a necessity. In many cases, there is only one parent living with the family, and that parent must work. In many other families, both parents have to work. This decision is dictated by inflation, rising housing expenses, increasing costs of rearing and educating children, an escalating "need" for items that used to be considered as luxuries, and a variety of other pressures.

HIGH INFANT MORTALITY Others think that North Carolina families are doing well enough without more help, but statistics show that North Carolina ranks eighth highest among the states in infant mortality and seventh in fetal deaths. In addition, our state is below the national average on several other measurements of health, such as maternal deaths and life expectancy.

While many of our friends and church members may be doing well as parents, we all know that some parents do

abuse their children, some parents are alcoholics or workaholics, some parents are financially unable to provide adequate health care and education, and some marriages do end in divorce. Not all of the children in North Carolina have the benefit of growing up in strong, nurturing Christian families.

What would this new law do? It sets up a way to check on services being provided to families and children, in order to be sure that needs are being met and to eliminate duplication of services. When help is being provided by different agencies, it is possible for the right hand not to know what the left hand is doing. This can produce duplication of services, which is wasteful. It also can cause gaps or delays which are harmful to those who need help.

Improvement of assistance provided to families in the rearing of literate and healthy children are the goals of this new law, as clearly stated in the bill, nothing more, nothing less. There is nothing sinister or "socialistic" about it.

Is the law a good one or a bad one?

In many laws, there are strengths and weaknesses. And, as in many discussions of this type, responsible Christians may differ as to which points are strengths and which are weaknesses. But, as we discuss and decide for ourselves, let it be done with an adequate and accurate knowledge about the law and its contents—not by flyers being distributed in Western North Carolina recently, calling it "neo-Nazi."

"The Unified Dollar" For The "Unified Program"

Supreme Court Moves On Abortion

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U. S. Supreme Court announced that it will confront head-on the controversy over federal Medicaid funding of abortions after ordering Feb. 19 that the federal government must pay for abortions of women on welfare.

The high court will review a January ruling by federal district court judge John F. Doolee, Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y., which struck down the Hyde amendment forbidding the use of Medicaid money for poor women's abortions.

The court declined to delay implementation of Doolee's decision, a move which had been sought by anti-abortion forces. Three members of the court, Chief Justice Warren E. Burger and associate justices Lewis F. Powell and William H. Rehnquist, dissented from the issue. The court is expected to issue a ruling on the controversy this spring.

Named after anti-abortion crusader U. S. Rep. Henry J. Hyde, R-Ill., the Hyde amendment, as passed by Congress last fall, forbids Medicaid funding of abortions except in cases where the life of the mother is at stake or in instances involving proven rape or incest.

At the same time, Congress rejected a third exception involving cases where long and

severe physical damage to the mother would likely result if the abortion were not performed. This third exception had been adopted for three prior consecutive years.

Hyde and many other anti-abortion leaders would prefer no exceptions save that of an imminent threat to the mother's life.

Judge Doolee's opinion, issued in January and running several hundred pages in length, invalidated the Hyde amendment, based in part on the view that to deny funds to poor women may deprive them of the free exercise of religion.

Doolee disagreed, however, on another religion issue often raised by pro-abortion forces, that the Hyde amendment amounts to an unconstitutional establishment of religion.

Since the Hyde amendment was first passed by Congress in 1976, the number of abortions financed for poor women has dropped from about 300,000 per year to less than 2,000. An estimated 500,000 women annually would take advantage of the government payments.

Shortly after the ruling was issued, the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare ordered its regional centers throughout the country to resume using federal funds to pay for abortions.

Estey Hall Gets \$50,000 Boost

The restoration of historic Estey Hall on the Shaw University campus got a boost after Wake County Board of Commissioners recently awarded \$50,000 to the project.

WRITTEN WORDS

(Continued from page 5)

But He does not protect copyists from such any more than He protects typewriters.

Any serious student of the Bible and its manuscripts knows that through the centuries copyists' errors creep into the manuscripts. Even so, none of these errors affects to any great degree the spiritual contents of the Scriptures. Students of the ancient classics are fortunate to have as many as a few dozen manuscripts of any given work. How fortunate, therefore, are those who make critical studies of the Scriptures in having an almost unlimited supply of manuscripts of New Testament books.

An axiom in manuscript study is that when there are

differences between two accounts of an event, except in rare cases, the older of the two is the more accurate. Our tendency is to add, not to take from a record of an event. By working back from later to older manuscripts, New Testament scholars have largely removed additions of copyists and editors. The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls has enabled Old Testament scholars to make progress in the same thing.

The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls provided us with Hebrew manuscripts of the Old Testament which are approximately a thousand years older than Massoretic text.

\$1.5 million toward the project. So far, \$49,000 has been raised. Included are \$15,000 from Shaw Alumni, \$25,000 from the N. C. General Assembly, \$10,000 from the Federal Historic Conservation and Recreation Service; \$319,000 in Department of Housing and Urban Development funds given by the City of Raleigh; and \$75,000 from a drive by civic and business leaders.

Most of the funds have gone toward stabilizing the building built in 1873. The next step will be to restore the facade.

The structure was built in the early 1870s and was the first seminary for black women in the country. It was named after Jacob Estey of Littleboro, Vt., who made a large contribution to the construction of the building.

Plans call for the present restoration to include an auditorium, an exhibit center, meeting rooms, practice rooms, and space for offices and artists' studios.

Dr. Craig's Message

Easter. Sundays are not counted as a part of Lent. The word "Lent" comes from "lengthen," for the days are lengthening as Spring approaches.

WHEN DID LENT BEGIN?

As early as 200 years after Jesus' death and resurrection, Christians began to fast 40 hours before Easter as preparation for the feast of Easter. Later, the time was extended to 7 days, known as Holy Week. By AD 325, the church officially set aside 40 days before Easter as a season of repentance and spiritual devotion.

WHY DO CHRISTIANS OBSERVE LENT?

Christians voluntarily observe Lent as the spiritual emphasis season of the year. The key word is "repentance," meaning a change of mind, a turning about from Satan to God, a radical reorientation of one's personal life. Lent is observed because it is an opportunity to share in the passion of Christ; it is walking to Jerusalem to suffer and die with Him. Lent gives us an opportunity to practice self-denial, the bringing of one's self under strict control to be a better disciple of Christ. Lent brings us closer to Christ by concentrating upon the cross, what led to it, and what its deeper meanings are. Lent is observed because there cannot be a true and meaningful Easter without Lent. If there is no cross, there can be no crown. If there is no dying in Christ, there can be no raising with Him. Lent is observed because it calls for a closer walk with God and a deeper relationship with Christ through the cross.

WHY FAST DURING LENT?

Fasting is an ancient and biblical practice of denying self for spiritual discipline. It means saying "no" to yourself. You may fast on food, drink, or pleasure. The more you give up such fasting is saved by the extension of God's kingdom through the church or charity. To truly fast, you must give up something that is very precious to you, that would be a sacrifice to give up. Think of what would be most difficult for you to give up for 40 days for Jesus' sake. Then make it your sacrifice to God as Jesus sacrificed Himself on the cross for our sins.

Fasting calls for self-discipline, self-denial, and self-sacrifice. Out of this period of fasting you emerge stronger in faith and closer to Christ.

WHAT IS THE THEME OF LENT?

During Lent we look at the cross. We go to Jerusalem with Jesus: where He suffers and dies. We relive the tragedy of His last days and we share the experience of His agony of soul in Gethsemane. We shudder as we stand at the cross of His loyal few. To share in this experience we attend special Lenten services, practice special Lenten devotions at home, increase our daily Bible reading, and give more time for prayer, meditation, and reflection. As we keep the cross before our eyes for 40 days, we come to Easter with a new appreciation of God's love for

us in Christ.

WHY IS LENT A SERIOUS TIME?

Lent is the most serious time of the church year. It is a time of questioning. Life or death questions are asked of Jesus as He gets closer to the cross: Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar? Is there a resurrection? What is the greatest commandment? Who is the Christ? It is also a time of testing. Judas is tested and found wanting. Peter is tested for loyalty. Jesus' obedience to God is tested in Gethsemane. Lent is a time of tears. So Judas was filled with remorse for his betrayal. Peter wept bitterly after his denial of his Lord. In sympathy, women wept for Jesus as He carried the cross to Calvary. Above all, Lent is a time of dying. It is a time for putting nails to the cross, having a crown of thorns put on His head, for the agony of thirst, for the desolation of loneliness, and for a spear in His side. This is a time that tries a man's soul.

WHAT IS THE GOOD OF LENT?

Lent produces great fruit for the one who strictly observes it. It means great happiness resulting from living close to God during the 40 days. Through extra Bible reading, prayer, and worship, Lent leaves us with a deeper faith. Because we fasted and denied ourselves, we have a new appreciation of what Christ endured and suffered for us. We have a new and deeper appreciation of Him and what He did for us. This results in gratitude, thanksgiving, and love. We take our cross daily and follow Him in loving service to our neighbor. Then Easter comes in all its glory, and we share in the victory of the resurrection because we, too, have risen out of death to life in Christ.

HOW DO YOU GET THE GOOD OUT OF LENT?

Begin on Ash Wednesday with a program of spiritual development. This means taking ten minutes each morning and evening for a tryst with God. Spending the time in quietness, prayer, and reading the Word. Before Lent begins, decide on what you will fast and stick to it through Good Friday. Climax the season by offering your sacrifices to God in a monetary equivalent on the day of Jesus' supreme sacrifice, Good Friday. Do not be content to worship as usual during Lent, but attend a Lenten service during the week. Practice the presence of Christ in your daily life: in school, in the office, or at home. Since Christ died for us, reach out each week to someone not attending a church and invite at least one to go to church with you. There will probably not be time in your already busy life to add these additional practices. It means you will have to think about the priorities of your life and drop those things that are least important in your life. Can there be anything more important than your relationship with God in Christ?

MARTIN L. KING, JR.

BANQUET

On April 11, at 7 p.m., all

Christian Youth Exchange

Each year, young Christian Americans choose to live abroad as members of the International Christian Youth Exchange (ICYE) family. Young people from the United States can go to major European, Asian, Australian, or Latin American countries. ICYE also provides the opportunity for American families to share their Christian hospitality as host families for students from these same countries.

Applications are now being accepted from American students interested in becoming a part of this exchange program for the 1980-81 school year. Young people who are 16 years old and who have not graduated from high school may participate as student exchanges. They will live with host families in other countries and attend school. Young people who have graduated from high school and who do not wish to attend school can participate in volunteer service projects abroad. In most cases, exchanges will live with host families, being treated as members of those families.

The fee for the year abroad is \$2400.00. That includes the cost of travel to the hosting country and all travel in that country.

roads will lead to the Village Green, 310 W. Meadowview Road, Greensboro, where the Martin L. King, Jr. Memorial Banquet will be held. Tickets for this important event are available at the Baptist Headquarters for a donation of \$15 each. The donation for the tickets will be credited to your church.

Thank you for the support that I know you will give.

REGIONAL WORKSHOP DATES

- March
 - 3-4 University Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, J. E. Palmer, pastor
 - 5-19th Street Tabernacle Baptist Church, Gastonia, V. M. Worthy, pastor
 - 6 Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Shelby, S. A. Rapier, pastor
 - 7 Shady Grove Baptist Church, E. Spencer, J. G. Gaston, pastor
 - 10-11 First Baptist Church, Wadesboro, A. L. Bell, pastor
 - 12-13 Friendship Baptist Church, Hamlet, D. M. Ferguson, pastor

CONCLUSION

We are gratified with the progress that the Convention is making, but we cannot be satisfied. The greatest room in the world is room for improvement. We solicit your prayers, support and cooperation as we seek to bridge the gap between where we are and where we ought to be.

Because of your commitment to the Lord's work, because of your excellent record of support in the past and because of your love for people, which is an expression of God's love for you, I am sure the Convention can count on you to give the "Unified Dollar for the Unified Program."

Sincerely
C. C. Craig

Participants will be provided lodging and meals by the host families. Exchanges often are sponsored by local church groups or other organizations, who may help cover part of the costs of the year. The exchange year for most countries is from July to July.

Exchanges coming to America participate in a similar program. Applications are also being accepted from American host families, usually a single family serves as host but several families can share the hosting for a single student if desired. No fee is charged for hosting, but the family or the sponsoring agency is expected to provide full support for the student for a year while in the United States, except for clothing and medical expenses. Travel to the host community is provided by ICYE.

ICYE was founded in 1957, growing out of the experience of the Church of the Brethren, who brought young people from Germany to the United States

after World War II. It is now officially sponsored by eleven major denominations: the American Baptist Church, American Lutheran Church, Church of the Brethren, Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church in the U.S., Protestant Episcopal Church, Reformed Church in America, United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, and United Presbyterian Church USA.

In addition, churches of other denominations often cooperate in local organizations that sponsor ICYE.

Detailed information about the program can be obtained by writing International Christian Youth Exchange, 74 Trinity Place, Room 610, New York, New York 10006, or from Rev. James R. Brethren, Regional Coordinator ICYE, c/o Rowan Cooperative Christian Ministry, P. O. Box 4026, Salisbury, N.C. 28144

Vacation Bible School

Workshop In Laurel Hill

A Vacation Bible School workshop, sponsored by the General Baptist State Convention and the District Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Conventions, will be held Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill.

The workshop is designed to train the District Conventions' Vacation Bible School teams, which return to the district, and assist local churches in the art of planning and conducting Vacation Bible Schools.

PARTICIPANTS

Each District Sunday School Convention president is asked to solicit the attendance of at least seven persons from his or her district, one person familiar with age level division: Preschool Division (birth-5 years); Children's Division (6-11 years); Youth Division (12-17 years); Adult Division (18-up); one person to help principals; one person to

help music personnel; and one person to assist arts and crafts personnel.

The District Conventions teams and other persons will be instructed by a team of workers provided by the Department of Christian Education of the General Baptist State Convention.

Each District Convention is asked to please make a liberal contribution to help defray the expenses of its team at the workshop. The District Convention will receive credit in the annual report as its contribution toward the General Baptist Convention's budget of \$1,134,729.91. Individuals who are not on a team may attend also. However, there will be a registration fee of \$5.00 for each person not covered by his or her District Convention. Make checks payable to: General Baptist State Convention, 603 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh, 7601. For further information, write or call (919) 821-7466.

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"He Is Risen, He Is Not Here!"

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week, they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

(Mark 16:1-8, RSV)

(See story, Page 7)

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Challenge To Churches

"To us is given the moment of new creation. We can create another mood. We can set forth and turn loose a new set of dynamics so that another set of circumstances can be created. We've gone through the decade of the 70s and we stand now at the beginning of the decade of the 80s. We've gone through another 10 and we start all over again. Well, let us look at the decade that has been given to us now. A new generation of time has been birthed in our midst. What are we going to name this new generation? What kind of banner will we hang over it? May we seize the moment to do something creative. May we seize the opportunity to live and to dream and to act redemptively in our own way."

Dr. William J. Shaw, Pastor
White Rock Baptist Church
Philadelphia, Pa.

WHAT BANNER WILL HANG IN THE 80s?

What kind of banner will guide Christian churches during this decade?

Apparently, America will be short on oil, but America won't be short on challenges.

Howard N. Lee, Secretary of the N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, told a group of ministers in Raleigh last month that the challenges to blacks will be difficult during the decade of the 80s.

"The goals will be different. No longer will we turn to the lunch counter or to fair housing if there is no money to buy food or to purchase a home.

"Ministers are the people in our communities who can and must make a difference," Lee said. "We are living in the most dangerous of times and I'm nervous about what's happening to us now."

The Baptist Informer asked ministers attending the Pastor's Conference sponsored by the Shaw Divinity School last month "What Do You See As The Greatest Challenge Facing The Black Church

During The 80s And What Solution(s) Do You Offer In Response To That Challenge?"

The Rev. W. H. Sawyer, Pastor, Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Va.

Our challenge is to maintain the progress of the 60s and 70s along with developing leadership and support of black social redemption in the 80s. We must guard that which has been gained, support black education and schools, and become cognizant of the ill mingled with good in segregation and develop cures for the ill effects. We must select, train and support leadership to develop and support progress in black human development.

Rev. Merlin L. Ford, Sr., Pastor, The Church of Jesus, Hampton, Va.

Racism has been and is the most challenging problem facing the black church in the 80s. It is said that 11 a.m. each Sunday morning is the most segregated hour in America. The only genuine solution is for white Christians to repent (Greek Metanoep, meaning a

(See BANNER, P. 7)

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

BY DR. JOHN R. MANLEY

Inflation is by far the number one domestic problem facing America today, not just because it eats away at gains earned through the years and frustrates our efforts to meet creature needs today, but also because it eats at the very soul of man.

It eats at the very soul of man because it comes from a spirit and a mind that is at enmity against the mind and spirit of true religion. The spirit of true religion is self-discipline, sacrifice and productivity, whereas the spirit of inflation is one of passion, consumption and little or no control.

The high use of drugs and the widespread practice of credit buying, which characterize our time, themselves suggest a widespread lack of self-control, the role of passion, and a consuming urge to buy. That such a course of action is leading all of us to a fate of destruction is very obvious. And the problem is not just with the affluent, but spans a broad spectrum of our society.

This seems obvious to most economic and social analysts of

our time, but what is not so obvious is that this problem at its roots is one of the spirit, a problem of faith. For where you have something to live by, you don't need so much to live ON. And if the idea is right that man's extremity is God's opportunity, then this is a great time to inflate our faith and change our fate.

And if Judgment is to start at the house of Israel, then it should allow that Israel, which is the church, should lead the way to faith.

For not only do we get greater dividends by inflating our faith with works of faith, but we also save our souls along with the souls of our friends and acquaintances. The spirit of sacrifice and self-denial must again regain their honored positions if we are to change the course of our fate. This lets us inflate our faith in our living, in our study, in our attendance, and in our church stewardship.

Let us make all roads lead to Clinton for our One Day Session, May 7-8.

And together may we inflate our faith.



Dr. John R. Manley, GBSB president, congratulates Dr. William J. Shaw, president of the Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention. Dr. Shaw delivered an inspiring sermon to the Shaw Theological Alumni Association on March 19.

Laymen Meet In Charlotte

The one-day session of the N. C. State Laymen's League Convention will be held April 25 at 7 p.m. beginning with a fellowship banquet.

The speaker for the occasion will be Joseph Manaker, past president of the Lott Cary Laymen League Convention of America, deacon and member of the historic Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. A donation of \$12.50 per person is requested. The session will begin Saturday, April 26, with a Dutch breakfast at 8 a.m. for the executive board. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., and the program will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a full schedule of worship, praise and learning. We are holding all of our activities in the Holiday Inn Complex on North Tryon and Craighead. A key layman has been chosen in your area to distribute banquet tickets. If you have not received your tickets, please contact the Baptist Headquarters.

April 14 is the cutoff day for the purchase of tickets.

Approximately 100 rooms have been blocked off for our use at the hotel. When making reservations, please let the management know that you are with the General Baptist Laymen's Convention.

Lunch will be served at the hotel. The price will be \$3.50 on Saturday. There will not be a registration fee for the one-day session on an individual basis. Each church is asked to register according to the size of its Laymen's League as follows:

- 1-15 laymen, \$25
- 16-30 laymen, \$50
- 31-60 laymen, \$75
- 61 and over, \$100

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We at the General Baptist State Convention have enjoyed serving you in the past and we look forward to doing a much better job in the future. Notices are now being mailed to subscribers who are in arrears. You may also look at the expiration date on the front page in the top right-hand corner of your newspaper to determine your status.

A renewal form is printed on page eight for your convenience.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention:

Since the beginning of our fiscal year, Sept. 1, 1979, we have been about the business of promoting the plans, programs, and the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention.

We have traveled from Murphy to Manteo, in cities, towns and villages among the seventeen hundred churches; preaching, teaching, and telling the story of the Unified Program, which is a plan designed to unify, to make one, to bring together the undersigned financial support of the objectives of the Convention on a percentage basis, and we have encouraged Baptist bodies to give the unified way.

Every dollar contributed to the Convention through the Unified Program is divided in this manner: 44 percent for Shaw University, and 10 percent of that 44 percent for the Divinity School; 30 percent for State Missions; 20 percent for Foreign Missions; and 6 percent for the Central Orphanage.

Many thanks to you for leading your churches in meeting the financial objectives of the Convention.

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tives of the Convention. Your response is gratifying as well as heartwarming. Without your dedicated support, our conven-



DR. C. C. CRAIG

Executive Secretary

tion would not be what it is today.

We are moving forward in a progressive way as we seek to reach our financial goal of \$1,134,729.91 on or before August 31. We are in the seventh month of our fiscal year 1979-80. You will receive a letter from the Baptist Headquarters reminding you of your suggested quota for this fiscal year. The letter will state the amount that your church has given (See CRAIG, P. 8)

COMING NEXT MONTH!

Soul City—
A Man And His Maker

Position Open For Asst. Exec. Sec.

Applications are now being received for the position of Assistant to the Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Official blanks may be requested by mail from the Office of the Executive Secretary, 603 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh, 27601. All applicants must be members in good standing of a Missionary Baptist Church, must have a reputation of honesty and present acceptable references attesting to mental maturity and emotional stability. All applicants must be ordained ministers and hold a minimum of one college degree.

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Good Samaritan Revisited

BY JOHN HUDSON TINER

The story of the good Samaritan is a classic; it has been retold in all kinds of ways, from children's stories to serious books. Recently at Princeton University, Dr. John M. Darley and Dr. C. Daniel Batson, both psychologists, set up a modern-day Samaritan situation as an experiment.

In the experiment, they used students who were studying to become ministers. The students did not know they were part of an experiment. Each student was instructed to prepare a short talk on a specific subject. Some were to talk about why they had been called to serve God. Others were to prepare comments on the parable of the "Good Samaritan."

The students were told that they were to have their talks taped at a recording studio on campus. Before leaving for the studio, the students were divided into three groups. The first group was told they would probably be late; so they should hurry. The second group was told they were expected right away. Members of the third group were told time was not a consideration; they could walk to the recording studio at their leisure whenever they finished preparing their material.

Meanwhile, as students walked across the campus toward the studio, they saw a groaning, coughing "victim" slumped in a doorway. This was

what the experiment was all about. How would the students stop?

Sixty percent of the students kept right on walking! This included those about to speak on the parable of the Good Samaritan. Most of the passersby belonged to the two groups in a hurry. In fact, only one student in the first group stopped. The group in the least hurry contained the largest percent of Good Samaritans.

Actually, the word "good" before Samaritan is not used in the parable as Jesus tells it, and the actual force of the parable is weakened by using "Good." Today, a Good Samaritan is a person who gratuitously gives help to someone in distress. But this wasn't so in the time of Christ. For, in fact, to the Jews, Samaritans were not good. They were hated and despised. They were contemptible heretics with whom no good Jew would have anything to do.

The enmity came about after the Jews returned from Babylonian captivity. At first, the Samaritans were a break-away group of Jews from the Northern Kingdom. They offered to help rebuild the temple and wall of Jerusalem, but were refused (read Ezra 4:1-6). Angered by this rebuff, the enmity continued to develop, for in the New Testament times, Jews would journey from Galilee to Jerusalem by way of Perea instead of going through Samaria, simply in order to avoid any contact with

the hated Samaritans.

When this is understood, Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25 becomes even more meaningful. The parable was an answer to a question which a student of the law of Moses put to Jesus, "Teacher, what does a man need to do to live forever in heaven?"

As He did upon many other occasions, Jesus answered the question with a question: "What does Moses' law say about it?"

The lawyer's answer ended with a paraphrase of Leviticus 19:18 which includes the statement, "...but you shall love your neighbor as yourself..."

The lawyer then asks who is his neighbor. Jesus replied with the well-known parable. At the end, the Jewish lawyer is forced to admit that the Samaritan was the neighbor, because the Samaritan had showed kindness.

All men are equal in the sight of God. And this is the main point behind the parable of the

Good Samaritan. The story of the Good Samaritan teaches the lesson that every person is a neighbor, even a member of a hated race.

Finally, the story is an example of the power of Jesus' teaching. With a single parable, He erased centuries of evil connotation from the word "Samaritan." Until then, the word was a term of abuse; after the parable, it became forever linked with the word "good."



Dr. C. C. Craig, left, and Dr. John R. Manley, right, discuss plans for the upcoming One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention with Rev. H. R. Cogdell, host pastor of Lisbon Street Baptist Church in Clinton.

Church Circuit

Rev. Holland's Installation Rescheduled

KANNAPOLIS—The installation service for Peter C. Holland, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, has been rescheduled for April 27 because of inclement weather. The service will be held at 3 p.m., with Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary of the General Baptist State Convention, Inc., bringing the installation message.

Pastor Holland comes to First Baptist from St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, and from Sandy Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Roxboro. Membership at First Baptist is indeed happy to have a pastor of the calibre of Pastor Holland to come to them and serve them in teaching, preaching, and leadership.

Peter C. Holland is the son of Peter C. Holland, Sr., of Knoxville, Tenn., and the late Fetta E. Holland. He is married to the former Mildred O. Canada. They have six children. Pastor Holland spent over 20 years in the U. S. Army and has studied at the National Baptist Seminary, Nashville, Tenn.; Guilford College, Greensboro; and is presently enrolled at the Shaw Divinity School.

We in Kannapolis invite all who can come to attend the installation of our pastor; if you cannot be with us in person, we ask your prayers that God will



REV. P. C. HOLLAND

bless us. Under the direction of Pastor Holland's leadership, we will reach higher heights, as Jesus Christ lights his pathway.

Galilee Services Televised

BY MRS. CAROLYN I. GRAY

Galilee Baptist Church of Winston-Salem made noteworthy history when it became the first black church in Winston-Salem to have its services televised on station WXII, Channel 12. Galilee's services attract all segments of the population.

Sharing in these services were local residents, as well as persons as far as the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. Services were televised in January and February and will be televised again in July and August.

Galilee was organized in 1934 and is pastored by Dr. W. C. Hay. Using as his sword, "God has a way," Dr. Hay's determination has led him to

accomplish many things. One of the most important of his accomplishments is being able to minister to those who won't come to church and those who can't come. One of Galilee's members who has been shut in for 19 years was able to share spiritually and visibly with her church again. Letters from far and near indicate that many have received a blessing as a result of being a part of these services.

Rev. Butts To Leave Antioch

GOLDSBORO — The Rev. William C. Butts, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church at the corner of West Pine and South Virginia Streets, Goldsboro, formally resigned as pastor on March 5.

Dr. Butts has accepted the call from the Main Street Baptist Church, East Main and A Streets, Clifton Forge, Va. He will serve in Goldsboro until April 6. He and Mrs. Geraldine Morris Butts have two children, Ms. Delores C. Butts and Gerald C. Butts. Dr. Butts has been Antioch's minister for two years. Since he became pastor, more than 95 persons have joined the congregation.

J. C. Smith Choir Performs

The Lisbon Street Baptist Church of Clinton and the Rev. H. R. Cogdell, pastor, heard the E.W. Johnson Spiritual Choir of Johnson C. Smith University

sing from the depths of their hearts and to the glory of God Feb. 24.

Miss Cynthia Walls, director of the choir and one of Lisbon Street's very own, did a superb job as we enjoyed the musical and spiritual program. May we quote from Nehemiah 6:3 in saying, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down." We at Lisbon Street are therefore saying to Miss Walls that you are doing a great work, and keep it up.

Rev. V. S. Thompson Installed

DURHAM—The Rev. Vernon S. Thompson, a native of Winston-Salem, and former pastor of Clark's Chapel Baptist Church, Statesville, was officially installed as pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church, Durham, during a series of services from March 24 to 30. The final message was delivered by the Rev. William Richardson, pastor of Mt. Bright Baptist Church, Hillsboro, N. C.

The Rev. Thompson, the son of Mrs. Harold Thompson and the late Harold Thompson, attended Winston-Salem State University on a football grant and graduated from Livingstone College, Salisbury, with a major in history.

Following his conversion to the Christian faith, Rev. Thompson served as assistant pastor of Clark's Chapel Baptist Church. In September



REV. V. S. THOMPSON

of 1976, he became pastor and served until he was called to First Calvary Church on Dec. 28, 1979.

The Rev. Thompson has been affiliated with numerous religious and civic organizations, including: chaplain of the Pre-Theological Union at Livingstone College; Winston-Salem Chapter of the NAACP; Baptist Ministerial Alliance of Winston-Salem; past campus minister of the Interdenominational Youth for Christ Fellowship at Winston-Salem State University.

Presently, he is enrolled at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

He is married to the former Bonnie Yancey, a graduate of Winston-Salem State University and Atlanta University. She is presently studying at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

They are the parents of a son, Vernon Steven Thompson, Jr.

Woman's Page

BY DR. PRISCILLA BRODIE
Executive Secretary

Your administrative staff extends to each of you wishes for a blessed Easter.

What can Easter mean? For many, Easter can mean new dimensions in that it takes them from the ways of the past, plants their footsteps in a new present, and gives them a vision of the eschaton (the future, or last things). In order for Easter to have such a great force upon them, they only need reflect upon the Cross and the Resurrection in terms of these relationships to Jesus Christ along with their own Christian experiences. The following reading gives a graphic meaning of the Cross.

"CROSS—In the Cross of Christ we glory, because we regard it as a matchless exhibition of the attributes of God. We see there the love of God, desiring a way by which He might save mankind, aided by His wisdom, so that a plan is perfected by which the deed can be done without violation of truth and justice. In the cross we see a strange conjunction of what once appeared to be two opposite qualities—justice and mercy. We see how God is supremely just; as just as if He had no mercy, and yet infinitely merciful in the gift of His Son. Mercy and justice, in fact, become counsel upon the same side, and irresistibly plead for the acquittal of the believing sinner. We can never tell which of the attributes of God shines most glorious in the sacrifice of Christ; they each one find a glorious high throne in the

person and work of the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. Since it has become, as it were, the disc which reflects the character and perfections of God, it is meet that we should glorify in the cross of Christ, and none shall stay us of our boasting."

—Spurgeon

REMINDERS

We are now in the last quarter of the Woman's Convention fiscal year, and we are urging all circles, auxiliaries, unions, and district conferences to send in substantial reports and help us reach our goal of \$276,000. As of now, we need approximately \$80,000 in order to realize our goal. The time is short, but if we can tap our resources and work extremely hard, with God's help we can achieve this goal. Certainly, we are very grateful for what you have done. Even as we are grateful for your future support, for though inflation is upon us, we must put God's work or mission first and support it well. If we do, somehow He will sustain us through the hard and difficult times as well as through the affluent and prosperous times.

STATEWIDE LEADERS' WORKSHOP

Do continue to pre-register for the workshop, which will be May 31, at the Raleigh Civic Center. Pre-registration fee is \$2.

The Rev. Clifford Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Clinton, will preach the sermon for us. Continue to make and implement plans to



DR. BRODIE

be with us.
USHERS AND CAMP COUNSELORS
In reference to last month's issue of "The Baptist Inform-

er," please be reminded of our asking persons who would like to serve our convention through ushering to enroll with Ms. Elsie Grier, coordinator of our Ushers' Committee. Send to her your name, your church's name, your telephone number and your mailing address. Her address is 213 South St., Belmont, N. C. 28012. Please mail this information to her no later than April 11.

As for Camp Counselors-Instructors, we are in search of persons to serve in this regard. As we did in the last issues of

"The Baptist Informer," we are also including an application form in this month's issue.

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Please complete the application and mail it to the Woman's Baptist State Convention, P. O. Box 1818, Raleigh, N. C. 27602. (See Application on this page).

AVAILABLE MATERIALS
You may now obtain from our office life membership pins, Self-Denial envelopes, Youth Bible Camp applications, and Hotel Reservation Forms for the 96th Annual Session and the All Baptist Assembly, July 28-31, Winston-Salem.

SELFISHNESS

Some people think that all the world should share their misfortunes, though they do not share in the sufferings of anyone else.

—A. Poincelot

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Biblical Zoo Tells Holy Land Story

BY ELLEN DAVIDSON, Baptist Press

JERUSALEM — Over the past forty years, Jerusalem's Biblical Zoo has developed into one of the most unique zoological gardens in the world. The aim of the zoo, the brainchild of Professor Aharon Shulov, is to gather at least one—if not a pair—of each of the animals mentioned in the Bible.

"Approximately 130 animals are named in the Bible," says the sprightly professor, who founded the zoo in 1939, just about ten years before the state of Israel came into existence. Today, the zoo proudly displays almost all of them. "Besides repatriating to this country all the animals mentioned in the Bible," he says, "the purpose of the zoo is to give the public, especially schoolchildren, a more intimate knowledge of the Bible by actually bringing it to life for them."

Appropriately placed signs cite references to animals in the Bible and the Koran, and live tableaux illustrate Biblical parables and sayings.

Christian, Moslem and Jewish visitors come daily to one corner of the zoo to witness a scene prophesied by Isaiah: "The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid," a special program brought to fruition by Prof. Shulov. The professor explains that the secret of the

serene, real-life scene is that the tiger was put in with the goats while it was still young, and it has never occurred to him to do the goats any harm. The goats, on the other hand, became somewhat ill-tempered

in the beginning, the zoo was wreaked in the neighborhood. According to Prof. Shulov, eleven species of Biblical animals have been reinstated in the region, and the collection is almost complete.

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From its site in what eventually became downtown Jerusalem, the zoo was moved to Mount Scopus. After the War of Independence in 1948, Mount Scopus became an isolated

on those animals referred to in the Bible, it houses a sizeable menagerie of all types of animal life.

Perhaps the most ambitious of the plans to develop the zoo is the re-creation of Noah's Ark, which is soon to begin in a wooded area according to Biblical description. Dimensions and building plans have been determined according to Biblical and Talmudic sources, and the research has been done to limit the wide scope of animals known today to those that existed in the days of Noah.

When he talks about the zoo, Prof. Shulov switches easily from Biblical verse to tales of adventure. His modern day stories recall Jewish animal lore of earlier centuries in which ravens talk, lions sing, and frogs have magic wisdom. He tells of the 1941 escapades of runaway villagers discovered atop the British police headquarters.

Professor Shulov insists that animal language is universal in its appeal. And certainly the Biblical Zoo, attracting Arab schoolchildren, nuns from nearby convents, Hebrew speaking nature classes, local families and foreign visitors, provides that "common ground" envisioned by Israel's first zoo director Shulov so many years ago.



Gazelles are found in Jerusalem's Zoo, which contains the varieties of wildlife named in the Bible.

by the intruding tiger at first, but now, even though they don't lie side by side, they eat their meals together and spend hours of play together within their rocky enclosure.

Species such as the Syrian bear and the Addax antelope, both extinct outside of captivity,

located in a crowded area near Jerusalem's center, and visitors could easily see the animals over low walls without even purchasing tickets. Animals could also scale the walls, and local residents often complained about the havoc that a playful wolf or monkey

enclave in the middle of Jordanian territory. The Jordanians allowed the zookeepers to move whatever animals remained alive to the zoo's current site in Jerusalem's Romema quarter. Throughout the years, it has built up its collection, and while concentrat-

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WHAT BANNER WILL HANG IN THE 80S?

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complete change, including a social change for the better) for this terrible sin of racism, realizing that Christians are to be "the light of the world" and are to be good examples for non-Christians.

The Rev. S. D. Shepherd, Pastor, Zion Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Va.

I see the greatest challenge facing the black church during the 80s to be the lack of deep spiritual convictions rooted in a personal encounter with Christ.

Those of us who have had this experience (pastors, ministers, laymen) must practice it, with love and compassion that will cause us to be examples of Jesus Christ. Our lives must be personal sacrifices for our fellow man, as Christ was for us, at home, on the job, and everywhere we go. We must exemplify righteousness in our actions.

The Rev. Melvin D. Cutler, Pastor, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Petersburg, Va.

I feel that the challenges facing the black churches are diversified, but one of them would be to launch an offensive that will negate the resurgence of white racism, Klan activities, and white backlash that is plaguing the black condition in America. The white power structure is secretly trying to reverse the progress of black people.

The Rev. James C. Levy, Pastor, Bethel Baptist Church, Brevard

There is nothing new under the sun! The church will face the same challenge it's always faced. Men and women worship

"things, egos," and God when they have nothing else to do. However, the 80s will show an increase in attendance because of the economy.

The Rev. P. C. Holland, Jr., Pastor, First Baptist Church, Kannapolis

The greatest challenge for the black church during the 80s is to come together as a unit for Christ, and then as a unit for the total community of black population throughout the country and the world.

As ministers of the gospel, we should drop all petty jealousies and move toward center court with the desire to teach unity to our congregations. We should do it not for status positions, but because it is right in the eyes of God. Too many years have gone by and nothing has been done because of our desire to be number one. If we would sit just for a moment, and look at the position that we fall in, we would find that human status does not and would not matter. For God is first, Jesus is second, and the Holy Spirit is third, and some saint would fill the fourth spot. So position should not be important.

The Rev. George Haywood Washington, Assistant Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Seneca, S.C.

The greatest challenge facing the black church is the competition of the television, movies, sports, drugs, alcohol and ministers with more than one job who are too busy to pastor their churches.

This problem can be solved through cooperation in the home and school, and with a well-planned church program

that involves everyone. This should include career conferences, church counseling, resource people, sports, a church nurse, travel, especially for the youth, a departmentalized Sunday School, trained teachers, mid-week prayer meetings, and well organized youth organizations. Ministers should be committed to the growth of the church and should be paid enough to devote full time to the work of the church.

The Rev. Joseph Earl Griffin, Pastor, St. John Baptist Church, Chowan

Apathy is our greatest challenge. We must give financially to support church causes and programs. We also must be aware of current issues, support education, which is so important to our solidification, progress and to the redemption of human values of the black world community.

We must continue selecting capable, foresighted, responsible and dependable youth and leaders who are heartily concerned about their race, and give them the needed training and support to continue converting our people in support of our own causes.

The Rev. R. E. Blount, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Ansonville

The greatest challenge that we are facing is that we need a God-centered message and a people-centered program.



Participants in the 1980 Shaw Divinity School's Conference include (left to right) Dr. Kelly Miller Smith, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. and assistant dean at Vanderbilt Divinity School; Dr. William L. Shaw, pastor, White Rock Baptist, Philadelphia, Pa.; the Rev. Cain H. Felder, instructor in the New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary; Dean James S. Alexander, Shaw Divinity School; and Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem.



Former presidents of the Shaw Theological Alumni Association shown (left to right) are the Rev. W. B. Lewis, First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh; the Rev. J. C. Harris, New Shepherd, Colesburg and First Baptist, Statesville; the Rev. Paul H. Johnson, Martin Street Baptist, Raleigh; the Rev. John R. Manley, GBSC president; the Rev. J. Ray Butler, Shiloh Baptist, Winston-Salem; and the Rev. N. M. Avery, Hill Street Baptist, Asheville.



Rev. Claude R. Trotter (left) installs new officers of the Shaw Theological Alumni Association. They are (L-R) the Rev. Leo Williams, GBSC Christian Education Director, the Rev. J. L. Morgan, First Calvary, Sanford; the Rev. Lewis Wade, White Plains, N. Y.; and the Rev. N. M. Avery, Hill Street Baptist, Asheville.

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Inspiration From The Pen Of Helen Steiner Rice

Today, the name Helen Steiner Rice is synonymous with inspiration. In her 80th year, she is a pillar of belief. She says of herself, "I never think of myself as a success or as an author or a poet. I am only another worker in God's vineyard."

Thus, her newest book is entitled "In the Vineyard of the Lord," (Revell, \$8.95, illustrated, with Fred Bauer, pub. date: Nov., 1979). It tells of the background, fraught with hardships as well as success, that has made Helen Steiner Rice the strong believer that she is. Her Christian faith and her God-given talents have enabled her to produce a wealth of beauty, as evidenced in her many books. Her titles, which include "Loving Promises," "Someone Cares," "Heart Gift," "A Gift of Love," "Everyone Needs Someone," among others, have reached the hearts of millions.

The New York Times once called Mrs. Rice "Poet Laureate of Inspirational Verse." Aladdin of the Lawrence Welk

Show read her poetry to more than 100 million television viewers. He had received it from a Gibson greeting card. The response was electrifying. People wrote and asked for more. The more Mrs. Rice wrote, the more her popularity grew. Her poems were used in cards, booklets and books.

Now in her 80th year, Helen Steiner Rice is too busy to retire. Every day, she goes to her office at Gibson Greeting Cards, Inc., in Cincinnati, Ohio, and buckles down to work. Here she writes new religious verses and presides over work on more than 500 greeting card items. She also prepares her books (there have been nearly two dozen) for publication. They have been published in Europe, Africa, Australia, the Philippines, New Zealand, Canada, and throughout the U.S. Thus, the world is her reader.

Helen Steiner Rice was born on May 19, 1900 in Lorain, Ohio. She entered the business world as a designer and demonstrator of silk lampshades for the Ohio Public Service Company. By

the time she was 25, she had become one of the highest-paid women in the electric power industry. She was a public relations expert for the industry and lectured nationwide about women in business, a feminist before anyone used the word. In 1931, Mrs. Rice became editor-director of Gibson Card Company and set about working for more meaningful expression in greeting cards.

Letters from all over the world seeking help, advice, and comfort have found their way into her office. Helen Steiner Rice writes back offering hope, renewing faith, and making new friends. She feels that her life's rewards are contact with those who read her poems. She says, "God put me in this world, and He gave me a closeness with Him. It took me a long time to find my way, but this must be my way, because the letters I get are beyond belief."

The tremendous response to the writings of Helen Steiner Rice would make it seem that she is, indeed, an instrument of God.

1980 ORATORICAL CONTEST

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RULES:

1. The Senior Division Contest is open to high school seniors and college freshmen who are active Baptist Training Union or Sunday School students.
- The Junior Division Contest is open to ninth, tenth and eleventh grade high school students who are active Baptist Training Union or Sunday School students.
2. Contestants must be certified by a local BTU Director or Sunday School superintendent.
3. Each contestant will choose one of the subjects listed above.
4. Each contestant must compose and learn his speech.
5. Each contestant will have five minutes for delivery.
6. Contestants will be judged by competent judges on content, composition and delivery. Content will count 25 percent, composition 25 percent, and delivery 50 percent.
7. The three top winners in the Senior Division will receive scholarships and certificates of participation. First place: \$150; second place: \$100; and third place: \$50. Scholarship checks are awarded after the contestants are enrolled in an institution of further study. Non-winning contestants will receive \$5 and a certificate of participation.
8. The three top winners in the Junior Division will receive certificates of participation, and prizes of: first place, \$15; second place, \$10; and third place, \$5. Non-winning contestants will receive certificates of participation and \$2.

Each year, young people are encouraged to enter the James F. Wertz BTU Oratorical Contest, sponsored as a part of the State BTU Congress. This is not only an opportunity, but a privilege.

Churches, associations and district conventions can do much to encourage and inspire young people to take advantage of this opportunity.

Local church contests, associational contests, county-wide contests, district contests, etc., should precede the state contest, and the winner of each district contest will compete at the state level.

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for they add to spiritual maturity and growth. It is very heart-breaking to attend worship services where the same music is used at least three times a month.

Anthems—usually spiritual passages directly from the Bible. A helpful aid in explaining or "thus said the Lord." There are many anthems arranged for the church choir, old and new, that will enhance the music for worship service.

1. It is important that the words be understood by all choir and congregation. Print words on the bulletin if possible or have the minister read them.
2. Anthems should not be an operatic production.
3. All glory should be given to God—not the soloist, or instrumentalists.

Spirituals and gospels—A personal expression of trials and tribulations. We must be

careful that we don't cente singing on "I" too much. Strong and difficult to about what you have not e

I think that some other relating to gospel songs in general is that we are too often concerned with rhythm and beat. We must remember that the words are primary and the rhythm and beat place second. Some choirs become more involved with clapping and rocking than they do singing the gospel message.

JESUS

As to Jesus of Nazareth, m. opinion of whom you particularly desire, I think the system of morals and His religion, as He left them to us, is the best the world ever saw, or is likely to see.

—Franklin

Seek Variety In Church

BY WAVERLY CAMP, JR.
Director of Music

In worship, music is a means of communication and expression which evokes feelings more readily than speech often does. It is a means through which we respond to the call of our faith. It is an international language which enables us to understand each other's emotions and aspirations. Religion has often used music to meet the need for relevance in worship.

Music can also serve the needs of religious education in teaching members about the beliefs of their faith, in worshiping and through the sharing of experiences. It can also serve in human growth and development as it ministers to emotional, physical and mental needs. Musical experiences will help to develop self-concepts and creative thinking, to release frustrations and emotions, to keep an open mind and to give meaning and direction to life. Music is all around us, and yet we are often unaware of the extent to which it can best affect our lives.

The primary business of the church is the worship of God. In worship, music plays a supporting role. Music is "the handmaid of religion."

The church choir is not a concert choir devoted to "art for art's sake." The music sung by the choir is for the praise of itself, but has significance only because it is part of the worship of God.

In keeping with this subordinate status, the music department of the church should function smoothly within the framework of the total church organization. Church choirs are not autonomous organizations, free to pursue independent ends and

purposes. The church choir is basically a small part of the congregation which has assumed special musical responsibilities in the worship service.

TYPES OF MUSIC IN OUR CHURCHES

There are four basic types of music usually found in our Baptist churches: hymns, anthems, spirituals, and gospels. They should form the nucleus of our choirs. It becomes the responsibility of the choirs to sing all types of music. No one choir should specialize in singing one type of music in a given worship service. People worshipping at your church come from all walks of life. As a choir, you are "duty bound" to feed the flock just as the minister does. In this instance, the choir serves as a teaching device in our Christian growth.

The majority of our time in the worship service is spent on music of some sort. It is hoped that the congregation would become more involved in the worship service. Music is a witnessing device. "We should raise our hearts in song to the Lord;" "Praise Ye the Lord;" "Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord."

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

Hymn singing can be great for our local congregation. What could be greater than the vibrant sound of a congregation singing songs of praise and testimony? Paul wrote in Corinthians 14:15, "I will sing with the spirit. I will sing with understanding also." He is simply saying that the singing

should be spirit-filled and understood by the singer. Singing is a spirit-all experience. Christian song is the overflow of the heart. If the heart is full, the singing will be full.

When we sing, through our emotions the door of our understanding is opened to things beyond the meaning of words. We sing ourselves into the grace of believing; too often we talk ourselves into doubt. So then, let us once in a while be filled with the freedom and the ecstasy of singing. The reward will be great. It will be that we are numbers among the immortals who sing the never beginning, never ending, the ever old, the always new song to the praise of God.

It seems that we have become so wrapped up in our performing groups—chancel choirs, vocal choirs, young adult choirs, men's choirs, etc.—that we have overlooked the congregation. May I say that there is nothing wrong with that choice, only that at times they do not provide the congregation with the chance to worship. Also, it would be wrong mentioning again that congregational singing is the only opportunity that they have to participate besides the offering plate and responsive readings, etc.

To sing regularly from the same handful of hymns leads to stagnation, and this practice continuing over a period of time will result in a decreasing number of hymns the congregation knows. New hymns and tunes need to be brought to the knowledge of the congregation,

"He Is Not Here, For He Is Risen!"

BY WILMER C. FIELDS

Director, Baptist Press

JERUSALEM—The Garden Tomb in Jerusalem is a symbol of the hope which stirs Jesus' disciples to this very day.

It is empty.

The miracle of miracles, the surpassing wonder of all the ages, occurred when the corpse of Jesus of Nazareth came to life in the darkened tomb of Joseph of Arimathea.

The hope which died on the hill of the Skull, which was buried with Jesus in a borrowed grave, sprang to new imperishable life on the Sunday morning when He arose from the dead.

This sacred site outside the Damascus Gate, just off the Nablus Road, is a deeply moving reminder of that event.

"He is not here; for He is risen, as He said."

In a city crammed with history, with the fascinating memorabilia of ages past,

Vandalism On The Rise In Jerusalem

BY ELIZABETH F. SMITH

JERUSALEM—The elderly man stepped over broken glass as he entered the bookshop at the House of the Nazarene in Jerusalem. He approached the pretty clerk sitting behind the desk, handed her a bouquet of pink carnations and said, "These flowers are for a very brave young lady."

The man identified himself as a longtime resident of the apartment house across the street and as a "neighbor." He wanted Janice Young to know he was "ashamed" that vandals had broken the large plate glass windows and a door in the shop for a fourth time since Dec. 29.

Mrs. Young explained that Baptists believed the incident was the work of a small group of extremists among the Orthodox Jews in the city. She told the clerk that Baptists were not certain no longtime residents of the area were involved.

With a smile, the man said, "Thank you. You have lightened my heart."

Several others who live near Baptist House came into the shop to express their sorrow over the incidents. One neighbor, at great personal sacrifice, brought a donation of about \$40 to help with repairs.

Other Christian churches, bookstores and institutions in west Jerusalem have also been damaged and clerks and clergymen have been cursed and spat upon.

Workers at Baptist House now place plywood sections in front of the plate glass doors and windows of the facility and leave outside lights burning all night in an attempt to discourage vandalism.

Baptist House is used as a Sunday School and activities building for the congregation of the West Jerusalem Baptist Church and has served as the official headquarters of the Israel Baptist mission for many years. Once a week, a group of Jewish believers holds Bible study and worship services there.

From time to time, since it

where holy shrines are on almost every corner, this quiet place of flowers and sighing pins summons up intimations of personal immortality.

The faith which is rekindled at the empty tomb of Jesus is an aspiring faith, "the great world's altar stairs, that slope through darkness up to God." It is an intake-reviving of the astonishment that must have swept over His followers on the morning of His resurrection.

If Jesus can lay aside His shroud and walk out alive forevermore, then through Him there is hope of a resurrection for us.

"Go quickly, and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead."

Every human being must hear that news!

At every believer's grave there blooms an Easter lily. Beside every disciple's tomb there is an angel.

After a profoundly moving

was built by Baptists more than 60 years ago, Baptist House has been attacked by various extremist groups. The latest incident was in early February when one or more persons broke into a store room adjacent to the church building next door to Baptist House. The vandals opened files and cartons of hymnbooks and created disorder.

Police are investigating the case, and the mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek, has promised to pay for needed repairs as he has in all past incidents. It is city policy to pay for the repairs for any damage done during "inter-ethnic" violence.

"Probably this is the work of one, two or three fanatics," states Robert Lindsey, Foreign Mission Board representative and pastor of the church. He expressed gratitude that local police have appointed a special investigator for this wave of attacks against Catholic and Protestant properties in Israel's capital city. Several arrests have been made.

In a letter to the Jerusalem Post in an English-language newspaper with a wide local and foreign circulation, Lindsey wrote that Baptists considered the rash of violent anti-Christian incidents "the work of absurd, teenage hooligans of foreign import who in no way represent the rank and file of hardworking Israelis, many of whom have been firm friends of the Baptist community for some decades."

The United Christian Council in Israel, of which Baptists are members, has issued an official protest over the anti-Christian violence and has called for guarantees of religious freedom and interfaith understanding in Jerusalem and throughout the country.

On Feb. 4, Prime Minister Menachem Begin issued a statement to representatives of the Christian community, assuring them that vandalism against churches "will not be tolerated" and that authorities will "do their utmost" to prevent such incidents.

visit to the Garden Tomb area with a group of Baptists, I walked out of the enclosure and into the busy street. There, a bright-eyed boy bounded up and called out enthusiastically, "Big news, sir. Good news!"

It was immediately apparent, however, in spite of my reverie and preoccupation, that this was no small-size prophet uttering theological variations. He was selling newspapers, the English-language Jerusalem Post. But his timing could not have been better. And I bought one. Who could resist a salesman like that? Like most people, I want to know any good news.

And thus earth and heaven interface in this extraordinary place, Jerusalem the Golden. But that is what Incarnation is all about.

It's a shock to many Christian pilgrims to discover that the area of the Garden Tomb, sometimes called Gethsemani's Calvary, is next door to a busy, noisy bus station.

But here, too, this juxtaposition is appropriate symbolism. The Easter message is relevant to everyday life. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection are the culmination of God's new outreach to secular man.

The Holy City, venerated and fought over for centuries by Jews, Christians, Moslems and a variety of infidels, is a classic example of the tendency of religion to petrify the sacred (See RISEN, P. 6)

Middle Ground Association

BY DR. G. E. BROWN

GOLD POINT—Another milestone that local residents have reached in the Annual Training Institute of the Middle Ground Association, which was held at the Roanoke Tabernacle, Gold Point, Jan. 14-25. Class hours were from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Many vital and inspiring lessons were taught during two weeks of training. Teachers were the Rev. R. A. Morris, ministers; Dr. G. E. Brown, laymen and deacons; Mrs. Carrie Alexander, mission; and Mrs. Elsie Goddard, youth.

The total enrollment for the two weeks was 343, besides those who came for worship. A dynamic message was delivered each evening. The following ministers brought a message: Reverends David Tyson, Walter Hines, William Price, T. R. Vines, Harry Barnhill, Freddie Hyman, K. P. Fisher, R. A. Morris, J. H. Dixon and J. H. Chance.

Those who attended the training institute grew religiously, spiritually and mentally. God's presence was noted throughout each service.

One soul came to Christ during the institute.

Puppet Show

DURHAM—March 2 marked the beginning of the Puppet Ministry for the youth at the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church. The opening performance was entitled, "The Rabbit Who Shared His Fur," a prototype of the boy who shared his lunch with the multitude (John 6).

Western Union Association

BY MRS. MAMIE M. FAISON

CLINTON—It is with much thanks to our Lord for us to take our pen in hand to write these lines to greet our entire Baptist family and to say praise God from whom all blessings flow. The week of Feb. 25-29 was full of spiritual inspiration and study for the Western Union family of believers in Christ. The 1980 session of our Cooperative Institute of Training of the Western Union Missionary Baptist Association was held at the First Baptist Church, Rev. C. A. Jones, pastor.

This was truly a week of faith service. Everyone seemed to be seeking a deeper and more spiritual awakening. We were

Spy Ban On Clergy

BY LARRY CHESLER

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Two Carter administration officials testified before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence against a legislative prohibition on the use of clergy or religious institutions by the Central Intelligence Agency.

CIA Director Stansfield Turner said a prohibition against intelligence relationships with members of religious, media and academic organizations would be an "unwarranted limitation of flexibility."

"There can arise unique circumstances in which intelligence relationships with members of these institutions are only warranted, but may be the only means available for accomplishing important intelligence objectives," Turner

Approximately 115 children witnessed this performance, which was performed in the Puppet Theatre in the youth department. The Puppet Ministry is a production of the youth movement at Greater St. Paul. The Puppet Show is an integral part of the youth movement

blessed to have as our instructors for the classes: Rev. I. B. Horton, ministers; Rev. C. A. Jones, deacons and trustees; the Rev. Leo Williams, Sunday School and BTU; the Rev. T. C. Horton, missionaries and daughters of Zion; and Bobby Sampson, youth.

Each night of worship, we heard from the following ministers who preached the Word of God: "The Rev. Marion Avery, pastor of Robinson Chapel; the Rev. W. C. Marable, pastor of Brown Chapel; the Rev. Elbert Fowler, the Rev. J. K. Clarido, pastor of Bearskin Baptist. All we can say is praise the Lord and you keep on praying for us. Our officers are: moderator, the Rev. J. H. Everett; vice moderator, the Rev. Clifford A. Jones; secretary, the Rev. F. R. Peterson.

said.

Admiral Daniel J. Murphy, deputy under secretary of defense for policy, labeled any "right ban" on the use of religious, media or educational organizations "unwise."

Both Turner and Murphy called for regulation of the relationships between clergy, media and academic persons and the intelligence community by executive branch guidelines, rather than statute.

Their testimony conflicts with the positions taken recently by several members of the religious community.

The position of these Baptist groups calls for a direct prohibition of the use of clergy as informants as well as an outright ban on members of the intelligence community posing as clergy.

activities. It includes using puppets to teach Bible concepts and religious practices of the church, as well as using puppets to encourage spiritual, physical, moral and social development of the youth of the church.

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Dr. Craig's Message

from Sept. 1, 1979 through Feb. 29, 1980, and the amount that we would like for your church to give on or before August 31, which represents the balance of your suggested quota.

If each church would respond in a positive way to the request of the Baptist Headquarters, we would have no problem in fulfilling our commitments to missions and Christian education. Brother pastors, we are counting on you for your full support.

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Shaw University deserves Baptist support as she seeks to: 1) train the heart as well as the mind, 2) stress moral as well as intellectual development, 3) produce people of leadership ability and 4) develop activists as well as thinkers.

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Lisbon Street Baptist Church Clinton, the Rev. H. R. Cogdell, pastor. We hope that you will make plans now to attend this session and encourage others in your section to attend. We need the prayers and the support of all the people in North Carolina called "General Baptists" to help make our convention a greater convention under the Lordship of Christ, who is our leader and guide.

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR APRIL

- 14-15 University Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, Dr. James E. Palmer, pastor
- 15 Rowan Baptist Association, Jerusalem Baptist Church, E. Spencer, the Rev. Charles Blakney, pastor
- 21-22 Mount Zion Baptist Church, Asheville, Dr. J. W. White, pastor
- 28 Friendship Baptist Church, Hickory, the Rev. D. U. Cooper, pastor
- 29-30 Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Wilkesboro, the Rev. Cud Gilreath, pastor

CONCLUSION

We are counting with the progress that the Convention is making, but we are not satisfied. We solicit your prayers, support and cooperation as we seek to bridge the gap between where we are and where we ought to be.

Sincerely,
C. C. Craig

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Three people—\$22.88

Four people—\$24.96

Tar Heel Motel (592-4157)

One person—\$15.60

Two people—\$20.80

Three people—\$22.88

Four people—\$24.96

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rather than to redeem and sanctify the secular.

The Church of the Holy Sepulcher, outside the present walls of the Old City, is the site accepted and extolled by Catholics, Orthodox, Armenians, Copts and others as the place of Jesus' crucifixion, burial and renewal of life. Each group has a jealously guarded corner for an altar or chapel. Some of their ancestors were present and sorrowing at the crucifixion.

The fact of the matter is that, in all major historic places in the Holy Land, there is some uncertainty about exact locations.

Whether or not the Golden Tomb is the actual burial place of Jesus, it is certainly the kind of tomb described briefly in the Gospels and therefore has at least that kind of claim to authenticity.

Baptist churches are among the Western groups which also meet each week in both East and West Jerusalem.

In the great springtime festival when Christians, Easter rites all over the world in their



17th Annual Pastor's Conference, Shaw Divinity School, March 17-19. (Photo by J. O. Williams)

Refugee Admissions Limits Raised

BYSTAN HASTEY

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Stating that the United States has a "long tradition as a haven for people uprooted by persecution and political turmoil," President Carter has signed into law a liberalized refugee act.

Carter said the law establishes "a new admissions policy that will permit fair and equitable treatment of refugees," regardless of their country of origin.

The president noted that while in the past, most refugees have been resettled by private groups, the large numbers of refugees arriving now dictate that the federal government's role in the effort be expanded.

The new law nearly triples the number of refugees admit-

ted annually to the U. S. from 17,000 to 50,000. Congress will review the new annual limit in three years.

Besides the 50,000 refugees to be admitted, the law allows another 270,000 immigrants to come to the country each year. Immigrants are defined as those who leave their native lands voluntarily, while refugees are persons forced to leave for a variety of reasons, including war and political and religious persecution.

Another provision of the law permits the president to expand the 50,000 annual limit on an emergency basis after consulting with Congress.

One group not included in the law are Cubans, who under provisions of separate legisla-

tion are being phased out of the refugee program.

Another section of the act includes creation of the office of U. S. Coordinator for Refugee Affairs, to be appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate. The new position carries with it the rank of ambassador-at-large, a diplomatic designation which will entitle the coordinator to represent the U. S. in negotiations with foreign governments and international agencies on refugee issues.

In addition, the law creates with the new Department of Health and Human Resources (formerly HEW) an office of refugee resettlement.

Our Bodies: Temples For God

BY JERILYNN W.

ARMSTRONG

FORT WORTH, Tex.—Dick Covey believes it's a sin to be out of shape.

"The human body is the greatest creation on earth, and as Christians, we should have the self-discipline to keep our bodies in peak condition," says Covey, associate professor of health and physical education at Baylor University.

Covey recently led a three-day seminar on "The Christian and Physical Fitness," at the Recreation Aerobics Center at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

"Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit but we often treat them as a dumping ground," Covey said. "Through the ministry of the church, we can encourage and motivate our members to keep their bodies in good working order to the glory of God."

diversity emphasize the importance of the fact of Jesus' resurrection more than the place in which it occurred.

Easter time, however, does call the faithful to remembrance of the pivotal events. Our faith is grounded in history. Our sacred books, the writings of the New Testament as well as the Old, arise out of specific times and places, to speak of God's persistent message of love and redemption for mankind.

Like the earliest disciples, we, too, are drawn by that invitation given by the angel so many mornings ago, "Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

The tomb is empty. He has risen!

During the seminar, Covey led daily discussions on the cardiovascular respiratory system, muscular endurance, dieting and nutrition.

Covey recommended that church staff members initiate a basic exercise program in their churches in addition to regular sports. Activities such as exercising and jogging cost little, and the church can provide information on nutrition and dieting.

Covey said 66 percent of Americans are fat and that America outweighs every country in the world.

"Obesity often results in high

blood pressure, poor body alignment, heart trouble and diabetes. On the other hand, exercising and proper dieting can add years to your life, cause fewer health problems and provide a better outlook on life," he said.

Covey cautioned the church staffers to start their members on exercise programs slowly and have all participants checked by a doctor before beginning.

"You have the remainder of your life to get in shape," Covey said. "So lose weight a pound at a time and build up an exercise program at a steady pace."

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Convention Picks Carter, Hunt

RALEIGH—The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, the state's largest black organization, recently endorsed the re-election bid of President Jimmy Carter and threw its support behind eight candidates running for state offices in the May 6 Democratic Primary election.

The convention's Political Action Committee recommended that the more than 360,000 members of the Convention support Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., and U. S. Senator Robert B. Morgan in their re-election campaigns while also backing State Rep. Carl Stewart of Gastonia for lieutenant governor.

The committee endorsed five other state office seekers, including J. P. Carlton for associate justice of the Supreme Court; George Breece for secretary of state; Craig Phillips for Superintendent of Public Instruction; Jim Long for Insurance Commissioner; and Ed Renfrow for state auditor.

The Political Action Committee interviewed several

candidates and was interested in their stances on affirmative action, higher education, housing, and particularly on employment of young minorities. They also raised questions about prison reform, aid for the elderly, transportation and credibility in government.

"After giving careful consideration to each of the candidates for governor, the convention is recommending that its members support Governor Hunt for re-election," said Dr. John R. Manley, president of the GBSC. "Gov. Hunt has an excellent record in minority affairs. In the last three and one-half years, he has given minorities a greater voice in government than ever before. He has worked to give all the people of North Carolina fair and equal access to education and economic opportunity."

He said that in the past three and one-half years, Gov. Hunt has appointed over 500 blacks and other minorities to state boards and commissions and to high posts in the executive branch.

Through Governor Hunt's leadership, more than 340

million has been appropriated for enhancement of the state's five traditionally black universities.

In the past 3½ years, Gov. Hunt has helped bring more than 100,000 new jobs to North Carolina, the result of more than \$6.5 billion in new and expanded industry.

Blacks Have Forgotten Dream

GREENSBORO—Dr. William A. Jones, Jr., president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, told nearly a thousand guests at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Banquet in Greensboro April 18, that the black church must become the hub of liberation for black people.

Dr. Jones said that in many cases blacks have sanctified a memory (in Dr. King) and sinned a mission; have remembered the dreamer and have forgotten the dream.

Dr. Jones, who is pastor of the Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., and is a visiting professor at Princeton Theological Seminary and Colgate Rochester Divinity

"This year's election is one of the most crucial in recent years," said Dr. Manley. "I want to urge all North Carolinians to support a candidate who will begin the new decade with fair and compassionate leadership that assures all people an equal voice in government."

School, outlined three "essentials" for blacks in the coming years.

"We've got to make the black church reservation headquarters," he said. "The black church was here, is here and will be here."

"We've got to return to the centrality of the cross. Most think the cross is something you wear instead of what you bear."

"We've also got to rediscover the public ethic of Jesus. Ultimately, it's a question of allegiance—whose side are you on?"

During an interview before his address to the banquet audience, Dr. Jones said that he wouldn't want to make any



DR. WILLIAM A. JONES

political endorsements yet. He said that he is disappointed with President Carter, afraid of Ronald Reagan and uncertain about Edward Kennedy.

"We may be faced with a non-choice," Dr. Jones said. "A choice of black zebra with white stripes or a white one with black stripes." He said he would prefer to wait until the National Black Pastors Conference convenes in Chicago Oct. 6-10 to make an endorsement, if he does so even then.

Jones' speech highlighted the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

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God Made Dreams Realities For McKissick, Soul City

When the little boy cried,
"The sun is falling!"

How everyone did sigh.
They even started howling.

Not in one mind did cross
Nature's way to prepare:

They instead, became lost
In shelters stately fair.

Ah-h! They left one man, still
Long years wore on his face.

Old chap lived on an hill,
Seen much afore his place.

Tired old man said, "So what!"
Gay sounds he did moan.

Joyous words told that lot
God keeps your mind and heart

Strong.

—Sharon A. Murrey

BY CURETON L. JOHNSON
Editor

SOUL CITY—For Soul City developer Floyd B. McKissick, dreams become realities.

But just over a year ago, March 6 to be exact, many folks thought that the lights were going out on McKissick and his dreaming. An automobile accident on Interstate 85 left the renowned civil rights soldier critically wounded and on the brink of death.

While pinned in his car for more than 30 minutes, and as rescuers tried his body from the twisted wreckage, McKissick momentarily began

remembering the past and a promise to God.

A bit leery of sounding charismatic, as though God had divinely conferred a special gift upon him, McKissick, nevertheless, won't discount having a conversation with God.

"I think during that time you see your whole life played before you," he said recently. He remembered his boyhood days as a championship roller skater back in Asheville and about how he had once gotten into a ruckus with police and there was no black lawyer in town. And he remembered his family.

"I'd always said to my grandfather that I'd be a preacher one day. Then I told the Lord that I would come back to preach, but just let me get my law degree. Then I said just let me get out of the Army. And He said all right."

"Then I said, Lord, let me pass the bar, and later, during the civil rights struggle, I said, Lord, this is carrying on Your work."

He said go ahead.

"Then I said, Lord, help me develop Soul City and I'll come back to you, Lord; then I said help me get the funding for Soul City. It all came back to me in the accident."

"And then I said, Lord, if I get out of this accident I'm not going to postpone coming to serve you anymore."

On August 5, 1979, McKissick preached his trial sermon at Union Baptist Church in Durham at 57 years of age. He now spends his Saturdays studying at Shaw Divinity School. He said he decided to come to God when everybody could see him instead of coming to God "in the darkness like Nicodemus."

While fulfilling his obligation to his Maker, McKissick still dreams of saving the 3600-acre project that he sees as a monument to and a model to blacks in one of North Carolina's poorest counties.

World War II brought him five Battle Stars and the Purple Heart. His undergraduate degree was earned at N. C. Central University in Durham in 1961 and he became the first black man to attend the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) Law School, later becoming a constitutional lawyer. In 1963, he was elected national chairman of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and became national director in 1966.

But in July of 1972, his greatest dream, the creation of
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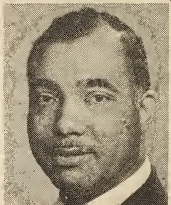
FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The theme for our conventional year of 1980 is "A New Fellowship Fitly Joined Together," based upon the scripture, Ephesians 4:16, which in the King James version reads: "From the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

This text, as does this theme, points up the importance of working together in such a way as to edify or build up the Body of Christ. The various parts and gifts contribute to the wholeness of the church, but to be fitly joined together contributes to the strength of the church. And if there ever was a time that the church needed to speak with a loud, clear voice, that time is now, when so many seem to be falling apart with no clear voice to guide them.

Our convention is very fortunate in having so much talent, ability and gifts in our pulpits, our pews, our associations and our auxiliaries. But as Luke 12:48 reminds us, "Unto whom much is given, of him shall be much required; and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more."

It is clear to me that General Baptists have been given much but we have only scratched the surface of our combined potential. And in order for us to dig deeper, we must draw together, recognizing that the principles that bind us



DR. JOHN R. MANLEY

together are greater than the prejudices that separate us.

And not only must we draw closer together, but we must be fitly joined together in order to accomplish the task that our day demands of us even as the Ephesians needed to be fitly joined together in order to accomplish the task that their day demanded of them.

It has been my privilege to work with many pastors, churches, associations, auxiliaries and committees since our annual session, and it is most inspiring to see the different parts of our convention doing such a great work.

And now the time has arrived for us to come together fitly joined in Clinton, May 7 and 8, at the Lisbon Street Baptist Church, Rev. H. R. Cogdell, pastor, to give an account of our stewardship and to proclaim to a dying world the gospel of a Living Christ.

Let everyone make every effort to meet and greet each other in our One Day Session in Clinton and make it the best ever.

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents, other leaders and members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.:

I commend you for your unwavering support for the objectives of the Convention. Your support is heartwarming as well as beneficial to the work that the Lord has given us to do.

The work of the General Baptist State Convention is the Lord's work. The Kingdom belongs to God—it is God's project. Much frustration can be saved and much power harnessed if a person who sows gospel news will come to understand the various responses he will have in sowing seeds of the word. The Bible tells us that a sower went forth to sow:

"Some seeds fell by the wayside, and the fowls came and devoured them up; Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: And forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But others fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold." Matthew 13:3-8.

As workers for Christ, we are gospel farmers, we are gospel sowers. We are not called to water; to make or harvest the crop. We are called to scatter seeds of the Kingdom. We do not have anything to do with the finished crop. God keeps the record; He keeps the cash registers; He does the harvesting. We sow the seeds. God gives the increase.

The Kingdom belongs to God. God's word will not return unto him void. The gospel we preach and teach belongs to God. The crop is God's and we belong to God. We are backed by the great commission—the closing promise is, "and I, I am with

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S DESK



DR. C. C. CRAIG
Executive Secretary

you always, even unto the end of the world."

There are great hazards in Christian work. There are risks involved. We can expect this. We must make provisions for losses. So much more seeds than you expect to come up. Great souls of the Bible took great risks for God. Abraham left home for God with no guarantee in writing. Elijah stood up for God before King Ahab with nothing but the word of God on his lips. Moses was sent down to Egypt to face a hard-hearted King with nothing but God's word which said, tell the King that "I am that I am." In sowing seeds of the gospel, there are times when it looks useless and futile, but keep sowing. Sow and wait. Our job is not to harvest, but to sow.

We are God's farmers. We have nothing to do with the

harvest or gathering. Our job is to sow. Behold a sower went forth to sow—some seeds fell in good dirt.

ONE DAY SESSION

Our Moderators' Workshop and the One Day Session will be held at the Lisbon Street Baptist Church, Clinton, May 7-8. Our financial goal for this session is \$100,000. I am appealing to all of our pastors, officers, leaders, church members, and friends to help make this session a big success by doing three things:

1. Make plans to attend this special session;
2. Encourage your church members and friends to attend; and
3. Report as much money as you possibly can for the Unified Program.

FINANCE
We are doing well financially in spite of inflation. Our greatest need at this time is to fulfill our financial obligation of \$310,000 to Shaw University on or before June 30. In an effort to honor our commitment to Shaw University, we are asking each pastor to have a Shaw Day on any Sunday before June 30. We need all of Shaw's money, whether from a Shaw Day or from the Unified Dollars, on or before June 30. Thank you for your support in the past and for the support that I know you will continue to give.

Sincerely,
C. C. Craig

Rev. Walker Honored

The Gethsemane Baptist Church of Salisbury held an anniversary celebration for Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Walker on March 30.

The occasion marked Dr. Walker's second year with the church. The Rev. James L. Strowe of Yadin Grove Baptist Church in Salisbury and Union Baptist Church in Lexington, delivered the main address.

The officers and members of the church made the following statement in honor of their pastor:

"The Gethsemane Baptist Church family congratulates our pastor and his lovely wife for two years of unselfish service to our church and the Salisbury-Rowan Community.

Our pastor came to us with a doctrine that a Christian life is not merely knowing or hearing,

but doing the will of God. This doctrine has been observed many times as one sees him daily administering to the needs of his members and actively participating in such organizations as Rowan Cooperative Christian Ministry, Negro Civic League and other state and national organizations.

"To love and to be loved is an aspiration mankind seeks constantly—Dr. and Mrs. Walker Gethsemane Baptist Church loves you."

—Robert Burns
"To a Mouse"

Disappointment

The best-laid schemes o' mice

An' men,

Gang aft agley,

An' lea'e us nought but grief

An' pain,

For promis'd joy!

—Robert Burns
"To a Mouse"

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Soul City—

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a new town in his home state, was off and running as then HUD secretary George Romney announced that a \$14 million guaranteed bond had been granted for the development of Soul City.

So McKissick's dream of improving the plight of blacks in rural areas; to stem the exodus of blacks to northern ghettos; to relieve the pains of poverty for a county's 15,000 inhabitants—mostly black—isn't dead.

"I believe in self-help," McKissick affirmed from behind his tasteful office desk

in Soul City. "I'd been talking about this for some time and arguing economic development. I made a personal sacrifice for this project.

"We didn't have but one doctor in this county when we came here. Now we have three doctors and two dentists. We didn't have but one architect in the entire state of North

Carolina and now as a result of this project there are some 10 or 15 and a whole architectural firm in Raleigh.

"But don't let nobody tell you there ain't no God. Don't fall into that fallacy of being so educated that you don't believe there is a God."

For McKissick and Soul City, no God would mean no dreams

and no hope.

Next month, we'll take you on a pictorial tour of Soul City, find out what's there, what it means to blacks, and look into the chances of its survival.

Living Flowers Given to 87-Year-Old Deacon

BY MRS. PAULINE HUMPHREY

An appreciation service was observed by many friends in honor of Deacon C. B. Chadwick, a member of St. Phillip Missionary Baptist Church, Pollocksville, on March 19.

Deacon Chadwick is 87, and during those years, his light has been shining.

He served in the U. S. Army in his early years of life, and then came out and got in the

army for God. He was married to the late Nancy Bender and raised several children. He is known statewide and is a Moses in our wilderness—forgetting self and marching forward for God. Some of his great achievements are:

He organized the first usher board in Jones County and the first vacation Bible school. He served as advisor on the Jones County Board of Education, as chairman of the Neuse River

Council. As usher board president, as field superintendent of the Sunday School, and he introduced the ushers union in the association.

He is a Master Mason, Worthy Patron for the Eastern Star, a member of BTU in Ala., NAACP member, and Christian A. Society No. 3, president. After the passing of his first wife, he was married to Annie Lee Parrish.

He was honored with money,

other gifts, friends and a dinner. A special dedication was sung by Mrs. Rosie Strayhorn—"Give Me My Flowers While I Live."

Rev. E. W. Wooten delivered an outstanding sermon on "God's Promise To Man." Rev. Wooten is our Trent River Oakley Grove Missionary Baptist Association moderator. Rev. J. T. Parks is pastor of St. Phillip Baptist.



DEACON CHADWICK

First Calvary Baptist, Rocky Mt. Aid NAACP

BY REV. S. J. JONES

ROKY MOUNT—First Calvary Baptist Church paid out their second Golden Heritage to the NAACP Sunday, March 30. They have become the first in the nation to have two Golden Heritages paid out. They are now working on their third.

The NAACP stands for the rights of all people. It stands for the advancements of colored people because they need advancing more than anyone else.

All other groups came here looking for wealth, but blacks were brought here in chains as slaves, so you see they were the group that needed advancing.

Jesus came for the purpose of breaking down racial barriers, that is, to bring justice for all that the poor might receive the gospel, and the prisoners be set free.

Paul was a special missionary to the Gentiles to break down racial barriers between the Jew and the Gentile. He was born for that purpose. That is why Jesus said in St. John that "It is necessary for me to go through Samaria;" that is, to break down the racial barriers, so that all men may be as brothers and recognize the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man."

Out of one blood God made all nations.

The Rev. Elbert Lee and the North End Baptist Church were special guests. He brought two choirs and the choirs sang wonderfully. Rev. Lee preached a powerful sermon. His subject was that of "Tonight."

Rev. Lee also made another installment on the North End Baptist Church Life Membership to the NAACP.



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convention and other church work.

Perhaps the success of this program is indicative of attendance at regular meetings. Since the change of convention meeting time from Saturday (daytime) to Thursday evenings, delegation attendance has been 100 percent.

The convention has one small problem now—deciding what to do with the remainder of the money beyond the cost of a lifetime membership fee.

Program committee members were Mrs. Mildred Chambers, chairperson; McCoy Cousin, Mrs. Lucille Talley, Ollie Ellison, Bobby Holloway, Mrs. Viola Brooks, George Carrington, Ms. Gladys Lawson and James Stephens.

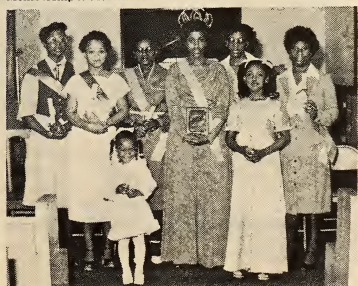
Deep River Trains Leaders

BY MRS. INEASE WICKER

A milestone has been reached in two training institutions in the Deep River Association, which was held at two different churches in order to reach more people. The first institute was held at First Calvary Church in Sanford, the Rev. J. L. Morgan, pastor. The second week, it was held at Edward Grove Baptist Church, the Rev. M. P. McCleave, pastor. Class hours were from 7 to 9 p.m. nightly.

Many inspiring and informative lessons were taught during these two weeks of excellent training. Teachers were Dr. A. D. Moseley—ministers and laymen; Mrs. Eva Pratt and Mrs. Maree Singletary—laywomen; Rev. Lawrence Gilmore and Mrs. Linda Gales—young adults; and Mrs. J. L. Morgan and Mrs. Inease Wicker—youths.

On Friday night of each week, a dynamic summary was given by the teacher. The results of the Pre-Institute Survey and the Post-Institute Evaluation made us know that those who attended grew religiously, mentally and spiritually. God was with us and we thanked Him for His presence.



Front Row, left to right: Lynette McCoy, Lawson Chapel; Gail Tapp, Shady Hill; Cynthia Chas, Clegg Chapel. Back row—Florence Curtis, New Hope, Granville; Amy Bailey, New Hope, Person; Lisa Johnson, Lea's Chapel; Linda Bumpass, Jones Chapel; Rose Cameron, Cedar Grove. Not shown: Johnetta Hamlett, New St. James.



The Women's Auxiliary of the Mountain and Catawba Missionary Baptist Association held their annual Christian Education Day Sunday, March 16, at St. John Baptist Church, Statesville. The Rev. W. W. Lee is host pastor. The guest speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Maggie M. White of Shelby. Mrs. White is the president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Ebenezer Association, and also a member of the executive board of the Woman's Auxiliary of the General Baptist State Convention. She is the wife of the Rev. White of Rt. 1 Shelby. Mrs. Willie H. Little is the president of the Woman's Auxiliary, the Rev. D. U. Cooper is the moderator of the association. All of the money raised was for Shaw University.

District IV Sunday School Pays NAACP Membership

BY GLADYS LAWSON

On March 30, the District IV Sunday School Convention held a special program for a special purpose. Many months back, members of the district discussed acquiring an NAACP lifetime membership. All members agreed there should be no withdrawals from the general treasury for this, because they felt with cooperative efforts, the group could raise the membership fee.

Cooperation was beyond belief even in the preparatory stages. There was 100 percent participation in the initial planning session and a decision reached that every church would represent with at least \$100. The King/Queen of each respective church was to rely on its church and their resources for acquiring this money. Mrs. Mildred Chambers willingly served as chairperson of this program, with President Josiah Thomas assisting.

On March 30 and at Clegg Chapel Baptist Church, Timberville, we witnessed a pooling of efforts. For Baptists, this

program was one of extreme brevity. Following a brief devotion, and solos by Mrs. Vida Thorpe, the vice president, McCoy Cousin, and the president, gave brief remarks. Sunday School superintendents of the district took up offerings. Then, as in a real coronation, each candidate was received with much fanfare. The candidate's church choir or some volunteer serenaded her as a representative from her church made the financial report. Mrs. Lala Williams, treasurer, was beaming with pride as she relayed collection figures—\$1,029.72. All of this had been accomplished within a two-hour framework.

Ms. Gail Denise Tapp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Landis Tapp, and a member of Shady Hill Baptist Church, was proclaimed Ms. District IV. L. Bullock, outreach worker for District IV, crowned Ms. Tapp. As he lauded her with praise and challenged her to become even more active in the convention, he also encouraged her to let this feat be just a stepping stone in the

Woman's Page

BY DR. PRISCILLA BRODIE
Executive Secretary

May 31 is the date for the eleventh annual Statewide Leaders' Workshop of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention. The workshop is basically for presidents, vice presidents, chairpersons and co-chairpersons of year-round committees, and other officers; however, those who wish to come to be a part of this learning, worshipping, sharing, and "fellowshipping" experience and are not included in the specified positions may come.

We shall need your prayers, your presence, your input, and your finance. We are grateful for what you have done during the year, and we are grateful for your assistance at the close of the year. Since this is the last meeting of this fiscal year, let us come to close the year on a note of jubilee together.

The Rev. Clifford Jones, pastor of the First Baptist

Church, Clinton, will be the guest speaker for the occasion, which will be held at the Raleigh Civic Center.

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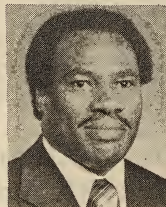
Equality

Your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want; that there may be equality.

—11 Corinthians 8:14



DR. BRODIE



REV. CLIFFORD JONES
First Baptist, Clinton

Singer Visits Austria

Willie Jordan-Williams, lyric soprano, on the basis of her recent audition for the American Institute of Musical Studies, has been accepted for participation in the Summer Vocal Institute in Graz, Austria. The institute will be held June 30 through August 16.

The primary purpose of the institute is to assist young American artists in their final preparations for performing careers. Mrs. Williams auditioned on Sunday, Feb. 24, 1980, at Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C. She performed before a panel of judges, singing music in three languages (Italian, English and German). It is anticipated that she will study in the Opera Studio of the Vocal Institute in Graz.

She is a native of New Bern and is the daughter of Lula Mae Jordan and the late Willie S. Jordan of New Bern. She attended the public schools of New Bern, earned the bachelor of science degree at Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va., and the master of arts degree at Eastern Michigan Uni-



MRS. WILLIAMS

versity, Ypsilanti, Mich. Since 1969, she has taught and performed vocal music in several public schools, colleges and universities. At present, she resides with her family in Raleigh, also the location of her "Notes and Words Studio."

Prejudice

A prejudice is a vagrant opinion without a visible means of support.

—Ambrose Bierce

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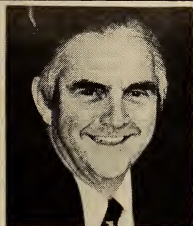
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BOOKS

DIVORCED MINISTER

WACO, TEX.—A Christian minister who lost his pastorate because of a divorce found that it was not the "spectacular" church leaders who reached out to him with friendship, encouragement, and time to listen.

Rather, he says, "the strong influences which lasted over the long haul came from people who were average, ordinary, faithful."

The experience led the minister to a new appreciation of the hidden potential for service of people who feel they have nothing to offer because of their "ordinariness."

To counter such feelings, and to free people to help others out of their own natural but unique gifts, the Rev. Douglas A. Elliott has written a book of motivation entitled "Any Christian Can" (Word Books, Waco, Tex., \$2.95).

The book is subtitled "A Personal Guide to Individual Ministry," and it is in some ways a tribute to the "ordinary" people who help the author through a time of crisis—and a salute to their thousands of counterparts everywhere.

Elliott focuses on four ways people can begin to enjoy serving others out of their present resources.

• Minister to others with what you have—yourself.

• Recognize the power of simply showing people in need that God loves them.

• Develop the capacity to use ordinary assets and tools as gifts of ministry.

• Start trying to do without the guilt, rejection, and fear that are such effective barriers to confident service.

LOSS OF FAITH MAY

Chosen Books' first release for the 1980s explores the experience of starting over. Appropriately titled "New Beginnings" (distributed by Word Books, Waco, Tex., \$4.95), the book was written by nationally known retreat leader and lecturer Joseph Bishop.

Starting over is an experience many people fear, Bishop says, because it usually accompanies a period marked by violent mood swings, apparent loss of faith, and a feeling of being helpless to do anything about it.

"A person may be closer to Jesus Christ while crying out in bewilderment," Bishop writes, "than when mouthing empty phrases of praise and thanksgiving."

Based on case histories of people he has counseled and on events in his own life, he offers dozens of examples of people going through processes that enable them to make substantial changes for the better.

Bishop re-defines the idea of life change, saying it is more than a "once-for-all-time" conversion experience. Rebirth, he believes, can and should occur at even deeper levels throughout a person's life.

Author Catherine Marshall has called "New Beginnings" "a book to make you fall in love with God again."

The Unified Dollar For The Unified Program

Haitian Refugees Homeless

No group is too small to help with the continuing urgent needs of refugees. If resettling a family in your community sounds like too much, you could become a partner with another church. Churches that agree to help a large family often welcome the assistance of a smaller partner church with some dollars or donations of needed items. Partners need not be in the same community.

Or perhaps you could help the church folk in Florida. They are nearly overwhelmed trying to meet the needs of Haitian boat people arriving, sometime a hundred per day, in overcrowded small boats. They ask asylum from the representative government in their island nation, but the U. S. has not agreed to accept them. While their status is on appeal, the Florida churches struggle to meet housing, food and medical needs of this destitute people. Send contributions to North Carolina Council of Churches Refugee Project, Box 6637, College Station, Durham, 27708. Specify that the money is to help Haitians.

But if your church or group can raise as much as \$500 and has a few people with time and love to share, then probably you should consider sponsoring a refugee for resettlement. They come from two dozen countries. Some are single, others are in family groups. All have fled an oppressive situation. All need help in getting a new start. Call Ruth Minter in Durham at (919) 688-3819 for assistance in pursuing this option.

Carter Hooks Support

BY REX HAMMOCK

NEW YORK, N. Y.—If the race for the White House narrows to Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan, Carter "will probably receive 92 to 95 percent of the black vote," according to Benjamin Hooks, NAACP executive director.

Speaking to over 400 participants in a national conference on "Ethical Issues for the 80s" in New York, Hooks warned, however, that Carter might not receive as large a quantity of black votes as he did in 1976.

In response to a question after his address on race relation in the 1980s, Hooks credited Carter's black support, especially in the South, with putting him in the White House in 1976. "If blacks had not voted for Carter, he would not be president today," Hooks told the conference, sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Hooks predicted, however, that while the same percentage of black voters will support Carter in 1980, fewer will vote because they believe "Carter's performance has not matched his promises."

In his speech, Hooks said, "Blacks have come a long way

No Budget Cuts For Poor Requested

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Twenty-two U. S. religious leaders, including a pair of Baptists, have issued a statement expressing strong concern that President Carter and Congress are proposing budget cuts which "disproportionately hurt poor and hungry people in governmental efforts to combat inflation."

The Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders expressed dismay that the budget proposals contravene a recent recommendation by the Presidential Commission on Food Hunger and Malnutrition that the "United States government make the elimination of hunger the primary focus of its relationships with developing nations, beginning with the decade of the 1980s."

The statement warns that proposed reductions of \$100

million to \$500 million in development and humanitarian assistance would have consequences in the range of "serious to catastrophic."

"While we are sensitive to the need to reduce inflation and are confident that responsible steps to do so will command widespread support, we feel strongly that anti-inflation measures must not require the poor and hungry people who already suffer most to bear additional burdens," the statement said.

The two Baptists signing the statement were James E. Wood, Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; and C. J. Malloy, Jr., general secretary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., a member of the Baptist Joint Committee.

Study Shows Dangers Of Smoking "Pot"

BY ROBERT HASTINGS

Baptist Press

CARBONDALE, Ill.—Dr. Norman Doreenbos is a Baptist layman who gained distinction as the "government pot farmer" at the University of Mississippi, 1968-71. During those years, he operated a "pot farm" which raised all the marijuana used for government-sponsored research in the U. S. Under government supervision, he tended a five-acre plot containing over 300 types of marijuana.

His job was to find the types and strength of other drugs present in marijuana. Now the dean of science at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Doreenbos found over 80 drugs in marijuana. In contrast, tobacco has only one nicotine.

How does he feel about marijuana, based on research. Not all the answers are in, he explains, but here are some of his convictions:

(1) Marijuana alone won't "drive people into crime," nor lead them to use harder drugs, nor increase sexual activity and pleasure. But marijuana users often develop a new set of friends who use other drugs, thus increasing their exposure to hard drugs.

(in achieving liberty) but we still have a long way to go."

"In 1954, we thought we had landed the big fish of equality in education," said Hooks. He lamented the fact, however, that more than 50 percent of black children still attend schools that are as segregated as those in 1954.

"Sadly," he added, "churches have joined in the movement to keep schools segregated, not for religious reasons, but because they don't believe in integration."

"Like 'The Old Man and the Sea,' we still have faith... we use our harpoons to fight the sharks and will pull ourselves up by our bootstraps—even if we have few boots and don't have any straps."

(2) Marijuana does most of the harmful things that alcohol and tobacco do, plus some things which neither do. "My impression is that marijuana has a great deal more potential danger than either tobacco or alcohol," he says.

(3) Marijuana can hinder the development of muscle and bone in young people. Doctors and psychiatrists working with drug users have noted the bones and muscles of young men in their early twenties (who used marijuana in the teens) have not grown much since childhood.

(4) A person smoking marijuana is a highway risk. It affects peripheral vision, time sense, and judgment of distance.

(5) Some of the chemicals in marijuana suppress or depress production of male hormones. Six weeks after conception, a male child begins to manufacture male hormones. But if the mother smokes marijuana, a number of consequences are possible. For one, he may be sterile as an adult.

(6) A marijuana user believes that somehow he's special, that someone else might get hurt, but not him. His friends know it's hurting him because they see personality changes—he grows forgetful, self-centered, loses interest in the future.

(7) Some drugs in marijuana are beneficial. For example, they may be safer to use in organ transplants. They may be beneficial in treating glaucoma, asthma, and nausea caused by powerful anti-cancer drugs.

(8) The carcinogenic (cancer-causing) content of marijuana smoke is 20 to 150 times higher than in tobacco smoke.

"Some people tell me if God created marijuana, why not smoke it?" he says. "I say that's as ridiculous as jumping off a cliff because God made the cliff!"

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FREE DEMONSTRATIONS TO CHURCHES

April Called Brotherhood, Peace, Freedom, Love Month

(From Page 1)



Left: Nearly 1000 Baptists from across North Carolina sing "Lift Every Voice and Sing" while gathered at the Village Green for two hours of music and expressions of devotion to the works and times of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Below: (Top) Dr. William A. Jones chats with GBSC president Dr. John R. Manley, during the banquet. (Middle) Ben Ruffin, special assistant to the governor, reads proclamation as Dr. Manley and Dr. C. C. Craig look on. (Bottom) Head table guests join hands during the singing of "We Shall Overcome."

Inc. annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet. During the ceremonies, Ben Ruffin, special assistant to the governor for minority affairs, read a proclamation from the governor's office making April Brotherhood, Peace, Love and Freedom Month in North Carolina in honor of Dr. King.

Dr. John R. Manley, president of the GBSC, served as master of ceremonies and Dr. C. C. Craig introduced the speaker in grand style.

The banquet ended with all present joining hands and singing "We Shall Overcome."

State of North Carolina



JAMES B. HUNT, JR.
GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., planted world-wide the seed of justice through love; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. suffered a physical death by the very violence that he opposed, but, left a dream in the minds of all of us that the struggle for freedom among wise people is not a hopeless task; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through his life and his preaching created a framework upon which each of us must understand our charge and responsibility to eliminate even the slightest vestiges of hopelessness and despair among a people such as we who have since the beginning of our nation pledged allegiance to a development of love and understanding, under God; and

WHEREAS, at no time in history has there been a greater need for reasonable persons to embrace the intangible human assets of Brotherhood, Respect, Honor and Love; and

WHEREAS, the General Baptist State Convention has engaged the development of these human assets and has sounded this undertaking in every city and community of our state;

THEREFORE, I proclaim the month of April 1980, as

BROTHERHOOD, PEACE, FREEDOM AND LOVE MONTH

and commend this observance to our citizens.



By the Governor:

James B. Hunt, Jr.



GBSC Makes Plans For Trip To St. Louis

The General Baptist State Convention has reserved seats with Delta Airlines for the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress in St. Louis, Mo., June 16-20, 1980. The plane will depart the Charlotte Airport on June 16 at 9:10 a.m. and will arrive in St. Louis at 11:37 a.m. We will depart St. Louis at 9 p.m. on June 20 and will arrive in Charlotte at 1:30 a.m.

The round-trip fare, including transportation from the airport to the hotel, baggage handling, room at the Ramada Inn, accommodating two persons per room, is \$254. For those desiring a private room, the round trip fare is \$309.

Because of the rising cost of fuel, the full amount must be paid by May 12, 1980. Air fare will increase after this date.

Please fill out the enclosed form and return it to our office with your round-trip fare. All checks or money orders are to be made payable to the General Baptist State Convention.

Please enroll me for the trip to St. Louis, Missouri, June 16-20, 1980. My round trip fare is enclosed.

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"Layman Of Year"

CRITERIA FOR THE "LAYMAN OF THE YEAR" AWARD

- I. The man shall be nominated by a letter from his church signed by (1) The Clerk; (2) The Chairman of Deacons; and (3) The Pastor. If the candidate is either one of the named lay officers, then the Chairman of Trustees shall sign in his stead.
 - A. The following conditions shall be required of all candidates, and each letter should state forthrightly that its candidate meets these requirements:
 1. He should maintain active membership in his church and support it financially.
 2. He should maintain active membership in an organized Laymen's League.
 3. He should be rendering some form of productive service in his church.
 4. He should have fulfilled his responsibility as the head of his family, if he is married.
 5. He should be diligent and honest in his personal occupation.
 6. He should not be connected with any activity which might be questionable.
 - B. The following achievements will merit extra consideration in comparison with other candidates, and should be clearly described in the letter:
 1. He could be a Tither, with a record of giving one-tenth of his earnings to God's work.
 2. He could have rendered services which required considerable time and effort.
 3. He could have shown positive leadership in planning and supporting some project for human betterment.
 4. He could have suffered for righteousness' sake:
 - Tribulation: Suffering as a test of righteousness
 - Crucifixion: Suffering as a punishment for righteousness
- II. He shall be approved by the Committee of the Laymen's League Convention
 - A. Required of all candidates:
 1. The church making the recommendation must have a record of membership in, and support of, the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.
 2. The Laymen's League of which the candidate is a member must have a record of membership in, and support of, the State Laymen's League Convention.

Former Atty. General Says Americans Revere Violence

DAVID R. WILKINSON
Baptist Press

NEW YORK—American society has a "reverence for violence" and a preoccupation with materialism, and the decade of the 1980s needs people with the will to live counter to these cultural values.

Former U. S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark delivered this challenge to more than 400 concerned Southern Baptists in a national seminar on "Ethical Issues for the 80s."

Americans, Clark claimed, "revere the power of violence constantly, in a thousand ways we never think of... (it's) evident in everyday semantics, such as 'waging war on poverty' and 'battling inflation.'"

"We need people who will understand the violence that we revere and see it as the ultimate human degradation," he added.

Clark pointed to the nuclear arms race and the nation's unwillingness to stop handgun abuse as specific examples of America's reverence for violence.

He criticized the government's increase in military spending, questioning whether "a nation that's already spending one-third of all the world spends on methods of destruction can find greater security" in an increased defense budget "when we already have the power to

destroy many times over all life that God has given us.

"We need people," he continued, "who will recognize that you cannot work in a napalm factory all week and march in a peace parade on Sunday; that you can't make the world safe for hypocrisy; that America has something more to offer the world than mere arms."

He called upon the religious community to lead the way in demanding "an orderly conversion" from a "permanent war economy" to one that focuses on human need. Clark said Americans must realize that "in militarism there is destruction."

"We have to put away our statistics," he said, citing several statistics on violence committed with handguns. "We ought to prohibit the handgun as a killer weapon, concealable and dangerous, something that has affected our history many times over because it has killed the people who have embodied the better dreams of our society. What possible justification can people who love children have for the handgun?"

In a question-and-answer session following his address, Clark added that handgun legislation has made little progress because Americans refuse to "think about it seriously."

"If we can't come to grips with the phenomenon of the handgun, we have no capacity

to affect our destiny," he said. "Armed chance" is in control... and it will not be abolished until people recognize the gun as the symbol and instrument of violence... and that will require some exercise from the pulpit and the homes, and then the legislative halls can address it."

Clark, who spoke just prior to an address by United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, also addressed the current crisis in Iran. America's materialism, he said, is one of the reasons "we have cherished the Shah."

He said the Carter administration should admit the "mistakes" of the American government and its policy of supporting the Shah's regime.

"In my opinion, for 25 years at least, this country has violated every principle it espouses," he said, adding that he loves his country. "We preach democracy and supported a dictatorship, centralized in a person of the most powerful type. We talk of freedom... and supported the most totalitarian, arbitrary and authoritarian government. We armed it with \$17 billion in arms between 1972 and 1978."

The U. S. government's policy, he said, "was doomed to failure, and those who can't learn the lessons of history are doomed to repeat their errors in history."

Zimbabwe Marks Independence

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe—A crowd of 40,000 specially invited persons watched Prince Charles hand the scroll making Rhodesia the independent country of Zimbabwe to titular President Canaan Banana, April 18.

The crowd, which cheered as the British flag was lowered and the new flag raised, includes envoys of about 100 countries. A December peace treaty and election at the end of February led to granting of legal independence after a seven-year war for majority control of the country.

The new prime minister, Robert Mugabe, who led the largest faction of the guerrilla army, has stated in both public and private interviews that his government wants churches to continue with their work. Coleman said, "All Christians are praying that this attitude will filter through to all levels, that all intimidation will cease, and that the gospel will continue to be preached unimpeded."

Hope

Hope springs eternal in the Human breast;
Man never is, but always to be, Blest.
The soul, uneasy and confin'd from home,
Rest and expatiates in a life to Come.

—Alexander Pope
"Essay on Man"

- B. The candidate shall be selected above other nominees on the basis of extra serving, giving, leading, sacrificing, or suffering which he has done.
- III. All letters of nomination shall be postmarked no later than July 1 of a given year and shall be addressed as follows:

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One Day Session— A Spiritual Festival

**\$75,000 Still Needed
For Shaw University**

BY CURETON L. JOHNSON
Editor

CLINTON—The Spirit of the Lord descended on the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention that was held in Clinton May 8.

The Convention was blessed both spiritually and financially. General Baptists from across the state brought not only record-setting finances of more than \$104,000 for the Convention's five objectives, but also came armed with a spirit of "A New Fellowship Fifty Joined Together," the theme of the gathering.

After a warm devotional service led by the Reverends L. C. Ray and R. E. Blount, GBSC President Dr. John R. Manley delivered a stirring message charting the future for the Convention in 1980.

In calling for "a new outlook, a new aspect, and a new character," Dr. Manley borrowed from the scripture: "No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment... Neither do men put new wine into old bottles..." Matthew 9:16-17. Dr. Manley said, "We're thinking in terms of a new fellowship, a new spirit of unity, and a new cooperation."

Dr. Manley boldly asserted that the Convention constitutes the bodies of the churches, and in turn the Convention constitutes a form of the Church. He said that there are various forms of the Church in the New Testament.

"I only suggest that we represent one form of the Church." He pointed out that the two men on the Emmaus Road (Mark 16:12) didn't recognize Jesus after His resurrection because Jesus had a newness of face unfamiliar to them. "But where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I shall be," Dr. Manley warned. And I do believe we constitute a form of the church.

He recalled the words of the Apostle Paul in saying that if this body (the Convention) is to function, it must be fully joined together—not one part over here and another part over there."

"There is still too much divisiveness, too much brokenness, too much individualism, too much self-centeredness, too much ego worship and not enough hero worship."

"As I move across the state I find people hungering and

thirsting for spiritual food," Dr. Manley said. "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness."

Dr. Manley said that the Head of the Church is Jesus, the Head is Christ, "My Lord, Your (See ONE DAY SESSION, P. 2)



NINTH ANNUAL MODERATORS' WORKSHOP ATTENDANTS
Lisbon Street Baptist Church
Clinton, North Carolina
May 7, 1980

Howard Lee Says "One Vote Counts"

BY SHARON A. MURRAY
Informer News Service
CLINTON—N.C. Secretary of Natural Resources and Community Development, Howard N. Lee, was the guest speaker at the annual dinner of the Sampson County Voters League on Tuesday, May 20, at Clinton High School.

Secretary Lee urged the audience to adhere to the attitude that "one vote does make a difference, can make a difference, and will make a difference."

He frequently referred to the words of Charles Dickens: "These are the best of times and the worst of times." In Lee's opinion, Dickens described "the times we live in today."

"At no time will things be

more unclear than they are now," Lee said to the predominantly black audience, "which means that you and I are part of the new generation. We will have to put forth a greater effort than any other generation before us or any other generation which comes after us. We will have to make greater efforts to use our minds and be more determined, if we are to survive."

"We who are black must recognize that we are once again at a crossroads in America, facing some tough decisions." He suggested the kind of leadership needed now is "that which will help us rise above ourselves with great optimism above the negatives and the mud puddles."

He told the SCVL members

that blacks are not registering enough, voting enough, and getting involved enough in political campaigns. According to Lee, there are over 850,000 eligible North Carolina voters "who need to be registering and voting." There are approximately 250,000 registered blacks in North Carolina, and only about 100,000 blacks actually vote.

Lee urged the audience to support these Democratic candidates: Jim Hunt, Jimmy Carter, and Walter Mondale. He said that voting is a power which can tremendously aid blacks in their quest for social and economic security. He also advised the SCVL members not to take the opportunity to vote for granted.

"Nothing lasts very long when you take it for granted," he said. "Those of you who think you are secure in the middle class with a good job and living well—think again! We could fall back overnight if the wrong decisions are made by the wrong people in public office."

Church Leaders' Conference At Shaw

The Shaw Divinity School's Annual Church Leaders' Conference, comprised of the Forty-Fourth Annual Ministers' Institute and the Sixth Annual Church Leaders' Institute, will be held at Shaw University's Student Union Building June 9-13.

Registration for the conference will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, June 9. The first session begins at 1:30 p.m. Monday. The conference will end around noon Friday, June 13.

The Rev. Henry C. Gregory, III, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., will be the principal resource person. Rev. Gregory will

preach the opening sermon at 8 p.m. Monday. He will deliver four lectures during the conference.

The theme for the 1980's conference will be "The Church and Our Times: Perspectives on the Church's Involvement in the Life of the World."

Classes for church lay leaders will be offered in the following areas: (1) The Church in Missions; (2) Christian Education and Church Training; and (3) the Lay Program of the Church. A special focus on the church usher will be featured on Wednesday.

The cost of the conference is \$67.35. This figure includes \$25 for registration and \$42.35 for

room and board.

Instructors include Mrs. J. B. McLester, past president of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention; the Rev. Leo Williams, director of Christian Education for the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.; Waverly Camp, director of Laymen's Work and Church Music, GBSC; and Arthur Williams, president of the State Ushers Convention, GBSC.

All conference inquiries should be directed to: James Z. Alexander, dean of academic affairs, the Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, 27611. Telephone: (919) 755-4846.



REV. HENRY C. GREGORY III

**The
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

DR. JOHN R. MANLEY

The half has not been told when it comes to the potential of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Many of us witnessed the great work as well as the potential in our mid-year session at the Lisbon Street Baptist Church in Clinton.

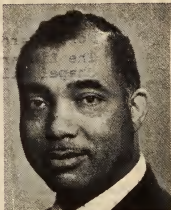
We were proud to hear the reports of the various committees and commissions that came to grips with both the work of the convention as well as the issues of our day.

We rejoiced with our Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. C. C. Craig, when he reported \$118,000 more than we raised at the same time last year. We were blessed as Doctors Rich, Lee and High opened up the windows of heaven and showed us the King in His Glory. And we held spellbound by Drs. W. C. Somerville, Stanley Smith, Corbin Cooper and H. V. Bryant, the leaders of our objectives.

We gladly received the information shared by the moderators led by Dr. Somerville and the hospitality of the Clinton brethren and sisters led by the Rev. H. G. Cogdell.

We are somebody and we are going somewhere and it is not going to take us forever to get there.

Isaiah 40:6-11 reads, "A voice says, 'Cry!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' The grass



DR. JOHN R. MANLEY

witthers, the flower fades; but the Word of God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, behold, the Lord God comes with might, and His arm rules for Him; behold, His reward is with him and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in His arms, He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with you."

And the Clinton experience is just the fringes of what we will witness in Winston-Salem, at our All-Baptist Assembly July 28-31.

For we are fast becoming a "New Fellowship Fifty Joined Together."

Lord, who woke me up this morning."

And as a body of the Church, the Convention, he said in summary, must be loyal to the heart.

"The Head has to be the Head."

SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISING EFFORT

During the business portion of the Convention Dr. C. C. Craig, GBCS executive secretary, presented the body with a financial report covering the period from September 1, 1979 through April 30, 1980.

The report showed that by April 30 of this year, \$158,401.74 had been received for Shaw University; \$44,685.76 for Shaw Divinity School; \$18,900.95 for foreign missions; \$42,906.83 for the Central Orphanage; and \$142,013.26 for State Missions. Receipts from other sources brought the total receipts by April 30 to \$762,993.84.

These contributions were received by the executive office of the Convention, by the Woman's Convention, and as direct gifts to the Convention's objectives.

The total report for the one-day session amounted to \$104,156.96, which exceeds the \$100,000 goal for the session. The Convention is moving forward toward reaching its goal of \$1,134,729.91 on or before August 31, but Dr. Craig said that continued giving is necessary to fulfill the Convention's commitments.

SHAW UNIVERSITY, FUNDING TARGET

The most pressing commitment is to Shaw University, where Dr. Craig said that another \$75,000 is needed to complete the Convention's obligation.

"One reason for emphasizing Shaw stems from the fact that their fiscal year ends June 30, which only gives us 10 months to raise the \$310,000 we promised," said Dr. Craig. The

Full page without picture, \$5
One half page with picture, \$70
One half page without picture, \$55

When an ad contains a picture, please use a black and white glossy photo. No color pictures will be accepted. The deadline for the ads is June 9, 1980. Please adhere to this date so that the printer can give you sufficient time to produce a quality booklet.

WHAT ARE WE ALL ABOUT?

A man flagged down a taxi, got in, sat down and said to the driver, what would you charge me to drive me back about ten years? Ten years ago, I made a bad turn. Ten years ago, I got on the wrong road. Ten years ago, I made a bad move on the checker board of life. Ten years ago, I made a mistake, I lost my way. I met the wrong crowd. Ten years ago, I fell by the wayside.

What will you charge me to drive me back about ten years? I want to make a fresh start. I want to change my direction, change my attitude, change my disposition, change my outlook. I want to be the business of a taxi driver to take man back ten years and give him a fresh start. It is not the business of a

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unrestricted funds to Shaw and to the Divinity School represent an increase over 1979 and constitute a 44 percent slice of the Convention's objective giving.

Dr. Stanley Smith, president of Shaw University, spoke with deep conviction about Shaw by claiming that a necessary prerequisite for blacks to make it in American society is an education.

"If we do not continue to have a Shaw, then all of us will have participated in racial suicide," said Dr. Smith.

"A Shaw University is absolutely necessary. It has a track record of taking students who they are so lacking in them competitive. Our students have been able to get out and earn a piece of the economic pie."

"By your support you're making an important contribution to Shaw University, but most of all you're contributing to our people's future."

FOOD STAMP AND SOUL CITY RESOLUTIONS

Four resolutions were adopted by the body as presented by the Convention's Resolutions Committee: (1) We resolve that a telegram be sent by the president of the Convention, by auxiliary presidents, pastors, churches and moderators, to North Carolina's senators and representatives, urgently requesting their support in continuing the funding of the Food Stamp and CETA programs.

(2) Whereas this country has not given the same consideration to all persons seeking to enter this country, it resolved that this body goes on record supporting the equal treatment of all foreigners seeking to enter this country and that such persons be admitted without regard to race. And whereas the letters of concern have been sent to President Jimmy Carter, to

newly appointed Secretary of State Muskie and to the Secretary of HEW, be it resolved that this Convention goes on record as supporting this effort.

—And whereas Soul City has been the site of retraining and has offered assistance in the past to misplaced persons, be it resolved that the Convention endorses and encourages that Soul City be offered and used as a processing center for refugees entering this country.

(3) Be it that the Convention will go on record as supporting the continued work and development of the Soul City project.

(4) Whereas many of our fellow ministers and pastors find themselves in destitute situations, some living and dying without adequate funds, be it resolved that this convention will seek ways to protect our ministers and their widows. That we will look into the possibility of establishing a retired ministers' and burial fund.

The Convention's one day program, while stormy with debate during portions of the business session, nevertheless gravitated toward the spirit of unity and progress that Dr. Manley sought. The Rev. William J. Lee, Jr., pastor of the Silver Mount Baptist Church of Pineville, brought the Word of God for the afternoon sermon while Dr. Percy High, pastor of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church of Durham, used his powerful spiritual resources to set the entire body's souls on fire to close out the session by 5 p.m.

The previous day the ninth annual moderator's workshop was held with the Rev. H. B. Ferguson, chairman of the moderators, presiding. The Rev. B. L. Rich spiritually stimulated the congregation at the close of the moderators' meeting with a sermon.

business to tell man who is lost to himself that God is a Father who is rich in grace and mercy. God is a Father who has love and enough to spare. God is a Father who can supply all of our needs. This is what we are all about.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to the Lord's work.

Sincerely,
C. C. Craig

taxi driver to put man on the right road in life. It is not the business of a taxi driver to tell man to change his direction. It is the business of the church to help man find his way in life. It is the business of the church to tell man to leave the filth of the hog pin. It is the business of the church to tell man to change his way in life. It is the business of the church to tell man that he can never be happy in the hog pin. It is our

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the name and address of the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents, other leaders and members of the General Baptist State Convention:

Your financial response at the recent one-day session was amazing. Because of your support and cooperation, we were able to exceed our financial goal of \$100,000. The contributions reported at the one-day session, plus the contributions sent to the Headquarters for the objectives amounted to \$104,156.96.

We are doing exceptionally well as we move forward to our goal of \$1,134,729.91 on or before August 31. We need \$75,000 to honor our commitment to Shaw University on or before June 30. I am appealing to all of our pastors, moderators, presidents and members of the Convention to help us reach this goal.

AUXILIARIES

The growth of our General Baptist State Convention reflects the support and cooperation of the presidents of the auxiliaries: 1. Mrs. Georgia Turner, President of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention and Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer; 2. Mr. Althornton Canada, President of the Baptist State Sunday School Congress of Christian Education; 3. Mr. Richmond Turner, President of the Baptist Training Union Congress; 4. Mr. I. H. Hilliard, President of the Laymen's League; and 5. Mr. Arthur Williams, President of the Children's Convention. The presidents of our auxiliaries are persons who live not for self, but

for others. They are persons who give themselves in the interest of the cause of Christ.

THE PARENT BODY

I am fortunate to have some of the best leaders and people that the Lord has anywhere to work with. Many thanks to President Manley, a man who has leadership ability and who knows how to work with others; and many thanks for the Vice Presidents, who know how to serve as vice presidents; many thanks for the Chairmen of Boards and Committees; many thanks for the Moderators and Pastors, and many thanks for all of the people who make up the Baptist Family of our convention. We appreciate the hard work, the cooperation and the support of our staff. Many thanks to our Headquarters. Our newest member added to the staff is the Rev. Cureton Johnson, Editor of the Baptist Informer. He is a person well qualified for the job. He is a hard worker. He knows where he is going and he knows how to get there and he knows how to work well on the team.

The General Baptist State Convention and its auxiliaries are a "New Fellowship Fifty Joined Together."

THE ALL BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

The All-Baptist Assembly will meet July 28-31 at the Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem. We are in the process of formulating a souvenir booklet for this historic occasion. We are soliciting ads for this booklet from churches, associations and auxiliaries. The rates for these ads are:

Full page with picture, \$100

Pastor Gives Rocky Mount \$4,000

ROCKY MOUNT — The Rev. S. J. Jones of Rocky Mount believes in feeding his flock in many ways.

Last April Rev. Jones gave the First Calvary Baptist Church of Rocky Mount a grant of \$4,075. He donated over \$2,000 the previous year.

"This is not a pattern the churches should expect their pastor to follow," said Rev.

Jones, "because most pastors hardly get a decent living. The Apostle Paul did not get a good support in his ministry."

But the Lord has allowed Rev. Jones to prosper. After 31 years in the Baptist ministry and having traveled to 44 states as an evangelist, he now enjoys the fruits of being in the real estate business.

"I'd rather give it to the

church instead of to the government," he explained recently.

Rev. Jones, 54, came to First Calvary 28 years ago when they didn't have more than a handful of members and they were able to pay him \$11 each month.

"I was paying them around \$50," he said. "I had other churches and all the other ones

together weren't paying me \$100 a month."

"But the Lord opened a door in the evangelist field for me and blessed me. Out of this field I sent five children to college. I went into the real estate business and retired from revival work in 1976."

"I said to Angel, my wife, let's quit while we are winning. And if you give it to God, He

gives it back to you. If you don't believe it just try God."

Rev. Jones is convinced that he who sows sparsely will reap sparsely and he that sows abundantly will reap abundantly. He said that Jesus did not get proper support in his ministry, and that is why he said "the birds of the air have nests and the foxes have holes, but the son of man has nowhere to lay his head."

CHURCH CIRCUIT

Honors Pastor

BY MRS. CONNIE HOWARD SPINDALE—The members and friends of the New Zion Baptist Church in Spindale held an Appreciation Day service April 20 for the Rev. J. H. Beley, pastor of the church.

The message was given by the Rev. E. H. Wood.

Charles Davis read the scripture, prayer was read by Thomas H. Smith, Jr., the welcome was given by J. B. Webster and a response came from Madison Watts. A solo was rendered by George Williams, with remarks by James Webster and Mrs. Connie Howard.



MRS. HILDA ROBINSON

Mrs. Robinson Mother's Day Guest Speaker

Mrs. Hilda Robinson was the special guest speaker for a special Mother's Day service at the First Calvary Baptist Church in Salisbury, May 11. Sponsored by the Young Adult Missionaries of the church, Mrs. Robinson spoke on the subject, "A Mother's Abiding Love." Her text was taken from 1 Corinthians 13:13: "Now abideth faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love." She briefly described some of the faithful mothers in the Bible and said that prayer is the mother's first and last defense.

"Today God is calling for more mothers who will consecrate themselves to the task of dedicated motherhood. A mother's love is the strongest human love we know. And the mother who lives up to high ideals and instills in her child the love of others and the love of God will always leave a beautiful memory and living presence with her child," she said.

All Baptist Assy. Ads

The All Baptist Assembly will be held at the Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, July 28-31. Dr. J. D. Ballard, pastor of the United Metropolitan Baptist Church, is the host pastor with the cooperation of the other pastors in Winston-Salem.

Application forms for motel and hotel accommodations can be secured from the Baptist

Henry Diggs Keynotes Youth Day

SALISBURY—The annual Youth Day program was held at the First Calvary Baptist Church in Salisbury April 20.

Guest speaker for the service, was Henry Diggs, who spoke on the theme, "Youth in Today's Church: Christian Leaders of Tomorrow."

Diggs urged the youth of the church to give themselves to Jesus because "God is where it's at." He told them that prayer is the way to get in contact with God.

"Don't wait until tomorrow to live for Christ today," he said.

"Young people, I say to you that the world has a lot to offer. There are drugs, such as angel dust, pot, cocaine, heroin, barbiturates, and others that you can shotgun one another with, shoot up with and snort. A variety of alcoholic beverages is available; sex before marriage, will paralyze and a so-called good time; two-faced friends, liars, hypocrites, Indian givers, lusters after money, non-church goers, pretenders, confusion and many other things. It's there waiting on you. I know some of you think you'll never do these things."

"I urge you to be aware of peer pressure because your friends will dare you to do the forbidden. If you are weak, as many of us are, you may fall along the wayside and find yourselves engaging in these activities."

"Let me warn you that involvement could mean an eternal life in Hell. However, if you have Jesus in your life, He'll help protect you against the evils of this world."

Diggs told the congregation that the Christian race is not promised to the swift, nor to the strong, but to the one that "holds out to the end."

Headquarters, 603 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh 27601.

Reservations must be received by the Housing Bureau before June 30, 1980.

We are in the process of formulating a souvenir booklet for this historic occasion. We are



HENRY DIGGS

Dr. Bigelow Delivers Commencement Address

BY MRS. V. J. WALTHOUR

On Friday, May 9, Dr. W. T. Bigelow delivered the commencement address for the United Christian College in Goldsboro. The college awarded 25 degrees and diplomas in the field of Christian Education. Dr. Bigelow was also awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Dr. Bigelow holds the Bachelor of Theology degree, the Master of Theology degree

Ebenezer Association Institute Successful

BY EVA COLEMAN

Secretary

We experienced one of our most successful institutes March 17 through 28 as the Ebenezer Baptist Association met at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Shelby. The Rev. R. E. Devoe is the pastor and is moderator of the association.

The theme for the institute was "Christian Commitment and Evangelism." Our dean, the Rev. R. D. Abbott, pastor of Maiden Chapel Baptist Church in Maiden, who succeeded our former dean, the Rev. A. A. Ponder, did an outstanding job.

Local and visiting instructors were chosen and various teaching materials were used in the different class

age groups in correlation to the theme. The instructors and their age groups included the following:

Mrs. R. L. Garvin, 3-5; Mrs. Doris Wallace, 6-8; Mrs. J. H. White, 9-10; Mrs. Jennie Poston, 11-12; Mrs. Corine Cabanis, 13; Mrs. Lucille Evans, 14; the Rev. C. A. Turner, 15; Rev. Devoe and Mrs. J. B. McLeester, 16-21; Dr. H. S. Diggs, and Dr. L. C. Riddick, 22 and over.

Assistant to the instructors during the two-week session were Mr. Mary Degree, Mrs. Tropic McCluney, Miss Cora Roseboro, Mrs. Bennie Borders, and Miss Addie Poston.

Total enrollment for the institute marked a record high of 1,170 people. The daily attendance averaged 441 during the first week and 589 during the second week.

Member churches of the association and other non-member churches participated as an eagerness to gain more spiritual knowledge was manifested by those who attended.

Disappointment

The best-laid schemes o' mice

An' men

Gang aft agley.

An' lea'e us nought but grief

An' pain.

For promiss'd joy!

—Robert Burns

"To A Mouse"

Middle District Holds Workshops

BY R. B. JOHNSON

The Middle District Union of Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association recently concluded a series of three one-week satellite training institutes under the leadership of its moderator, Rev. C. B. Gray.

A special institute committee, consisting of Rev. B. F. Felder, chairman; Mrs. Carrie Williams, president of the Woman's Department; Rev. J. B. Carmod, institute secretary; and Moderator Gray, was responsible for planning and implementation. The institutes were held at the Spring Garden Missionary Baptist Church of Washington, Providence Baptist Church of Robersonville and Cornerstone Baptist Church of Greenville.

The theme of the institutes was, "Study To Show Thyself Approved Unto God, A Workman That Needeth Not to

be Ashamed, Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth."

Each of the institutes featured well-known leaders in the field of religious training. Leaders discussed the subject, "Some Things Every Baptist Should Know." Dr. C. C. Craig led the discussion at Spring Garden. Dr. C. R. Edwards was the leader at Providence and Dr. O. L. Sherrill led the discussions at Cornerstone.

Other areas included in the institutes and their leaders were: "Worship, Ushering and Tithing," by Dr. B. F. Felder; "Church Missions," Mrs. Willie Hawkins; "Bible Study, Church School, and DTU," Rev. Kenneth Hammond, and "Church Music," Rev. Antoin Wesley.

Dr. J. R. Manley, president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., appeared as special guest minister at the Corner-

stone institute.

An outstanding feature of these institutes was that they were planned to include every member and auxiliary in the church family. All participants who attended at least six sessions of the institutes were awarded certificates.

Each daily session was concluded with a general assembly of the participants which featured a brief presentation by one of the institute's staff. Topics covered during these assemblies were: "What Every Baptist Should Know About the Bible," "The Practical Aspect of Biblical Doctrine," "What Every Baptist Should Know About His Pastor and the Deaconship," "Some Things We Should Not Do As Baptists," T. E. Huntley's "Manual For Every Baptist" was used as a text for the institutes.

Woman's Page

BY DR. PRISCILLA BRODIE
Executive Secretary

We have completed another fiscal year and we are grateful to God and to you for the support given us for carrying and sharing love in concrete terms and to other persons far and near.

However, among our constituency are probably those who do not give because they felt they were too few in number and had too little to share. But do remember that he who is faithful over a few or little things will be made ruler over many or great things. How great, then, are little things? Truly great, if they are done till larger things appear. That is, whenever we are given an opportunity to serve or share, even if it is small, we should accept the opportunity and do it well, not letting the opportunity pass because we are looking for greater things to go. It just may be that the little things will help to prepare and give us the experience we need to accomplish greater things. Your convention needs all of us for little services and great service.

80 Yr. Chinese Prisoner Draws To Jesus

HONG KONG—"God did not make a single mistake....the work that I did by staying in prison was far greater than I could have done by not being in prison."

To Wang Mingdao, an internationally known Chinese preacher recently released after more than 22 years in prison, his god's promise that "all things work together for good" is a daily revelation.

Originally imprisoned by the Chinese communists because he would not compromise his faith and conform to the government-backed Protestant Three-Self Patriotic Move-

ments as well.

Perhaps we would wish to stop giving because of inflation since we hardly can get a great quantity for the money we pay. Though our money has little value, let us still give as God blesses us, for someone under his guidance the small become larger; the debased, the forgotten, the known; the cursed, blessed.

Are we guilty at times for thinking, "Oh, it is really not too great a thing to give the thirsty a cup of cold water, to give a meal to the hungry, to speak a kind word to a stranger, to give a garment to the naked, to send a card to the sick and shut-in, to carry tokens of love to the prisoner because anyone can do that?" But then we are reminded how great are little things when we reflect upon the Master's words: "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brothers, you have done it unto me."

Now that a new fiscal year has begun, let us as the

ment, Mingdao has spent the last quarter of his life continually being taught to trust the Lord completely.

"I received training and exercises from the Lord," says Mingdao, who will be 80 years old on July 25. Although physically weakened (he is 90 percent deaf and his eyesight is limited to about a foot), Mingdao feels he is spiritually alert as he was 25 years ago.

Perhaps the most astonishing aspect of Mingdao's incarceration is that throughout his stay in prison, he did not have access to a Bible. "I never saw a Bible even once during my 22



DR. BRODIE

Woman's Convention do what our hands find to do whether small or great, while praying, fellowshiping, serving, and financing.

GOD SEES

Perhaps at the Last Day all that will remain worth recording of a life full of activity and zeal, will be those little deeds that were done solely beneath the eye of God.

Gold Dust

DR. JAMES T. MCCRAY
Host Pastor
Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie recently conducted a five-hour workshop at the First Baptist Church in Tabors City. Her theme was "God Has Done His Part."

This event took place on April 18 and 19. The first session was from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, and the second session was from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

This workshop was very beneficial and most enjoyable to everyone in attendance.

Dr. James T. McCray is the pastor of First Baptist in Tabors City.

years and 10 months of imprisonment, but I had the Bible in my hand," says Mingdao. "I remembered the important teachings and promises in the Scripture and could draw on them often." When asked what verses comforted him during the many years, he cited Micah 7:7-9 and Romans 12:19-21 as being special.

Missionary Confab Set For Laurel Hill

The J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly will be the setting for the Forty-Third Annual Missionary Training Conference on June 9-13. The Conference, which is sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, offers a wonderful opportunity for senior and young adult women to prepare themselves for more effective service in "Kingdom Building."

Mrs. George Turner, Lumberton, serves as president of the convention and Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer. Dr. Brodie is also chairwoman of the conference.

Women from across the State are invited and urged to participate in this week of inspirational learning, relaxation and fellowship. Registration is now in progress through the Woman's Convention Office.

The theme, "Searching For Peace," will be explored through songs, study, prayer and meditation, hoping to enlighten the participants to experience an inner peace "which passeth all understanding."

The textbook, What Happens When Women Pray, by Evelyn Christensen with Viola Blake, has been used this year throughout the state in institutes, workshops and study courses. Yet, it is the feeling of many that this study should be continued so that the Baptist Sisterhood of North Carolina can, indeed, experience "true answers to their prayers."

Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, Goldsboro, will serve as instructor. She has stated that she will strive to use the method projected by the author to include at least 25 sessions. Persons who have already

purchased this book, 1980 to bring it to the conference. Books and other supplementary materials will be available at a minimum cost.

Mrs. Jettie M. Lucas, Shelby, pianist and conference coordinator, is busy planning for the Fourth Annual Banquet. The semi-formal occasion will be held on Thursday at 6 p.m. in the dining room. Mrs. Omega F. Johnson, Fairmont, will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Johnson, along with her husband, Dr. J. J. Johnson and their daughter, Deborah, donated fifty acres of land for the Assembly. Persons not attending the Conference but interested in attending the banquet should contact Mesdames Horton or Lucas for reservations. A small fee will be charged for the dinner.

The Rev. Mr. Theodore Breeden, superintendent of the Baptist Assembly, will deliver the address on Wednesday evening following the Memorial Service and a guest choir will accompany him.

In the midst of the many activities, there will be time for the Sunday School lesson, arts and crafts, and also for questions and answers regarding the organization and structure of the Woman's Convention's program.

In preparing to attend the conference, please remember to:

1. Send \$50.00 to the Woman's Convention's Office: Registration \$5.00, room and board, \$45.00.

2. Bring extra money for the banquet, books and supplementary materials, offerings and special gifts.

3. Bring linens, personal items, snacks and a small rug. Have you longed for sweet peace? Then join in the "Search For Peace."

"...You can only be blest and have peace and sweet rest as you give him your body and soul."

Western Union Missionary Singing Union Meets

By Sharon A. Murray
CLINTON—The Singing Union of the Western Union Missionary Baptist Association held a mid-year session on Sunday, May 18, at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church in Clinton.

At the mid-year session, each church WUMBA affiliate was requested to send a representative choir to participate in the Singing Union program and a monetary donation. Churches which were not active participants sent a monetary donation.

The program began with opening remarks by Deacon M.C. Williams, president of the WUMBA Singing Union. He emphasized the WUMBA's tremendous need for more church organists and pianists. In addition, he said the donations

were placed in a scholarship fund, which was used to pay for the training of piano and organ music students.

Then a representative choir of the host church rendered three musical selections. Afterwards, Mrs. Gail Melvin sang a solo. The pianist who accompanied Mrs. Melvin and the Mt. Pleasant Church choir was Mrs. Rosie Melvin, who followed with a solo entitled "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen."

Then another member of the host church's choir—perhaps inspired by the previous song—entered the choir stand and immediately began to sing. Mrs. Melvin graciously accompanied the young male soloist. As he sang, the young man bounced up and down and began to pat his hips. At this point, the audi-

ence began patting their feet to the moderately fast rhythm. Some members of the audience commenced humming the tune. At the conclusion of the song, the young, talented singer received a hearty round of applause from the enlivened audience.

After a few remarks by Deacon Williams, a representative choir from Lisbon Street Missionary Baptist Church, Clinton, sang four songs. Mrs. Rosie Melvin also accompanied this choir. Their first selection was a very lively arrangement of "Stand By Me." Throughout the song, the audience's heads were bobbing and hands were clapping. After their second selection, Deacon Williams requested the choir to sing "God Never Fails," another song with a very good up-beat

tempo. Then Lisbon Street Church choir marched from the choir stand singing "God Has Smiled On Me."

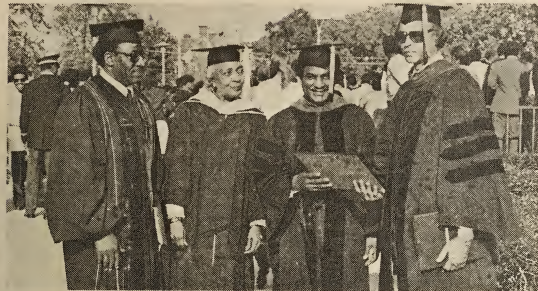
Now very much inspired by the talented singing, the mood of the audience was even more inflamed by the lively duet, "Search Me Lord," sung by E. T. Underwood and J. D. McClain. These two gentlemen represented Snow Hill Missionary Baptist Church. And now there was still more head bobbing, hand clapping, and feet tapping by the audience. Mrs. Janice Wright Accompanied.

Next on the program appeared the well-known musical group, the Swanee Harmony of Clinton. These four gentlemen proved to be crowd pleasers. The nearly fifty-year-old musical group displayed

a well matured, very grand performance. The Swanee Harmony sang one song without piano accompaniment. As the voices of the male vocalists grew louder, so did the clapping. As the clapping rhythm grew faster, so did the audience's tapping feet. The crowd rocked from side to side. At the conclusion of the song, the audience exclaimed in unison, "A-men!" and gave the Swanee Harmony a thundering round of applause.

Following this inspiring song was a duet, "Lord Help Me to Hold Out," sung by Mrs. Ella M. Tatum and Wendell Floyd. They represented Olivet Institutional Missionary Baptist Church, Clinton. They also sang "Love Lifted Me." Mrs. Janice Wright accompanied the duet.

Divinity School Confers Honors At Convocation



The Rev. Elbert Lee, Jr. (far left), Shaw Divinity School's "Pastor of the Year," and Dr. Roland Willard Perry (far right), the Divinity School's Doctor of Divinity recipient, pose with Mrs. J. B. McLester, Shaw Divinity School trustee board member, and Dr. James Z. Alexander, dean of academic affairs at Shaw Divinity School, after the convocation for the conferring of degrees May 10.



(LEFT PHOTO) Dr. Roland Willard Perry receives congratulations from Dr. E. B. Turner, chairman of the Shaw Divinity School board of trustees, after receiving the Doctor of Divinity degree from the Shaw Divinity School May 10.



(RIGHT PHOTO) The Rev. Elbert Lee, Jr. receives congratulatory handshake from Dr. Turner, after receiving the "Pastor of the Year" plaque from the Shaw Divinity School May 10.

Sinclair Honored By Shaw

RALEIGH—Reece B. Sinclair, a Wadesboro native, was awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters degree for his outstanding contributions in the field of education during Shaw University's 115th commencement exercises May 10.

A 1937 graduate of Shaw University, Dr. Sinclair earned the

Master of Arts degree in educational administration and supervision at N.C. Central University in Durham, and has completed 24 semester hours in the doctoral program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He is a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Wades-



REECE B. SINCLAIR

boro. At Ebenezer, he currently serves as Church School superintendent, as church treasurer, as chairman of the finance committee, and is a member of the board of trustees. He also has served as a member of the executive committee of the Zion Sunday School Convention and on the executive committee of the Zion Missionary Baptist Association.

He is married to the former Margaret Ellen Horne of Wadesboro. They have a son, Roland Bernard.

Prejudice

A prejudice is a vagrant opinion without a visible means of support.

—Ambrose Bierce

Sandy Branch Pastor Installed Last Month

ROXBEL—The Rev. Lycurgus R. Harrell was installed as pastor of the Sandy Branch Baptist Church, Roxobel, on May 18. He assumed the duties of minister and spiritual educator at the church last October.

The son of the late Floyd B. Harrell and Mrs. Fannie Harrell Vinson of Gatesville, Rev. Harrell has studied at

Shaw University and New York University. He was nominated in 1978 as one of the five outstanding young men of North Carolina.

He is a member of the Lebanon Grove Baptist Church in Gatesville, where he was choir director and church clerk for some time. He is the father of four children.

Southeastern Graduates



WAKE FOREST, N.C.—James Haywood Neely of Dallas, N.C. (left) and William Richardson of Hillsborough, N.C. have been awarded the Master of Divinity degree by Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here. Neely and Richardson received their diplomas at the 27th annual commencement, along with 312 other students.

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BOOKS

Commentaries On Colossians And Philemon

"Commentary on Colossians and Philemon," by the British scholar H. Dermal McDonald, has been released as part of Word Books' New Testament Commentary series.

The verse-by-verse commentary is aimed primarily at ministers and teachers of the Bible, but can be used by lay students as well. In addition to an introduction, outline and commentary on both epistles, McDonald provides outlines and explanations that may be helpful in sermon preparation and delivery.

McDonald's discussion of the text focuses on the seed ideas that have become central to Christian faith.

Among these are questions concerning the diet of Christ, the renewal of family life, overcoming social evils, and the advancement of human rights.

H. Dermal McDonald taught at London Bible College for 28 years. He has written seven books and numerous articles for periodicals that include Christianity Today, Harvard Theological Review, and Spectrum. He is also a contributor to The New Bible Dictionary, The New International Dictionary of the Christian Church, and The Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible.

Luke's Gospel

Everybody likes a good story, and since Luke is the gospel of stories, it is probably the favorite gospel of most

people, says John Killinger in his new book, "A Devotional Guide to Luke" (Word Books, Waco, Tex., \$6.95, a Theta book).

Designed as a three-month daily devotional, it offers readers a guide to Luke, which Killinger calls "The Gospel of Contagious Joy." Each day, the reader will find an exposition of the passage, then a meditation on its meaning for today, and a prayer.

About the Gospel, Killinger says that, when used as a devotional guide, it "cannot fail to affect your attitude toward yourself, your disposition toward others, and your understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus."

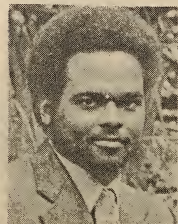
John Killinger was included this year in "Twentieth Century Pulpit," a collection of sermons by pulpit masters including Billy Graham, Norman Vincent Peale, and Helmut Thielicke. Dr. Killinger is professor of preaching and literature at Vanderbilt Divinity School. His popular devotional works include "Bread for the Wilderness—Wine for the Journey" and "For God's Sake Be Human."

Hope

Hope springs eternal in the Human breast:
Man never is, but always to be,
Blest.
The soul, uneasy and confin'd
From home,
Rest and expatiates in a life to Come.

—Alexander Pope
"Essay on Man"

Informer Editor Named



CURETON L. JOHNSON

RALEIGH — The Rev. Cureton L. Johnson of Raleigh was officially named editor of THE BAPTIST INFORMER by the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. last month.

Rev. Johnson had served as interim editor of the paper since January.

A graduate of the School of Journalism at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Rev. Johnson has worked as associate managing editor of the Carolinian newspaper in Raleigh and as a reporter for the Raleigh Times newspaper.

He holds a master's degree in public relations from American University in Washington, D.C. and has worked on the public relations staffs at North Carolina A&T State and Howard Universities. Rev. Johnson is presently a student at the Shaw Divinity School.

He is currently pastor of the Red Mountain Baptist Church in Bowensboro and is a member of the Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh, where his father, Dr. Paul H. Johnson, is the pastor.

He and his wife, Lena, have two boys, Paul, 4, and McKinnie, 2.

N.C. Council of Churches Supports Bold Social Issues

The House of Delegates of the North Carolina Council of Churches met in Raleigh May 7 and endorsed a resolution, urging Congress to do everything in its power to maintain the Food Stamp Program through the current fiscal year and to provide sufficient funds to continue the program without cutbacks through 1981.

The House of Delegates, the supreme governing body of the Council of Churches, also endorsed ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment by a large majority vote. This action reaffirmed the Council's long-standing commitment to ERA. The Council currently employs a coordinator, Mrs. Bett Hargrave of Lexington, to educate and mobilize church members on behalf of ERA.

A relatively long statement entitled "A Christian Perspective on Organized Labor in North Carolina" was presented to the church representatives for discussion and action. The paper underscores the low hourly wage paid to industrial workers in the state and the low

level of organization among workers. It calls for a balance of power between management and labor and concludes as follows:

Collective bargaining for workers is justified by the present economic and social situation in North Carolina, is justified by Biblical, theological and ethical principles, and is strongly affirmed by Christian churches in the United States. We believe the responsible organization of North Carolina industrial workers into unions is a step towards justice at this time.

After serious debate, the statement was adopted by a majority vote.

The assembly also adopted statements calling for the release of hostages in Iran and a statement opposing the reinstatement of registration and

Dr. Richard Amos, president of the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province, was elected to a second term as president of the

Council.

Two hours of the meeting were devoted to intensive discussion of social concerns which have been a part of the Council's program during the past year: refugee resettlement, ERA, child abuse, criminal justice, labor/management, migrant industry, and energy and ethics.

In his report to the group, the Executive Director, S. Collins Kilburn, indicated that the new program in refugee resettlement represented the major new programmatic thrust of the Council. Kilburn called for renewed attention to the cause of Christian unity, stressing that the Council was an instrument not only to express unity, but to seek deeper levels of unity.

The North Carolina Council of Churches is a cooperative of churches and Christian ecclesiastical units, including seventeen church communions. The House of Delegates is comprised of persons appointed by the member bodies.

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We at the General Baptist State Convention have enjoyed serving you in the past and we look forward to doing a much better job in the future. Notices are now being mailed to subscribers who are in arrears. You may also look at the expiration date on the front page in the top right-hand corner of your newspaper to determine your status.

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Charlotte Pastor Attends U.N.

Conference

The Rev. Johnnie W. Wallace, Jr., pastor of Greater Providence Church, Charlotte, participated in the Model United Nations Conference representing the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, March 31 through April 6, in New York City.

The Model United Nations Practicum class at UNCC prepares students to become delegates to the United Nations. The class develops negotiating, conflict resolution, crisis writing, and resolution writing skills.

Representing Jamaica, the UNCC class received high honors for its work during the simulation—finishing fourth among 115 colleges.

Rev. Wallace is second vice moderator, Mecklenburg General Baptist Association, secretary treasurer of the Central Piedmont Chapter, American Society of Public Administration; Patron, Rosie M. Morris No. 650, Order of the Eastern Star; member, Unique Lodge No. 85, Rev. Wallace

Poetry Contest

A \$1000 grand prize will be awarded in the Sixth Annual Poetry Competition sponsored by the World of Poetry, a quarterly newsletter for poets.

Poems of all styles and on any subject are eligible to compete for the grand prize or for other cash or merchandise awards.

Says Poetry Editor Eddie Lou Cole, "We are encouraging poetic talent of every kind, and expect our contest to produce exciting discoveries—like Virginia Bates, a housewife from Woodbine, Md. She won our grand prize last year with her poem, "Pieta," about her son in Vietnam."

Rules and official entry forms are available from World of Poetry, 2431 Stockton, T. N. N., Sacramento, Cal. 95817.

The Unified Dollar For The Unified Program



BY CURETON L. JOHNSON
Editor

SOUL CITY — Economics, politics and racism are all adversaries in the fight to save Soul City from slipping into an ignominious grave.

Like Muhammad Ali, Soul City's managers keep climbing back into the ring for a few more million dollars in hopes of warding off a final knockout punch. But unlike Ali, Soul City's image and existence are on the ropes.

Soul City itself conjures up a potpourri of ambiguities.

Designed to provide a better quality of life for residents in the state's third poorest county (Warren), Soul City's beautifully manicured landscape sticks out like an oasis in a desert of poverty. Only a few miles away from the bold concrete tower marking the picturesque town unemployed blacks trade jokes at a dilapidated store.

Outside the 47,000-square-foot gleaming Soul Tech I office and industrial complex, a large American flag flaps in the wind above Liberation Avenue. Inside, multi-racial brochures clash with the stigma of a name like Soul City.

Indeed, the task of being both of the system and for the people has made Soul City the engine that it is. And in an effort to follow the North Carolina motto, "To Be Rather Than To Seem," Soul City has fallen prey to attacks and criticism.

"The white press is not the same press that championed the cause of little people like they did years ago," said Soul City Founder Floyd B. McKissick during an interview. Indeed the majority media have shunned the positive sides of Soul City during a decade that brought us the Bakke case and Proposition 13 in California. And McKissick's hopes of spreading black capitalism in this environment haven't been enhanced.

McKissick, himself, can be a picture of confusing dualism at times. He's comfortable in an expensive three-piece suit or with a leather coat and a floppy rock-festival looking hat with a wide brim.

McKissick even comes across as a man headed in one direction, who is everywhere. His mysteriousness is wrought by his versatility, his brilliance, and by his survival instincts. Instincts which drive him like bumper cars at the state fair, feverishly dodging obstacles in his dream of black economic progress.

McKissick's latest move was to ask the federal government to locate Haitian refugees in Soul City and other southern farmlands owned by blacks.

Soul City

A News Analysis

Baptist leaders recently endorsed his plan and called for the continued support of Soul City during a meeting of the General Baptist State Convention last month in Clinton.

But the internal jockeying is born out of necessity while the external forces, with grave picks and shovels in hand, have been the most threatening and are the same forces that hurdled stones at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

One of the primary grave diggers is N. C. Senator Jesse Helms, who favors economic development for the Oxford-Henderson-Warrenton area, but who characteristically has a distaste for blacks who try to carve out a piece of the economic pie for themselves.

"The senator seeks to take the success and victory of black entrepreneurs and others who joined forces with us in developing this project," said McKissick in July of 1979. Among those founding entrepreneurs were 22 Tar Heels who put up \$500 or more as investors in Soul City.

Helms' failed to ramrod an instant foreclosure amendment through Congress for Soul City last year, but the pressure is still on the town because the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) last year decided to withdraw further funding to the town.

"It's the (federal) government that's pushing us into foreclosure now," said McKissick during a recent interview. "Soul City had agreed to borrow \$14 million dollars from the government. Last year we were supposed to get \$4 million dollars. It was known that we were going to pay debts out of the \$4 million and continue to build the project."

McKissick said that the principal on the loans isn't due until 1994 and 1996, and he cites three wrongs dealt to the town by the government:

HUD didn't allow the Soul City Company to use the entire \$14 million commitment.

HUD accelerated the notes by not paying the interest on them as they have done for other developers.

The federal government turned around and bought the notes and therefore owns the debt.

"The whole idea is to put us out of business," McKissick said. "When you control land away to the state of Virginia, you've got folk who don't like that."

But there are some feathers in McKissick's hat.

The town was required to build a regional water system

and that has been completed. Healthco, Inc., a regional health complex, is one of the busiest spots in town. Residents throughout the county, black and white, rely on it for health care.

Nearly can be found a swimming pool, tennis courts, and a fire station which as been recently constructed. Several stores are open in the town's miniature shopping center.

The Soul Tech building has space suitable for commercial and industrial uses, and plans are on the table for constructing a sewage treatment plant that would breathe life into the Warren County economy.

There are about three dozen homes and families in Soul City and McKissick says that his first priority is to protect the interest of the citizens.

He envisions a victory as being the continued development of the town's program. But a total victory is remote.

"We could win the game by 20 to 1 or by 2 to 1," said McKissick. "We're still trying to reach a fair and equitable settlement."

"It's my desire that this project be continued — whether I'm here or not — because it is important to black people. Black people have a lot of stakes in Soul City."

"They have it as a model. It's been a laboratory for rural health services and land development, for developing a water system and for combining the resources of three towns."

"There have been a series of hearings on this town, but I have a lot of faith in God and I have a lot of faith in my friends who have faith in God. We're going to have some fights to save Soul City and it's not going to be easy. I doubt whether we can win 100 percent of the battle, but I think we can come out victorious in some ways."

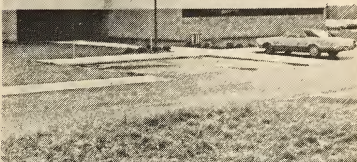
As a Baptist minister, McKissick clearly wants the image of Soul City to be inextricably linked to the Bible: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

Whether these principles can save Soul City or new images sustain it from the Fed's bureaucratic ax when the next hearing arises July 17 is a dubious question. For McKissick's search for a new breath of life for Soul City will require a miracle if the new town is to escape a death pronouncement and burial as a modern-day ghost town.

But hopefully miracles do happen!



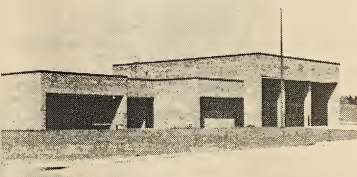
Soul City founder Floyd B. McKissick stands beside the sign marking the 47,000-square-foot Soultech 1 commercial-industrial office complex.



HealthCo, Inc., the medical services building in Soul City



The Magnolia and Ernest McKissick Recreational Complex and Swimming Pool



The recently completed fire station



The modern shopping center located in Soul City

N.C. Committee



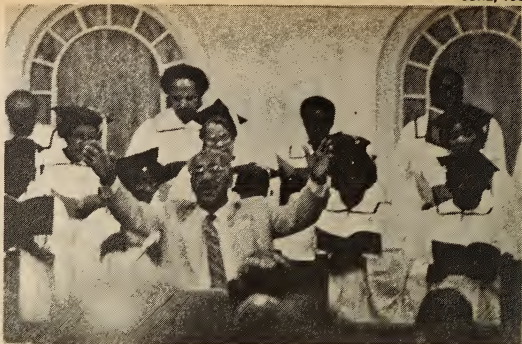
Dr. C. C. Craig, GBSC executive secretary, was named to the North Carolina Travel and Tourism Committee by Gov. James B. Hunt last month. Dr. Craig received his appointment (above) from the governor in the old Senate Chamber of the State Capitol in Raleigh. The Travel and Tourism business is worth \$2.2 billion to North Carolina each year and accounts for 200,000 jobs in the state.

"Layman Of Year"

CRITERIA FOR THE "LAYMAN OF THE YEAR" AWARD

- I. The man shall be nominated by a letter from his church signed by (1) The Clerk; (2) The Chairman of Deacons; and (3) The Pastor. If the candidate is either one of the named lay officers, then the Chairman of Trustees shall sign in his stead.
 - A. The following conditions shall be required of all candidates, and each letter should state forthrightly that its candidate meets these requirements:
 1. He should maintain active membership in his church and support it financially.
 2. He should maintain active membership in an organized Laymen's League.
 3. He should be rendering some form of productive service in his church.
 4. He should have fulfilled his responsibility as the head of his family, if he is married.
 5. He should be diligent and honest in his personal occupation.
 6. He should not be connected with any activity which might be questionable.
 - B. The following achievements will merit extra consideration in comparison with other candidates, and should be clearly described in the letter:
 1. He could be a Tither, with a record of giving one-tenth of his earnings to God's work.
 2. He could have rendered services which required considerable time and effort.
 3. He could have shown positive leadership in planning and supporting some project for human betterment.
 4. He could have suffered for righteousness' sake:
 - Tribulation: Suffering as a test of righteousness
 - Crucifixion: Suffering as a punishment for righteousness
- II. He shall be approved by the Committee of the Layman's League Convention
 - A. Required of all candidates:
 1. The church making the recommendation must have a record of membership in, and support of, the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.
 2. The Laymen's League of which the candidate is a member must have a record of membership in, and support of, the State Laymen's League Convention.
 - B. The candidate shall be selected above other nominees on the basis of extra serving, giving, leading, sacrificing, or suffering which he has done.
- III. All letters of nomination shall be postmarked no later than July 1 of a given year and shall be addressed as follows:

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General Baptist State Convention
603 South Wilmington Street
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- IV. The award, consisting of a plaque, will be given at the All Baptist Assembly, July 28-31, 1980.



H. B. Ferguson, chairman of the GBSC Moderators, directs a period of inspirational singing during the Moderators' evening worship session. The evening sermon was delivered by the Rev. B. L. Rich.

BAPTIST CALENDAR

June	
9-13	Missionary Training Conference (Woman's Convention) Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
9-13	Church Leaders' Conference, Shaw University, Raleigh.
15	Father's Day
15-20	Youth Bible Camp (1st Week), Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
16-20	National Baptist Congress of Christian Education of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., St. Louis, Mo.
22-27	Youth Bible Camp (2nd Week)
29-July 4	Youth Bible Camp (3rd Week)
30-July 4	Week of Christian Study and Fellowship, Mars Hill
July	
3-7	Woman's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, Pre-Congress Meetings, Toronto, Canada
8-13	Fourteenth Baptist World Alliance Congress, Toronto, Canada
12	Baptist Family Picnic, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
28	Seventh Annual Pre-Convention Banquet, Woman's Convention, Benton Center, Winston-Salem
28-31	All Baptist Assembly, Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem; Woman's Convention, Laymen's League, Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, Usher's Convention
August	
4-8	Progressive National Baptist Congress of Christian Education and Convention, Chicago, Ill.
8-9	Christian Leadership Workshops
15	Youth Evangelism Night, Greensboro Coliseum
15-17	Laymen's Retreat, J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

Rescue Of Mrs. Tolbert

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In a cable to Samuel Doe, new head of state in Liberia, the Baptist World Alliance has offered to take responsibility for moving Victoria Tolbert, wife of the late President William Tolbert, to another country.

As of May 6, the BWA headquarters in Washington had received no response from its May 1 cable to Master Sgt. Doe, who led a coup against Tolbert on April 12. The coup resulted in the assassination of Tolbert and others.

Mrs. Tolbert was jailed immediately following the coup, but later was returned home under house arrest, the BWA said.

Robert S. Denny, BWA general secretary, said the Alliance's offer was in keeping with a proposal by Cyril Black of London, who agreed to underwrite the cost of such a move.

Tolbert was president of the BWA, 1965-70, and was also a Baptist minister and president of the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention.

The telegram to Doe said, "We are pleased to learn of progress toward normalization of life in Liberia, and continue to pray for the peace and well-being of all peoples there. In the name of mercy, we offer to settle Mrs. Victoria Tolbert in England, the United States, or some other country."

The BWA is currently involved in three relief and development projects within the country. A vocational training school has been built at Kwendin, and is operating with an enrollment of 275. Supplemental funding is being given a child health center at Nimba.

ABWA immunization project is in the third and final phase of a program aimed at immunizing all children against six childhood diseases. Dr. Robert A. Hingson, founder-director of Brother's Foundation, and leader of this program, hopes to complete the project under the new government. It was a cooperative project with the Liberian Ministry of Health.

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YOUTH BIBLE CAMP was full of fun and spiritual growth for more than 100 children and teenagers during opening week at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill. Ben Lockhart, right, displays an "In God We Trust" plaque he made in arts and crafts class. Lockhart is from Kings Mountain and attends Long Branch Baptist Church.

"Desperate World" Rapped At Woman's Leaders Conference

BY MISS AUGUSTA A. WHITE
RALEIGH—More than 1200 persons from across North Carolina attended the 11th annual Woman's Convention Workshop for Leaders held at the Raleigh Civic Center Complex May 31.

"Christian Leadership for a Desperate World" was the theme of the workshop.

The workshop was called to order by Dr. Priscilla Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer of the convention.

The tone of the workshop was set by the devotional moments led by Mrs. Georgia Thompson and the Worship Committee. Mrs. Luella Edwards, second vice president of the convention, greeted the conference. Mrs. Edwards stated that after participating in such an inspirational devotion, "You get the burning and now you are ready for the learning." She said that in a world of chaos it was good to come together to get directions for dealing with people in a desperate world.

The statement of purpose was given by President Turner. She said that a lot of things are happening all around us, but God is still on the throne and He is still challenging us in a desperate world.

"We are here today for fellowship and to learn how to become better informed Christian leaders. As Christian leaders, we must be careful how we walk, talk and live. Our discussion today is geared toward helping us to lead humbly, prayerfully and sincerely," she said. (See DESPERATE, Page 4)

The Bait Of The Church

"You've Got To Sit Where They Sit"

"If the church is to be the church, it must respond to the needs of the neighborhood and community," the Rev. Henry C. Gregory, III, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., told a workshop class during the Shaw Divinity School's annual Church Leaders Conference last month.

"You've got to have something to catch the fish. The church must have the right bait, something that is magnetic and attractive."

Rev. Gregory said that in many ways, black churches are asleep out of tradition. He said that we sometimes don't want to wake up and deal with problems in society. Such involvement, like medical surgery, brings some pain. But church leaders must be willing to bear pain.

The first Christians, who were Jews, had to take a stand and say we ought to obey God rather than man, he said. And to be a prophet today, one must find something to stand for and something worth dying for or "It's not worth living."

Besides its prophetic role, Rev. Gregory said that the church must exercise an "enabling role."

The church must form coalitions with other groups that have good intentions. It should take a hard look at society and deal with the powers and principalities in a creative way. The church must collaborate with groups to dismantle systems that aren't proper in order to bring about change.

The "demonstrating role" in the

community must also be alive, he said.

"If you say God is love, it must be demonstrated by the church. The church must show what it is talking about. The word of God must become flesh so that others can see it."

"When you knock on doors today, you're facing victims of society. But learn to stand with them. My Bible says that you've got to sit where they sit and then you can evangelize and witness effectively. You see, this is the kind of bait I'm talking about."

"You've got to stand up for yourself, also. Do for your mind what you've done for your backs—exercise them."

"And what you can't do, Jesus is on the main line."

Liberian Keynotes Woman's Banquet

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina will observe its seventh annual Pre-Convention Banquet on the eve of the All-Baptist Assembly at 6 p.m. July 28 at the Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem.

Ambassador David M. Thomas, the son of the late Cora Pair Thomas (our first foreign missionary to Liberia), will be the speaker for this occasion. He completed his elementary and secondary education at the Lott Carey Mission School in Liberia, established by his parents, the late Rev. Dr. and Mrs. William

E. Thomas, and later graduated from the University of Liberia. He also did his legal and theological studies in Liberia.

As an educator, Dr. Thomas served four years as principal of Lott Carey Mission upon the death of his father, and subsequently served for two years as a professor at the University of Liberia.

A Baptist minister, he was ordained by the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, and he has served as pastor of Zion Grove Baptist Church, Brewerville, his hometown in West Africa.

Dr. Thomas' permanent representative of Liberia



DAVID M. THOMAS
LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR

to the United Nations, is married to the former Miss Zuleika Andrade Santos of Brazil. They have three daughters and a son.

Refugee Aid

Florida church people have challenged North Carolinians to become partners with them in meeting nearly overwhelming needs of refugees from both Haiti and Cuba.

A letter in late May to the Rev. Collins Kilburn, executive director of the North Carolina Council of Churches, appealed urgently for money for housing and feeding Haitians. The letter also asked that North Carolina settle a portion of the thousands of Cubans who have recently arrived in Florida, but who have no relatives to receive them.

(See REFUGEE, Page 3)

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention:

We are well on our way in accomplishing our goals and objectives for the fiscal year 1979-80. With your committed support and cooperation, I am sure that this will be another good year in the history of our great Convention.

Many thanks to you for the excellent way that you are leading your church members in meeting the financial objectives of the Convention.

The fiscal year for Shaw University and the Divinity School closed on June 30. Many of you gave beyond the call of duty to help the Convention meet its financial commitment to Shaw University and the Divinity School. These institutions appreciate the support that the Convention gives.

Please keep in mind that the fiscal year for the Lott Carey Convention closes July 31 and the fiscal year for State Missions closes on August 31. The Convention is counting on you to help us fulfill our commitments to these two objectives.

Our All Baptist Assembly, which will be held in Winston-Salem at the Benton Convention Center, promises to be a great session. The Convention is counting on you to help make the All Baptist Assembly a big success by doing three things:

1. Make plans now to attend
2. Encourage your church members and friends to attend
3. Report as much money as you possibly can for the Unified Program.

PRESIDENT'S BANQUET
The Second Annual President's Banquet of the General Baptist State Convention will be held at the Benton Convention Center on Wednesday, July 30, at 5 p.m.

Tickets for this Banquet can be secured from the Baptist Headquarters. The price of the ticket is \$12. Each Church,

Association, Union, District Convention and Auxiliary will receive credit for these tickets which will be added to their contributions for the year. Brother Pastors, we are counting on you for your loyal support and cooperation in this matter.

OUR EVANGELISTIC RESPONSIBILITY

Matthew 5:13—"Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted; it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden underfoot of men." It is the duty of Christians to act as a moral and spiritual preservative in society to save it from complete corruption and destruction. This injunction is directed primarily to Christians, the real disciples and followers of Jesus Christ.

A responsibility and duty is emphasized here which cannot be placed on any other except the shoulders of Christians. In God's plan to save and redeem the world, He can only do it through the influence and assistance of those who claim Him as Lord. While it might be said by many that it is well nigh impossible to live according to the standards herein in the Sermon on the Mount, it is incumbent upon all Christians to strive to reach the spiritual ideals in their own lives as enumerated in this section of the Scripture. While we live in a world tainted with all kinds of moral and human corruption, the Christian can never give up the fight for the higher spiritual standard as expressed therein. The use of the word salt carries with it the idea of the preservative qualities inherent therein. It is the Christian's influence that will ultimately preserve and keep the world from complete moral breakdown. When one loses his Christian influence, he is no longer of any particular value as a saving power in the great program of the Christian religion and its continual program of evangelism. One who is "dead in sin" cannot be spiritually revived; he must be born anew.

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Next Month

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- All-Baptist Assembly Report

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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Chairman Mark Cortis is seated at the head of the table. Other committee members are (clockwise): J. R. Manley, Claude O'Sheilds, C. C. Craig, Cecil Ray, R. W. Perry, Bill Lamb, W. C. Hay, Corbin L. Cooper, Priscilla Brodie, and Cora Gates.

1982 N.C. Joint Crusade

Leaders of the General Baptist State Convention and the Baptist State Convention met in June to plan the most extensive revival effort in the history of North Carolina.

Three regional meetings were held, with moderators from both state conventions, before the 1982 Joint Crusade

Committee met in Raleigh recently for further planning.

The general theme for the statewide crusade is "Here's Hope." The committee has established guidelines for a mass media campaign and a subcommittee has been appointed to prepare more specific details for using the

media.

All Baptist churches and associations in the state's two conventions are encouraged to plan cooperative ministries and simultaneous revivals during the crusade. Co-chairmen of the committee are Dr. C.W. Ward of Raleigh and Dr. Mark Cortis of Winston-Salem.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

"Among The Brethren"

BY J. R. MANLEY

It was my privilege to preach in the Roanoke Baptist Association during its last annual session at Mayock. Dr. H. L. Mitchell is the moderator.

The theme of the Association was "Christian Unity, A Divine Imperative." The reason for bringing this to the attention of the Baptist Family of North Carolina is because the theme is a derivative of the theme of our convention for the year 1980, which is "A New Fellowship Filly Joined Together." And to see the Association and the local churches reflecting the spirit and message of our convention is indeed inspiring, for the real work of the Kingdom must be done in the field of the Kingdom. The local churches and the Association represent that field.

But another reason causes me to bring this theme to the attention of the Baptist Family. The reason is that there seems to actually exist a spirit of unity—not uniformity—but unity among the brethren. A unity of purpose, a unity of goals, a unity of objectives exists. The objectives not only include all these of the Kingdom, but also include a training program under the umbrella of the OIC and a school for religious education known as the Roanoke Institute.

Another reason for bringing this to our attention is the magnificent address (sermon) that Dr. Mitchell delivered on the theme, "A Message That

Every Baptist Ought to Hear."

It was evident that the moving forces behind this great spirit were Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell, moderator and secretary, respectively. And it was a real joy for me to see the Association express their appreciation to the Mitchells with a wonderful love offering.

How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is so much better than the bickering and divisiveness that sometimes characterize some of our church meetings.

And though Dr. Mitchell gave up the moderatorship because of tenure, his staunch and loyal friend, Dr. W. M. Davis, was elected moderator. Dr.

Mitchell was elected to be his vice, which suggests that we will continue to see staunch leadership for the Lord's cause in this Association.

I cite the above experience, which I am sure is being repeated again and again among the Associations and local churches of the Convention, because it does my heart good to see us doing well.

"The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and we shall see it together."

Together let us continue the great work of our Convention and when we meet in Winston-Salem, July 28-31, at our All-Baptist Assembly, we will have Baptist Assembly, we will have

BAPTIST CALENDAR

July

3-7 Woman's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, Pre-Convention Meetings, Toronto, Canada

8-13 Fourteenth Baptist World Alliance Congress, Toronto, Canada

12 Baptist Family Picnic, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

28 Seventh Annual Pre-Convention Banquet, Woman's Convention, Benton Center, Winston-Salem

28-31 All Baptist Assembly, Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem; Woman's Convention, Laymen's League, Sunday School and Baptist Training Union

28-31 Congress, Usher's Convention

August

4-8 Progressive National Baptist Congress of Christian Education and Convention, Chicago, Ill.

8-9 Christian Leadership Workshops

15-17 Youth Evangelism Night, Greensboro Coliseum

Laymen's Retreat, J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

MIAMI: Symptoms Of Oppression

RALEIGH—"Miami is an example of what is happening across the country," Shaw University President Stanley Smith told members in the Church Leaders Conference conducted by the Shaw Divinity School last month.

Dr. Smith addressed the theme, "The Church and Our Times: Perspectives on the Church's Involvement in the Life of the World." He said that black people in 1980 continue to be an oppressed minority and that events in Miami are only "symptomatic of what's happening across the country."

"The Civil Rights movement hasn't touched the lives of the majority of our people," Smith said. "There's no significant change in the plight of black people."

He pointed out that in recent years the number of blacks considered among the middle income bracket in America has declined; that incomes of blacks compared to whites has dropped several percentage points; and that the black unemployment rate is higher.

"Groups are moving into this country and are moving ahead of us," he cautioned. "At the point where we're encountering record high numbers of unemployment and high inflation, the government is moving refugees into Florida. So we see now some of the same injustices, including police brutality and attacks on black leaders."

Smith said that the white fundamentalist church has risen politically, not to talk about injustice, hunger and peace, but that group forms the base for one of North Carolina's senators.

"I believe that the black church's mission is to Christianize the world, including the Western world. The black Baptist church must accelerate its involvement in the Convention (GBCS) and it must infuse the social, economic and political systems with concerns for truth, for righteousness and for justice."

Smith said that God is liberator in Jesus Christ and that Jesus' message is freedom.

"We believe in a special way that God's favor rests with the poor and the oppressed people of this world."



DR. STANLEY H. SMITH
SHAW U. PRESIDENT

REFUGEES

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Haitians in Florida, commonly jailed on arrival in the past, are reportedly receiving

somewhat better treatment since mid-May. It is now official government policy that they and the Cuban boat people—both applicants for political asylum rather than officially recognized refugees, should be treated alike.

Immigration services have begun to process the Haitian asylum applications, giving refugees a health screening, food stamps and a 60-day renewable work permit, usable until their request for asylum is either granted or denied. But when the three days of processing end, the Haitians are still turned into the streets of Miami to fend for themselves. Many have no relatives to help them out, no sponsor, no place to go for shelter. Without some cash, even the food stamps are useless.

The Haitian Refugee Center,

run in Miami by Church World Service, has been the primary source of help. Some 2500 new persons have arrived in recent months, bringing the total number of Miami Haitians awaiting a determination of their status to nearly 25,000. The center desperately needs added funds for emergency housing, food and other services.

The number of Cuban applicants for asylum—now over 100,000—is so overwhelming that Florida and the Hispanic communities across the country will not be able to absorb all of them as had first been thought. Persons attending a major consultation on refugees in Orlando, Fla. May 22 expressed concern that sponsors be found for as many of the Cubans as possible away from South Florida. They urged churches and civic groups in other parts of Florida to become sponsors and laid groundwork for approaching church people in other states for a partnership in the resettlement effort.

North Carolina was one of the first states approached. One reason, according to Rev. Ruth B. Minter, refugee coordinator for the North Carolina Council of Churches, is that besides the state's proximity to Florida, there are already several resettlement agencies active in the state: Church World Service, The U.S. Catholic Conference, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.



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CHURCH CIRCUIT

Salem Baptist Pastor Dies

CHARLOTTE—Funeral service for the Rev. Mayhue H. Bostic, Jr., 43, pastor of Salem Baptist Church in Charlotte, was held May 14. Rev. Bostic died May 9.

A native of Wilson, Rev. Bostic had pastored the Bess Memorial Baptist Church of Gastonia and the Oak Grove Baptist Church before being called to Salem Baptist. He received his education at Johnson C. Smith University, graduating in 1971. In 1978, he received an honorary doctorate degree from Teamer's School of Religion in Charlotte.

At Salem Baptist, Rev.

Bostic was viewed as a dynamic pastor. Under his leadership, the church's membership increased to more than 350 members. His innovations there included a ministerial counseling program in which he helped many people with problems. At the time of his death, a drive had been started to build a new sanctuary for the church.

He led the church into a renovation program earlier in his

pastorate, which included the installation of rest rooms in the sanctuary, a new heating and air conditioning unit, and a recreation and education building.

Rev. Bostic was a member of Paul Drayton Lodge No. 7, was a member of the Mount Peace Missionary Association, the Mount Peace Sunday School Convention (where he once served as treasurer), and was a veteran of the National Guard.

He is survived by his wife, Gwendolyn Pride Bostic; a son, Mayhue, III, of Chester, S.C.; his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Foulks of Camden, N.J.; and two brothers.

New Church Plans Building

ROCKY MOUNT—The New Antioch Baptist Church was

organized in June of 1979 by the Executive Board of the Neuse River Association and is well on its way toward construction of an educational building.

The church, located in the Rocky Mount area, meets at the First Valary Baptist Church in the city.

Land has been donated to the church by Mrs. Dora Speight. The church recently held a one-week meeting at First Valary, the last night during which the Rev. S. J. Jones, pastor of First Valary, along with his other church, Cherry Chapel Baptist of Hobgood, contributed toward the building fund.

The Rev. Lee Beal is pastor of New Antioch Baptist and said he hopes to be in the new building by Christmas, with everything paid for.

BAPTIST BRIEFS...

Vacation Bible School was held May 5-9 at the Willow Chapel Baptist Church in Gold Point. "Jesus, I Believe in You" was the theme for the week, with Pastor G. E. Brown and Sister Elise Goddard serving as teachers. Bible school directors were Sisters Patricia S. Black and Magdalena Whitley.

Mrs. Ida Mae Wood was the guest speaker during the Woman's Day observance at the New Zion Baptist Church in Spindale, May 25. Mrs. Wood's subject was "A Courageous Woman Under Crucial Conditions," taken from Ruth 1:17.

The Liberian Student Association worshipped with the Mount Carmel Baptist Church of Charlotte during the church's "African Liberation Day" celebration May 24. The North Carolina branch of the association is composed of Liberian natives who are studying at colleges in North Carolina. The association has been invited by the junior and senior high youth group to present a workshop on African culture at Mount Carmel.

Shiloh Baptist Church of Greensboro has been cited by the National Office of the Association of Baptists for Scouting as "one of our national best examples of a dynamic scouting ministry." The laurel

was given during the National Conference of Boy Scouts of America in New Orleans, May 21-23. The Rev. Otis L. Hairston is pastor of the church and its troop has had 17 boys to receive the Eagle Award in the past six years.

Three candidates for baptism were received during the Vacation Bible School held at the Western Mary Baptist Church in Hassell, May 19 through 23. Classes were taught by Dr. G. E. Brown, Sisters Theresa Harrell, Berdenetta Chance, Diana Stafford and Mary F. Brown.

It was a real pleasure to welcome the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. to the Lisbon Street Missionary Baptist Church of Clinton May 8. The church would like to thank the following Western Union Association churches for helping provide the moderators with a dinner Wednesday afternoon: Red Hill Baptist; First Baptist of Clinton; Ingold Baptist, Brown's Chapel Baptist; Mt. Pleasant Baptist; and Snow Hill Baptist.

Reporter is Mammie McL. Faison.

FEAR

I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. (Psalms 34:4).



Members and friends of New Antioch Baptist Church held a service recently at the First Valary Baptist Church. (L-R): Sister S. J. Jones, Deacons Grover-Newton, Willie Grant, and Walter Jones; Sis. Dora Speight, Rev. S. J. Jones presents check to Rev. Lee Beal; Sis. Lee Beal, Deacon Therman Watson, Sis. Blanche Brooks, Deacons Samuel Bryant and Willie Grant.

Woman's Page

BY DR. PRISCILLA BRODIE
Executive Secretary

It is every four years that the All Baptist Assembly convenes, whereby the parent body (GBSC) and her auxiliaries assemble together to give praises to God, to reassess programs, to strengthen fellowships, to establish ideas for the ongoing missions, to draw inspiration and instructions, to renew our ministry as a band of Christians. Oh, this can be a time of great Jubilee! The Assembly will convene at the Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, July 28-31.

Though we shall meet together, there will be times when auxiliaries will meet separately. In view of this, the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention will observe her 39th Annual Session on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at the Benton Convention Center.

Among the Woman's Convention activities are:

1. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Monday at the Benton Convention Center.

2. The Executive Board meeting will begin Monday morning at 10 in the Hyatt House.

3. At 1:45 p.m., the General Board Meeting will be held, at which time we shall hear reports from the Executive Board's representative, state vice presidents, special workers, and the Youth Bible Camp Director.

4. The Pre-Convention Banquet begins at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 28, at the Benton Civic Center.

5. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, Study Classes will be held for all departments. The Youth will meet in the Skating Rink of the Center for all their sessions on Tuesday, but in the Civic Center on Wednesday for class study. The Young Adults will meet in the Regency Ball Room at the Hyatt House for all of their sessions on Tuesday, but in the Civic Center on Wednesday for class study. The Seniors will have all sessions in the Civic Center.

6. On Wednesday afternoon, President Turner will give her address.

Please do not forget to buy your banquet tickets, \$12 each. Send for them or call our office immediately.

We join President Turner in asking that you pray for God's guidance during our Woman's Convention sessions and the All Baptist Assembly sessions.

Please be reminded that all year-round committees have been asked to send their funds to the office by July 21, instead of carrying them to the Convention. We are grateful for your cooperation in this regard.

All Baptist Picnic—The All Baptist Picnic is to be Saturday, July 12, at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill. Worship will begin at 11 a.m., and the Reverend B. H. Bonham of Winston-Salem will deliver the sermon.

Women Challenge "Desperate World" at Conference

said. (From Page 1)

The workshop sessions were informative and inspirational.

"Responding to the Call" by Mrs. Shirley Bullock.

"Christian leadership is definitely needed in a desperate world. There is a desperate need for us to respond to the call. We must respond by saying, 'Here Am I, Lord.' I'll do what you want me to do. Saul met Christ on the Damascus Road on his way to persecute the Christians. He responded to the call and became a great missionary. The call is urgent to come and follow Jesus. We can be leaders only after we have met the Savior. God did not promise the disciples where they would go, but He said, come and follow me. Look at leaders from the past who were willing to lead, such as like Moses, Joshua, Isaiah, John, Peter, Paul, Saul, Esther, etc. It will not always be flowery beds of ease; there will be many setbacks and disappointments, but we must be able to sacrifice and say 'ready to go, ready to serve, ready to die with Him.'"

"Qualifying for Leadership" by Mrs. Nancy Young.

"Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself and follow me." Many are in places serving who are not capable; others who are not given the opportunity to serve; and others can do and

will not serve. A leader must be a consecrated Christian. Consecration is one necessity for a good leader. One must be sensitive to God's guidance and directions. A listening leader seeks God and knows His will. A consecrated leader is one who abides in Christ. Other religious and moral characteristics of a leader include: unselfishness, sincerity, high ideals, humility, vision, and faith. The educational and executive abilities include: mentality, knowledge of organizational methods and plans, industry and resourcefulness, determination, will power, reliability, sound thinking, reasoning, judgment, and decision. All leaders may not possess all of the qualities listed, but we do have that in Jesus in the person Jesus Christ our Lord. We should start with the qualifications we do have and work, pray and discipline ourselves and we will continue to grow in our ability to lead and follow."

"Study of Self" by Mrs. Maggie White.

"We are living in a confused and scientific world. It is necessary for leaders to stand up and be counted. We must live what we really are. People are saying I want love and peace, but we need each other because 'No man is an island, no man stands alone, each man is my brother, each man is my

friend.' We don't need leaders as dictators but as helpers. When you look in the mirror you don't see another fellow, but you see yourself. Bridges are connections. It helps us to walk together. Let bridges be love, long suffering and peace. Man is concerned with training the hands and minds, but God is concerned with love. It's a privilege to serve the Master. Love can be measured by the sacrifice we give. 'All to Jesus I Surrender, All to Him I Freely Give, All to Him, in His Presence Daily Live.' It is no secret what God will do, if we surrender and give it all to Jesus."

"We are not to abuse our body but use it for God. If we abuse our body, we cannot render service. The soul is the part which belongs to God. Consider the value of the soul born in the image of God. 'To thine own self be true, then thou canst not be false to anyone.' I have to live with myself and so I want to be fit for myself to know; I want to be able as the days go by to always look myself straight in the eyes; I don't want on a closet shelf a lot of secrets about myself and fool myself as I come and go into thinking that nobody else will know the kind of person I really am. I want to go out with my head erect, I want to deserve all men's respect, I want to like myself because I see what

others may never see, I know what others may never know, whatever happens I want to be self-respecting and conscience-free." (Edgar Guest)."

"Increasing Spiritual Reserve," by Mrs. Jean Gregory.

"We must know and realize what spiritual reserves are. Reserve is something to keep back or bank for the time of need. Spiritual reserve is a manner of strengthening our role as presidents, vice presidents, chairpersons of committees, etc. There are always those in the group who will doubt and say it can't be done. We need some refueling in our spiritual life to be able to cope with any situation. Try God and see what the answer will be. We are living in a deeply disturbed world with sin, strife, rioting, backbiting and jealousy. The answer is spiritual reserve. Search the scripture and find all types of spiritual food. We must study the Bible daily. Deal in prayer; pray without ceasing daily. Idealize the life of Christ. Seek to increase your spiritual reserve and you will be able to minister to the needs of all mankind."

JOINT SESSION REPORTS

The joint session of the conference was held at 12 noon, this afternoon, from the Youth and Young Adult Departments. Mrs. Bronnie Daniels, state director of the Young Adult

again our "dressed in white" day. Our executive secretary-treasurer, Dr. Priscilla Brodie, and her competent staff are busy getting "all things ready." Do come!

Missionaries, during the coming days approaching our All Baptist Assembly, please ask God's blessings on every effort of our coming together. Pray that we may know, understand, and do the Master's will as we assemble for a "mountain-top" week with Christian sisters and brothers.

Remember as you pray our executive secretary-treasurer and her staff. Pray for me and let us pray for each other, for God hears and answers a sincere praying people.

"The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth." (Psalms 145:18)

has not attended before. There is a blessed treat in store for all who are there. Do remember also that Wednesday, July 30, is



The Woman's Convention's Statewide Leaders Workshop featured (L-R): Mrs. Georgina M. Turner, president of WBHMC, workshop speakers Mrs. Shirley Bullock, Mrs. Jean Gregory, Mrs. Maggie White, Mrs. Nancy Young, and executive secretary-treasurer Dr. Priscilla Brodie.

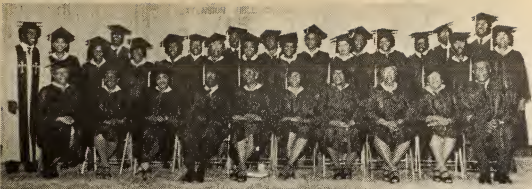
Department, said that the department is growing. Over 300 attended the Young Adult session. She was concerned that so many young adults did not continue into the Senior Department after outgrowing the Young Adult Department.

Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, state supervisor of the Youth Department, said that the Youth Department session was both inspirational and informative, as more than 250 persons attended. Ten ways to develop leadership in youths were discussed.

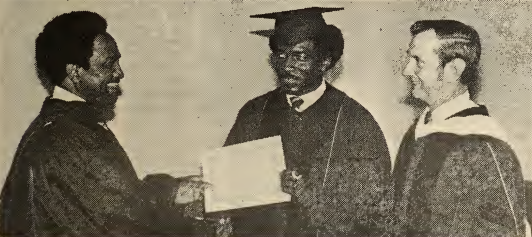
"The Distinctive In Christian Leadership"

The Rev. James H. Everett, moderator of the Western Union Association, presented the featured speaker, the Rev. Clifford Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church, Clinton. His inspirational message was taken from the fifth chapter of Second Corinthians, verse 17: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: all things are passed away; behold, all things become new."

"It is a mystery how an ugly, woolly worm can become a beautiful butterfly. An insect that is despised is now loved. We become a new creature in Christ Jesus. God created everything like He desired it to be. A Christian is a person in Christ, evidenced by the way (See DESPERATE, Page 6)



Seated (L-R): Ernestine Moore, Eleanor Adams, Eula Moore, W. H. Munford, Virginia White, Mary Holmes, Ruth Mattox, Alberta Jones, Pearl Cobbs, William Simmons. Standing (L-R): Rev. J. S. Moore, Susie Moore, Sylvia Jenkins, James Kornegay, Lillian Coley, Edna Bryant, Isaiah McCabe, Viola Jones, Percy Jenkins, Dorothy Kornegay, Caroline Harkley, Lydia Suggs, Dorothy Brown, Lillian Primus, Mizella McCabe, Anne Holloway, Abram Hicks, Charlie Coleman, Nettie Bynum, Dolcy Hicks, Demetris Chadwick. Absent: Lucinda Barrett, Pearl Martin, Theodora Guion.



Dr. J. Z. Alexander (left), Dean of the Shaw Divinity School, presents the first Certificate of Merit to Rev. James Moore, teacher. Looking on is Dr. Corbin L. Cooper (right), director of the Department of Seminary Extension.

"Searching For Peace"— Theme Set By Missionaries

LAUREL HILL.—The forty-third Annual Session of the Leadership Training Conference (sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C.) was held June 9-13, at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly.

Thirty-nine enthusiastic women, interested in Christian leadership, endeavored to prepare themselves to be more effective witnesses for Christ.

The Evaluation Committee, chaired by Ms. Hermena Bostic, Rockingham, reported that this conference was better than all previous conferences. The

spirit-filled atmosphere was certainly conducive to Christian fellowship and learning.

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, conference chairman, extended greetings and explained the theme, "Searching For Peace." She stated that even though we are Christians, we are still searching for peace in Jesus through the church.

The supporting scripture for the theme was "Let us search and try our ways and turn again to the Lord. For He is our peace, who hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;" Lamentation 3:40

and Ephesians 2:14. The theme was also supported by three hymns: "Is Your All on the Altar," "Seek Jesus," and "Have You Tried Jesus."

Mrs. Rosa Harris, Henrietta, and the Worship Committee helped to set the tone for each day's experiences. The Holy Spirit witnessed mightily.

Mrs. Annie R. Bryant of Supply presented the Nature Study. She is affectionately called "The Root Doctor" because of her varied knowledge of our natural resources. She pointed out the analogy between trees, moss, roots, birds and the Christian. She reminded the group of the provisions God made for man in Creation.

Mrs. Thelma C. Horton of Goldsboro, the class instructor, introduced the textbook, "What Happens When Women Pray," by Evelyn Christenson with Viola Blake. The emphasis was in accord with Psalms 66:18, "If we regard iniquity in our hearts, God will not hear us;" thus many Christians' prayers are not heard. Failure to communicate with God produces a people with no direction.

The Sunday School lesson was taught by Mrs. Genetta Patton, Fayetteville. She was assisted by Mesdames Judy Mack, Mary R. Bethea and Dorothy McNeill, all of Fayetteville.

Medames Rosa Holloway, Ethel Stanfield, Alice Wilson and Rachel Nunn, all of Durham, shared their skills in Arts and Crafts. Included were instructions in macramé, leaf printing, flower craft, and

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34 Extension Students Complete Seminary Study

NEW BERN—A new Certificate of Merit has been presented to 34 people by the Department of Seminary Extension of Shaw Divinity School on Friday, May 30. The recognition service was held in the J. T. Barber Junior High School in New Bern. They were the first class to receive awards from the department under the direction of Dr. Corbin L. Cooper.

The certificate represented three years of classes and each person had completed at least 10 courses. The class members presented a beautiful clerical robe and other gifts to their teacher and secretary, the Reverend and Mrs. James S. Moore. He is also pastor of the Saint John Baptist Church in New Bern. Dr. J. Z. Alexander, Dean of Shaw Divinity School, delivered a charge to the class. Other program participants included Rev. J. T. Parks, Jr., Mayor L. R. Morgan, Rev. J. F. Kelly, Rev. W. C. Horton, Rev. Johnnie Henderson, and the New Bern Senior High School ensemble. Dr. Cooper presented the certificates.

The New Bern class has experienced the largest enrollment ever held by the department. It was one of 45 classes held throughout the state during the academic year, 1979-80. Pastors and moderators throughout the state are invited to establish centers in their churches or communities. A college-level diploma program is also available. Information is available by writing to the Department of Seminary Extension, P. O. Box 26508, Raleigh, 27611.



Reidsville First Baptist Raises \$1200 For Shaw

Dr. Stanley H. Smith (left, front row), president of Shaw University, accepts a check for \$1280 on behalf of the University from the Rev. O'Kelly Lawson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Reidsville. The Shaw Day Committee of the church held its annual Shaw Day April 27. Dr. Smith was the guest speaker. The Shaw Heritage Choir also performed. Robert Johnson and N. Freeman Jones, Jr. served as co-chairmen of the committee. (photo by Mrs. Exia H. Woods)

1st Bapt. Kannapolis Holds Youth Pageant

The Youth Department of First Baptist Church on East First Street, Kannapolis, sponsored a Mr. and Miss Youth Pageant. George Grant was named Mr. Youth and Donna Brown, Miss Youth.

Donna is the daughter of Donald and Jeanette Brown. She is an active member of the Junior Usher Board and is a

ninth grade student at J. W. Cannon Junior High School.

George is the son of Billy and Patricia Clowney. He is an active member of the Youth Choir and a third grade student at Jackson Park Elementary School.

The Youth Department has shown a vigorous ambition toward the future growth of the church spiritually and physically.

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Desperate World

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we live. If your hands are changed there must be a change from the inside working its way to the outside. Just because you can command other people does not make you a good Christian leader. The image may sometimes appear to be spiritual leadership but the distinction of Christian leadership is not there. God does not have a problem with the sun; it rises and sets as He wills it. He does not have a problem with the world, but He does have problems with man. Man will steal, cheat, rob his brother because of greed. We brought nothing into this world and we will not take anything with us. The world does not desire Christian leadership but desires anyone that is corrupt and can be used. If they get something on the leader, they can use him any way to get whatever they desire, good or bad.

"Racism is not dead. When we think of the number of people in North Carolina voting for a Nazi candidate, and that he was able to carry Cumberland and Sampson Counties, this should tell us something as black people. We need our brains sometimes and we need our tears sometimes, but above all, we need the transcending power of God. 'I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord, no tender voice like Thine can peace afford. I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee, O bless me now my Savior, I come to thee.'"

"If any man is willing to be my disciple let him deny himself and follow me. You may be as polished as any apple, but this is not a distinction for Christian leadership. We must be justified by the exalted Christ. We must be sanctified."



Teens made new friends during the week of the Youth Bible Camp, June 15-20. Swimming was the number one recreational sport at the Laurel Hill Camp according to (L-R) Chandra Rowe, Taylorsville, St. John Baptist; Teresa Brown, Jacksonville, St. Louis Baptist; Yvette Barber, Trenton, Hills Chapel; and (seated) Sandra Howell, Taylorsville, St. John Baptist.

books on books REVIEW

For well over a century, Yale University has sponsored the Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching. Great and prestigious names have graced the list of those who have delivered these addresses. It is probable that none of the famous persons who preceded him have brought to the notable series the freshness and excitement which Dr. John Claypool did recently.

Claypool, pastor of the Westminster Baptist Church of Jackson, Miss., defined the objective of preaching: "To reestablish a relation of trust at the deepest level between the human creature and the Creator... to participate in the miracle of personal reconciliation." He examines the preacher as Reconciler, Gift-Giver, Witness, and Nurturer. But Claypool does not always just teach preachers. Throughout the lectures, he asks many difficult questions of himself and his ministerial peers.

The lectures, published in a new book, "The Preaching Event" (Word Books, Waco, Tex., 4800 W. Waco Drive, 76703), is the latest in a series of books on and about preaching to be published by Word.

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CLERGY ATTEND IRAN CONFERENCE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Princeton University Baptist chaplain John Walsh and Charles Kimball, a doctoral student in world religions at Harvard University, were invited by Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr to participate in an "American Intervention" conference in Tehran, Iran recently.

Others in the 10-person delegation included Paul Washington, black rector of the Church of the Advocate in Philadelphia, Kay Camp, president of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark and Nobel Prize-winning biologist George Wald.

The group defied a Justice Department ban on travel to Iran to participate in the conference that State Department spokesman Hudding Cartwright called a "propaganda circus."

Walsh and Kimball were previously part of a seven-man fact-finding group that went to Iran in December of 1979 and visited the American hostages there. Upon his return last December, Walsh called for an international tribunal to investigate charges of Iranian students against the deposed dictator. "Such a tribunal would probably expose areas of U.S. involvement in the misuse of power during the shah's regime," Walsh said after the trip.

"I came home convinced that the American people must come to understand more fully the anguish through which Iran has come if we are to achieve a framework for future cooperation."

Before leaving Iran in May, Walsh and Kimball told friends and associates they believed if the Iranians felt their case received a fair hearing at the crimes tribunal they may be willing to release some of the hostages.

They said that President Bani-Sadr and Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh have risked their political futures on the conference since their efforts to end the crisis have met resistance from militants and Islamic fundamentalist clergy alike.

HORN OF AFRICA HUMAN DISASTER

East/West News Service

MOGADISHU—International Christian Aid (ICA), a worldwide relief organization, has been asked by the government of Somalia to take responsibility for more than 350,000 refugees now living in the arid and remote Gedo region of Somalia.

Government officials stated that they asked ICA to take on this vast assignment because ICA is the largest relief organization working in the country.

ICA has also completed six emergency flights from Nairobi to the area where more than a half million refugees have fled Marxist Ethiopia. ICA President Joe Bass called the situation "a human disaster on the Horn of Africa of an unbelievable scale. More than 1.5 million refugees have flooded into a country of 3.5 million people... Somalia has opened its doors without restriction to all Ethiopian refugees—Christian, Muslim, and pagan alike."

According to Bass, the Soviet-backed effort to "depopulate" this vast area of eastern Ethiopia has resulted in the bombing of villages, the poisoning of water wells, and the strafing of all livestock—making it impossible for people to live.

He further said, "In the camp of Dam I saw a little brother and sister, aged six and seven, paralyzed from the waist down, with the lower part of their bodies riddled with machine gun bullets. Their mother told me that they had been thirsty and tried to get water. When they saw the jet plane coming, they ran, but it caught them with a burst of gunfire and they are now paralyzed for life."

To combat this tragic situation in Somalia, ICA is preparing two complete medical teams along with food, clothing, shelter and medicines for the devastated area.

U.S.-SOVIET DELEGATIONS Huddle

MELBOURNE—American and Soviet delegations to the World Council of Churches conference here have met in special session and agreed to work for "reconciliation" between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Russian Orthodox Metropolitan Anthony of Leningrad headed the Soviet delegation, which included representatives of the Georgian Orthodox and legally recognized Baptist churches of the USSR.

Russian Orthodox Bishop Makary said the meeting was significant "especially in this time of tension." It was obviously a reference to the situation in Afghanistan and to the American boycott of the summer Olympics in Moscow.

"We know that our two nations are responsible for peace today," Bishop Makary said, speaking for the official churches in the USSR. "The Soviet churches, representing the Russian people, extend their hands to the churches of the United States and ask that we all pray for peace."

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"We Go To Do Our Father's Will"

BY PAMELA DEVOE
Sence Major—UNC-G

Four years of college education have equipped us with a skill or skills with which to start our careers. Throughout the past month, many people have been attending commencement exercises. This marks a beginning or a start for graduates, not an ending.

When Jesus had gone to Jerusalem with Mary and Joseph to observe the Passover and to participate in the rites which made Him a son of the law, He was no longer a lad or a boy, but a grown-up. He was now a responsible citizen of the nation—subject to God and to the laws of the land.

The graduates of 1980 are no longer babies, but grown-ups. We are accountable to God and subject to the laws of the land. Commencement means to begin or to start. Yes, it is the end of formal education for many of us, but we have only just begun the "school of life." We are now stepping into the real world, fresh from our safe, artificial environment—college.

Where do we, the graduates of 1980, go from here?

Because I am a member of this year's graduating class, I have been giving this question much thought and much consideration over the past few months. Some of us have already and others will obtain employment in our respective fields, some will find a job in a related area, and others in totally different areas from which we have been trained. Some will further their education and go on to obtain graduate degrees.

Where do we go from here? We go to do our Father's will; to work and to serve mankind.

Early in life, Jesus developed a sense of destiny and purpose, and an urge to do his Father's business. He had not made all the preparation for life at that time, nor was He fully matured. But He had an inner compulsion.

By now, after high school and college, we should have some sense of purpose and some sense of destiny. We do not have it made, we have not made all the preparation for life. I do trust that you have an inner compulsion to go forth and make a real contribution to life.

1980 GRADS Where Do We Go From Here?

(Editor's Note) As part of the "Honor the Grads Day," held June 1 at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Shelby, two graduating students addressed the subject, "Where Do We Go From Here?" Excerpts from these fine speeches challenge our 1980 graduates.

We must not be satisfied with things as they are. We must do more than our predecessors. Let's get people or persons in positions to help make decisions. Let us not be satisfied until we get in the halls of government.

Each year, thousands of students across the nation graduate from college. But there is something a bit

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Take 4 Steps In The Right Direction

BY CASSANDRA SUSIE JONES
High School

As members of a high school graduating class, we have reached a milestone in our lives. For some of us the end of formal education is in sight, for others there will be a beginning of a higher education.

Where do we go from here?

The answer depends on several things: (1) What kind of foundation have we laid? (2) What ambition do we have? (3) How willing are we to work toward our goals? and (4) How much have we considered God's will in our plans?

What foundation have we laid? The finest building in the world cannot last long if it has a weak foundation. Jesus warned His followers against weak foundations in the story of the house built on sand and on rock. Each of us has had the opportunity of twelve years of foundation building. If we have availed ourselves of that opportunity and have developed according to our ability, we have laid a firm foundation for building our future lives.

What ambition do we have? Are we content to let things ride as they are, or are we anxious to contribute to a higher standard of living and a better life for everyone. If we are indifferent or complacent, we cannot expect a life of satisfaction or happiness.

How willing are we to work in order to attain our goals? Too many people in the world expect the hard work and effort to come from someone else. The Apostle Paul told the early Christians to be industrious and show initiative. In the same way, those of us who are too lazy to work for the best, do not deserve to have food or the necessities for living happily.

More important than any of these is: How much have we considered God's will in our lives? We do not have to be troubled or uncertain about where we go from here if we have prayed to God and received His guidance. We will be very foolish, indeed, if we try to map out the future on our own. With God's help, fellow graduates, we can go anywhere we want to go, do anything we want to do, and be anything we desire to be, with guidance from the Almighty.

Communicators: "Speak The Truth And Sound The Alarm"

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—More than 1,200 religious communicators from 43 states and 18 nations gathered in Nashville last week for the 43rd Annual Missionary Training Conference. Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks warn them about the current "sweep of conservatism" in the United States.

Hooks told the group "to speak the truth and sound the alarm" over the conservative movement generally aided by prominent religious broadcasters, which he said "has threatened to roll back" civil rights advances made in recent years.

The Baptist minister, attorney and former Federal

Communications Commission member, specifically criticized the current budget-balancing emphasis by President Carter and called for "tax cutting fever" with resulting high unemployment among blacks.

He attacked the communications industry for "foisting on the American people" the concept of "reverse discrimination" and for opposing to professional schools and jobs.

Hooks reserved some of his sharpest comments to attack a resurgence of militant racism by the American Nazi Party and the Ku Klux Klan. He

reminded the largely white audience that "I've spent half my life fighting for things that most of you take for granted."

Referring to Jesus' portrayal of the final judgment in Matthew 25, Hooks said that some "preachers of great congregations" will be among those doomed.

Another speaker who sounded the cry for justice for the poor and powerless was Harvey Cox, Harvard University Divinity School professor. He urged the communicators to become the "voice of the voiceless," to recognize that the cry of the poor is "the very voice of God—one of the ways

God speaks to us in real human history."

Hispanic-American journalists in the Catholic Press Association, meeting during the congress, formed a caucus to press for equal rights and affirmative action for them and for blacks. They were joined by a group of black communicators who urged the participants to actively recruit, hire, train and promote blacks and other minority persons in the field.

Communicators also need to "accept responsibility for confronting racism within their spheres of influence and at all levels by challenging and elim-

inating exclusivist practices and policies," said the newly-formed Society of Blacks in Religious Communications.

The society drafted a statement to present to planners of the Religious Communications Congress 1980, expressing sadness and alarm "over a sea of white faces" at the congress.

Racism and sexism in the church and in communication fields were attacked by Mary Lou Redding, editor of The Upper Room, Nashville, and by Lionel C. Barrow, Jr., dean of the school of communications at Howard University, Washington, D.C.

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sewing. Patterns were shared for househoes, pillows and skirts.

Mrs. Lucas used her musical talents and led the women in singing praises to God. She also conducted the exercise classes. The purpose of these classes was to remind the sisters that they must keep their bodies physically fit so that they can be more effective witnesses for Christ.

A memorial service preceded the Vesper Service. The Vesper Services were held in the dining room on Wednesday. Mrs. Robbie Diggs of Charlotte led the responsive reading for the dedication of the offering. The sermon was delivered by the superintendent of the Assembly, Rev. Theodore Breeden. He broke the bread of life and blessed "My witnesses" in heaven and my record is on high." He was supported by his wife, Mrs. Mattie Breeden, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Joyce Breeden, with a soul-stirring duet. The guest choir was from the First Baptist Church, Laurel Hill, under the

direction of Rev. Breeden's brother. The pastor of the church, the Rev. J. B. Everett, gave brief remarks.

The Fourth Annual Banquet was held Thursday. The banqueters, adorned in their best attire, admired the beautiful arrangements of magnolia that bedecked the windowsills and the colorful arrangements that beautified the U-shaped table arrangement. Mrs. Lucas presented corsages of white carnations to Miss Minnie C. Lyon of Durham; Mrs. Mattie Breeden; Mrs. Omega (J. J.) Johnson, guest speaker and donor of Assembly land; Mesdames Horton and Mrs. Breeden, and other guests. Superintendent Breeden, respectively. Gifts of appreciation were presented to Mesdames Horton and Lucas.

"When it's Later Than It Has Ever Been," a song by the late St. Mark 8:31-36 as a scriptural reference. As she challenged the group, she said, "When we face our Calvary, as we all must, let us take our perspective and position from Christ himself. It was the



43rd Annual Missionary Training Conference, June 9-10, Laurel Hill. In the front row, seated, are (L-R): Mrs. Jettie M. Lucas, Mrs. Thelma Horton, Miss Minnie C. Lyon, Dr. Priscilla Brodie and Mrs. Betty J. Chismon.

Savior of all men, when it was later than it had ever been, who broke through the sins of the world."

The conference came to a close on Friday.

HONESTY

Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. (II Corinthians 8:21)

IN TROUBLE

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:25)

TEMPED

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. (Matthew 26:41)

CORRECTION

In our recent quarterly report (March, April and May), Lewis Chapel, Fayetteville, was listed as having given \$1,834.00. Instead, it should have been \$4,434.00. Also, Dr. M. P. McCleave was listed as being the pastor of Sixth Avenue First, Siler City. The pastor is the Reverend James E. Brown.

Hunt Appeals For Youth Jobs

I challenge you to set high goals and standards for yourselves and to reach your highest potential. Put God first in your life; family, friends, and work second; and yourself third. We the class of 1980 will strive to seek peace, not war; love, and not hate; success and not failure. And this, my friends, is where we, the class of 1980, should go from here!

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Texas Church Recovering From Gunman

BY JERILYNN ARMSTRONG
DANGERFIELD, Tex.—It's not business as usual in the small east Texas town of Dangerfield. Family members are making funeral arrangements for their dead and others are visiting friends and relatives in area hospitals.

On Sunday, June 22, while the congregation was singing the third stanza of "More About Jesus," a former high school geometry teacher stormed into the packed First Baptist Church of Dangerfield and opened fire on the congregation, killing five people and wounding 10 others.

Witnesses said the gunman, Alvin Lee King, III, 46, kicked open the doors of the church, and screamed "This is war," before opening fire with an M-1 carbine. He was dressed in full battle gear and carried additional semi-automatic rifles with fixed bayonets and two pistols.

Authorities said King, who was to go on trial the next morning on incest charges, shot himself in the head after fighting with ushers and fleeing from the church. He is in Galveston's John Sealy Hospital and was reported in stable condition, June 23.

Residents speculated that his impending trial may have triggered the shooting spree. He reportedly had asked several members of the church to serve as character witnesses but they refused.

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The 1980 All Baptist Assembly opened with a display of the color guard on Tuesday, June 29, at Benton Center in Winston-Salem.

Twin City Loves Baptist Assembly

WINSTON-SALEM—The only hitch in the 1980 All Baptist Assembly held at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem, July 28-31, was the fact that it ended on time.

Many among the more than 2500 attendants would have liked the grand Christian fellowship to have lasted longer. And while any gathering of so many conventioners is bound to create confusion and fared tempers, the same body of people, when bound together by their love of God, is capable of being transformed into a "New Fellowship Fitly Joined Together," the Assembly's theme.

The parking lot attendant at the Center, a 71-year-old Winston-Salem native, called the delegates the most orderly and friendly visitors to the Center he's seen in his many years.

EXCITING MUSICAL PRESENTED

The unified stage was set for the quadrennial gathering of the General Baptist State Convention body and its several parts on Sunday evening when hundreds warmly and enthusiastically responded to the Pre-Convention Musical, presented under the direction of Waverly Camp, Jr., director of church music for the GBSC.

The program included gospels, spirituals, hymns and anthems, all performed professionally by the combined choirs from the host Winston-Salem churches.

The Convention's General Boards and Executive Committees met Monday and the Convention opened in full splendor with a color guard and with pledges to the American and Christian flags, and with a pledge to the Bible.

City, county and state officials welcomed the Convention to the Benton Center along with host pastors from the area. Among those applauding the work of the Convention was Dr. H. Douglas Covington, president of the Winston-Salem State University.

"Congratulations for teaching the gospel of Christ," he said, "and for the way you have planned this Convention... The bond between the black church and educational institutions has produced many of our leaders.

"Those of us at the black colleges have the most difficult task in education. We all have a crucial role to play. And both churches and schools have obligations to build a better society." Dr. David M. Thomas, former ambassador to the United Nations for Liberia, addressed the Woman's Pre-Convention Banquet Monday night, but said that he could not dwell on the recent coup in Liberia "too much because it tends to evoke melancholy feelings."

He did say that the executions of President William Tolbert, Jr. and his cabinet members was a great blow not only to Liberians, "many who are descendants of freed slaves," who left the U. S. in 1822, but is a blow to black Americans.

He said that Liberia was the first experiment of the black man after being exposed to the rigors of slavery to prove to the world that the black man is capable of governing himself (See story on Woman's Banquet).

\$97,386 RAISED

Wednesday's session was loaded with activities, including messages by leaders of the GBSC and the WBH&FMC.

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Oxford Orphanage -- More Like A Home

BY CURETON L. JOHNSON

OXFORD—Central Orphanage officials in Oxford are planning a new name that will more adequately reflect the changing role of the institution.

"It's a home," said H. V. Bryant, executive director of the orphanage. "We provide children with the necessities for good growth and development. The word orphanage carries a stigma."

Bryant, who has been working at the institution for 16 years, and the board of directors have decided that the orphanage needs a name such as the Central Children's Home.

The home was founded by the Colored Orphanage Association as the Grant Colored Asylum of North Carolina in 1887. The current facility is equipped to serve 70 neglected, abused or battered children ranging in ages from 6 to 21.

Bryant, who has been executive director for 12 years, is proud of the progress.

"I'm most proud of our cottages, which have a family setting. There are no more than 12 students in a cottage," he said during a recent interview.

Besides the individual attention the students receive, Bryant is also beaming these days because of his staff. He said that the staff is more adequately trained than in previous years and that among the 27 persons working at the home, many have college degrees in fields such as psychology and sociology.

In recent years, the home has become more intimately involved with the families of the children under their care. The home has historically been a long-term care facility, but staff members work diligently to return students to their homes whenever possible.

All children must work

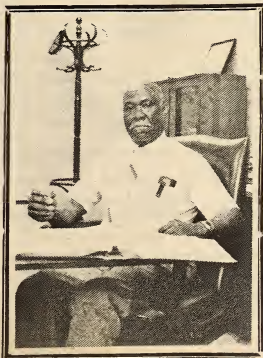
toward high school diplomas while residing in the Oxford home, and college scholarships are available to them. An on-campus chaplain serves the students, who attend Sunday School on campus and worship services at nearby churches.

The second oldest child-care institution in the state, the Central Orphanage has been blessed with four new cottages and a new administration building during the past seven years. New services include a social worker, a houseparent supervisor, a fulltime recreation director, an alumni organization and the chaplain.

"We're still in a building program," Bryant said. "In this area, the Baptists of our state can work with us beautifully. We're planning to build another cottage, some tennis courts and a swimming pool.

Thus far, more than \$750,000

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H. V. BRYANT
Director, Oxford Orphanage



Pictured from left to right: Dr. J. R. Manley, president of the General Baptist State Convention; Dr. W. T. Bigelow, moderator of the East Cedar Grove Association; Rev. T. E. Taylor, pastor of Lee's Chapel Baptist Church; and Leo Williams, director of Christian Education for the GBSC. (Photo by Ollie Ellison)

"Among The Brethren"

BY J. R. MANLEY

President Jimmy Carter has called a series of White House conferences on the family, one in Baltimore, Md.; one in Minneapolis, Minn.; and another in Los Angeles, Cal. After these conferences, a task force will be assembled to make recommendations for legislation to strengthen the family in the USA.

The Rowan All Baptist Association recently met at the Unified Institutional Baptist Church in Greensboro. Dr. C. W. Anderson is pastor. Dr. J. C. Harris, moderator, had as a concern, "What Jesus Said about the Family."

Because of these two facts and the hope that the GBSC will make a meaningful contribution in this area of our lives, the following message delivered at the Rowan Association is submitted to help create interest in this direction.

FROM ADAM'S RIB TO WOMEN'S LIB

Genesis 2:21-24 gives us a picture of Eve being formed from the rib of Adam and Galatians 3:28 gives us a picture of complete equality between the sexes. In Ephesians 5:21-23 the Apostle Paul interprets Genesis 2:21-24 as a relationship characterized by a father protecting his child or at best a brother protecting his sister while in Galatians 3:28 the same Apostle suggests complete equality between the sexes.

It is this range that we call

"From Adam's Rib to Women's Lib," that the Christian family finds itself in.

To be sure, families find themselves between an even greater range, extending on the one hand beyond Adam's rib and on the other beyond women's liberation. Just as some families are characterized by male possession of wives as chattel, other families are characterized by female domination, even with a Sapphiran-like attitude. Thus, the families in this land find themselves in a pluralistic society with many different standards competing with each other for dominance.

And as Christians, we are called upon to clarify, live and defend the Christian standard. We must be clear what that standard is. And in so doing we turn to Jesus to help us in our understanding of a Christian family.

Even though Jesus said little or nothing on some very important issues of our lives such as war and slavery, He did speak about the family. And in Matthew 5:27-28, 19:3-12, Mark 10:3-9, and Luke 16:18, we have words of Jesus on the family. And whereas there is some debate as to whether Mark's account, which does not allow any divorce, or Matthew's account, which allows divorce for fornication, is the true message of Jesus, there is basic agreement that Jesus placed the center of the family on spiritual grounds.

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"In the beginning God created them male and female." Even though economic and social considerations are important, it is clear from a Christian perspective that the base or foundation should be on God or Love. But it is equally important that this Love or God be interpreted in economic and social ways. And herein lies the task of the Christian church to interpret Christian love in economic and social ways from a range of Adam's rib to women's lib. A range of relationships from a father protecting his child to complete equality between the sexes.

This would suggest that there is room for different husband-wife structures, all the way from Adam's rib to women's lib, but the core or heart of the relationship must be love. Therefore, whoever can keep a checkbook balanced ought to be in charge of that department in the home and whoever can do best in any particular job ought to be allowed to do that, since love will bind and bring them together.

This is the principle and that is what Jesus spoke in the scriptures, a principle of love revealed in good.

This love ethic does take into account, according to the Apostle Paul, "the present distress;" it does take into account the hardness of men's hearts; it does take into account infidelity, it does take into account unbelief, it is a principle to be applied within a wide range, a range we call from Adam's rib to women's lib. This would suggest that there are some relationships outside this range.

The principle of love which identifies our bodies with the Body of Christ, should ever be our guiding star.

Our bodies, which constitute the temple of the soul; our bodies, that will one day be changed into glorified bodies to be forever with the Lord; our bodies that give us our uniqueness; are to be used in marriage in a way that will meet the Savior's test of time and eternity. And this is not some Christian mumbo-jumbo,

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention:

Our 1980 Baptist Assembly which was held at the Benton Convention Center July 28-31, is now history and history has recorded it as one of the best All Baptist Assemblies in the history of our General Baptist State Convention. The fellowship was rich, the messages were thought-provoking as well as inspiring and the finance for the objectives was commendable. Our total receipts were \$97,386.26.

Your consistent giving for the Unified Program makes it possible for the Convention to honor its commitments to the objectives of the Convention on a percentage basis.

Thank you for the excellent way that you are leading your church members in meeting the financial objectives of the Convention. Without your dedicated support, our Convention would not be what it is today.

As you know, we are in the last month of our fiscal year 1979-80. The Convention would like for you to lead your church to give the balance of your suggested quota for the year 1979-80, if you have not given it already. Your response to this request will make it possible for the Convention to reach its financial goal of \$1,134,729.39.

We hope to reach our goal in honoring our commitments to our objectives: Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions and the Central Orphanage. Our greatest need at this hour is money for State Missions. Please send us a

check for State Missions, which will help us to meet our obligations for the fiscal year 1979-80.

The National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., will hold its Centennial Session in Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 8-14.

Our president, Dr. J. R. Manley, is programmed to preach a sermon on Wednesday night, Sept. 10. As usual, we expect all delegates from North Carolina to be present with their Amens and best wishes for Dr. Manley. Whenever a North Carolinian is selected to preach at the National Baptist Convention, our policy is to give him our full support.

Our Convention's theme, "Fily Joined Together," can be used to measure how well we have done and it can be used as a spur prodding us to greater achievements.



DR. C. C. CRAIG

One scholar, John A. Mackay, in a book entitled, "God's Order," has declared that the title describes the purpose of the Letter to the Ephesians. He contends that

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Flight To Natl. Bapt. Conv.

The General Baptist State Convention has reserved seats with Delta Airlines for the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., in Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 8-13.

Our planes will leave the Raleigh-Durham Airport and the Douglas Airport in Charlotte on Monday, Sept. 8, and return on Saturday, Sept. 13.

We will be living at the Days Inn in Bessemer, Ala., which is located on U. S. 11 near Interstate 20 and 59. Approximately fifteen minutes are required to drive from the Civic Center in Birmingham. Buses at the Days Inn will be available for transportation in the morning, afternoon and evening.

The round trip fare, including transportation from the airport to the hotel, daily transportation to the Civic Center, baggage handling, and room at the Days Inn accommodating two persons per room, is \$274.

Those persons who desire a private room, if they are available, the round trip fare is \$318.

Please fill out the enclosed form and return it to our office with your round trip fare on or before Aug. 15. If you do not have your full fare, send as much of the fare as you possibly can and send the balance by Aug. 22. We need to purchase the plane tickets before another increase is put into effect.

Please enroll me for the trip to Birmingham, Alabama, Sept. 8-13, 1980. My round trip fare is enclosed.

Name _____ Date _____

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Signed _____

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Salaries & Privacy Crimp Clergy Marriages

BY TIM FIELDS
RIDGECREST — Marriage therapist David Mace says pastors and their wives are having a rough time with marriage, and unless churches come to their aid, there will be a rash of divorces among clergy couples.

Mace, who sounded his warning at a Christian Life conference, said his fears were based on extensive research and counseling sessions with more than 1,000 clergy couples, many of whom were Southern Baptists.

Mace felt the subject of clergy marriages has been totally ignored. "There are hundreds of books on the role of the pastor and a few on pastors' wives, but there are no books on clergy marriages," Mace said.

In researching a book of their own to be released this Octo-

ber, Mace and his wife, Vera, recently conducted seven regional marriage conferences for pastors and their wives which were attended mainly by Southern Baptist couples.

"The couples' number one complaint was that congregations expect them to be perfect models of a Christian family," Mace said. "However, in discussions with lay people we found that congregations were not making these kinds of demands on their pastors and wives. It seems that clergy couples are living under self-imposed demands that they can't make live up to," Mace said.

The second pressure cited by clergy couples was their demanding time schedule.

"The average work week for pastors is 70 hours," Mace said. "Times when other husbands and fathers are spend time

with their wives and children, pastors are not. Weekend and night hours are filled with church meetings and other pastoral duties."

The lack of privacy of the goldfish bowl syndrome was the third ranked pressure. "Pastors and their families are never really alone," Mace said. "No matter where they go, they are on display and have to worry constantly about who is watching."

Although finances ranked fourth on the list of outside pressures, Mace said that the majority of clergy couples were not bitter or upset by their financial situation because they feel God called them to the pastorate.

"We researched pastoral salaries and found that out of the 432 occupations recognized by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, pastors ranked 325th on

the hourly wage list," Mace said. "This puts them in the same category as farm laborers, cooks, and waiters and waitresses. But on the level of education, pastors rank in the top 10."

According to Mace, the most distressing signals about the condition of clergy marriages came when pastors and their wives discussed the intimate details of their marriages.

"The greatest difficulty is with handling anger," Mace revealed. "The very nature of their job dictates that they suppress their anger instead of dealing with it openly."

Other internal problems include the failure for pastors and their wives to communicate effectively with each other, a lack of uninterrupted time for family devotionals and difficulty with resolving conflict in their marriage.

"It is very clear that clergy couples are in trouble. But what can they do about it?" Mace asked the conferees.

"They can't tell the congregation because in this era the congregation would be horrified and would probably fire them. They can't tell their fellow pastors because they feel their reputation would be damaged."

In order to counteract this dilemma, Mace said that church lay leaders should point the way.

"Pastors and their wives need marriage enrichment where they learn to deal with all of these problems," Mace said. "Our recommendation is for Baptists and other churches to begin big programs of marriage and family enrichment for clergy couples."

Mace also recommended that pastors and their wives seek marriage and family counseling outside their communities.

CHURCH CIRCUIT

East Cedar Grove Association Meets

BY MILDRED CHAMBERS AND LUDIE GREEN
CEDAR GROVE—The East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association convened at the Lee's Chapel Baptist Church in Cedar Grove for its 85th annual two-day session, on July 9 and 10.

The session was opened with the moderator, Dr. W. T. Bigelow, presiding, assisted by Dr. Harold Timberlake, vice moderator. Dr. Bigelow stated that he was overwhelmed with the joy to greet delegates from the 42 churches in membership. After the opening procedures, the Rev. Richard James gave the presentation of the association theme, "A New Fellow-

The association body was extremely fortunate to have two outstanding and inspiring speakers, Dr. J. R. Manley, president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; and Mrs. Louise Slater, director of Women's Work for the Lott Carey Missionary Baptist Convention.

In giving the introductory sermon, Dr. Manley came forth ship *Fifty Joined Together*. "At the conclusion of the presentation and the youth program, Dr. Bigelow came forth with the moderator's address. He used as a center thought, "It is Well With Thee" (2 Kings 4:36).

expressing his appreciation to the association for having chosen the convention theme, "A New Fellowship Fifty Joined Together." Dr. Manley used "The Body of the Living Body is the Church" as his center thought, which was derived from the Convention theme (Ephesians 4:16).

He said that we are that body and if there are divisions within our churches, we are the cause. The human body has many organs, and so does the Church. The organs of the Church are gifts, such as preachers, teachers, leaders, and knowledge of healing. All gifts should work for the same goals. The Church should be together, using the gifts together—all parts or joints should be fifty joined together. When all parts are working together, you can see success within our Churches. In conclusion, Dr. Manley stated, the text and the theme points out the importance of working together in such a way as to build up the Body of Christ.

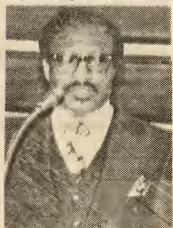
Mrs. Louise Slater gave an address during the Women's Auxiliary of East Cedar Grove Missionary Association session. Her subject was "Reaching Out and Touching." She asked a very challenging question, "How Important is Mission?" She said that, regardless of what your answer may be, Christ is the answer to all. Christians that have been saved must receive the responsibility of a missionary.

The divine Commander of the world is God. God will never change, but He will change us if we only let Him. Reaching out can be a rewarding experience, but we must put forth an effort. Mission begins with us, reaching out and touching those far and near. Reaching out and touching is our challenge today.

The annual session was concluded by a doctrinal sermon given by Dr. O. L. Sherrill, pastor of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Bahama.

Dr. Butler Sworn In

WINSTON-SALEM—Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor of the Shiloh



DR. J. RAY BUTLER

Missionaries Host Craig At W-Salem's Mt. Zion

BY G. G. CAMPBELL, JR.
Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church

WINSTON-SALEM—Dr. C. Craig, executive secretary and treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, addressed the congregation of Mount Zion Baptist Church recently during the morning worship hour. A highly acclaimed minister and speaker, he was the special guest of the missionary department, whose annual day was observed during the church's May anniversary celebration.

In his relevant and viable discussion of the question, "Who Is My Neighbor?" Dr. Craig explored the concept of spiritual goodwill and noted various degrees of sincerity that human beings display toward each other. He also described the neighborliness that is existent between family members, close associates, and strangers. Citing the natural bonds by which members of a household, as well as friends, effect neighborly involvements, he noted that people differ.

"The differences," he stated, "are man-made, not God-made." He encouraged all members of the household of faith to work to expand their

Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, was recently appointed by N. C. Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. to serve as a member of the State Licensing Board for General Contractors.

Dr. Butler, of 2800 Glimmer Avenue in Winston-Salem, was sworn in to the post on May 20. The swearing in took place at the church, located at 916 E. 12th Street in Winston-Salem. Dr. Butler was sworn by Wayne W. Wooten, mayor of Winston-Salem.

Dr. Butler is vice-president at-large of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

missionary outreaches so that theirs will be akin to that of the Good Samaritan whose character and Christian deeds provided the Biblical reference for his text. Often, being a Christian requires one to minister to the fallen, the forgotten, and the forsaken, he said.

While the minister encouraged caring for others, caution was also advised. He acknowledged that being a good neighbor requires a person to follow established priorities in one's own life. To know one's responsibility requires one to also know how much help is enough, according to Craig. Dr. Craig noted that being a good neighbor requires a personalized relationship that is based on sincerity of purpose.

Indications are that the euphoria of the minister's delivery and the substance of his message left the congregation motivated in essence, he challenged them to reassess past and present relations, and to constantly evaluate and commit themselves to quality associations in the future. He encouraged the members to incorporate into their philosophies and Christianity a universal approach to the concept of neighborliness.



Pictured from left to right: Mrs. Dorothy B. Okeke, President of Women's Auxiliary of the East Cedar Grove Association and Mrs. Louise Slater, Director of Women's Work, Lott Carey Missionary Baptist Convention. (Photo by Dile Ellison).

Woman's Page

BY DR. PRISCILLA BRODIE

Certainly, all who attended the All Baptist Assembly and the different auxiliary sessions can attest to the atmosphere of a great fellowship.

As in the All Baptist Assembly sessions, our Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina in her sessions felt a renewed fellowship of love, prayer, understanding, reassurance, recommitment, rededication, giving, and service. We could feel a togetherness under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We, your officers, are grateful to you and to God for your contributions, large and small, and for the aforementioned fellowship. May we also express our gratitude to the office staff and committee persons.

For the fiscal year of 1979-80, we reached and exceeded our budget of \$276,000; the amount was \$280,000, for which we thank you. Our suggested goal for this year is \$281,000.

Let us continue to serve God through missions, and He will give us the victory and a place in His eternal fellowship. Glory be to God in the highest and praise be to all of you.

ARE YOU A K'Y P'RS'ON?

BY JOHN HUDSON TINT'R

"Y'n though my typ'writ'r is an old mod'l, it works r'tal w'll *x'c'pt for on' of th' k'ys. Of cours', I would lik' it much b't'r if it work'd corr'ctly, but that is not th' cas'. Th'r' ar' forty-four k'ys that do work just fin'. Y'n, th'r' on' k'y that do's not function prop'rly mak's all th' diff'r'nc'.

Som'tim's it s'm's to m' that th' t'am work at church is lik' my typ'writ'r. H'r' and th'r' ar' k'y' op'l' who ar' not working prop'rly.

Do you v'r say to yours'lf, "W'at I am only on' p'rson. What I do will not mak' any diff'r'nc'. Th'y can g't along without m'."

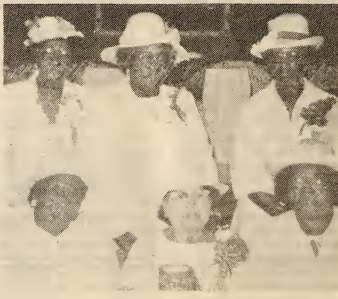
But you do mak' a diff'r'nc'! You s't, any organization, to b' "f'i'ctiv", must hav' th' activ' participation of v'r'y p'rson. Think about it. Th'r' x'tim' you think you ar' only on' p'rson and that your work is not n'd'd, r'm'm'b'r that on' stickin' k'y on th' typ'writ'r.

Say to yours'lf, "I am a k'y p'rson in my church group. Th'y n'd'm'!"

Y's, you ar' a k'y p'rson b'caus' ach m'mber is a k'y p'rson. You ar' n'd'd v'r'y much!

MRS. ANNIE LEE CHADWICK

These are the officers of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of the Trent River-Oakey Grove Missionary Baptist Association: (L-R, front): Mrs. Hagar Jarman, Mrs. Annie L. Chadwick, Mrs. Janie James (back): Mrs. Abbie Ward, Mrs. Sarah Pearson, Mrs. Jessie Alexander.



10th Commandment

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

Exodus 20:17

Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

Trent River-Oakey Gr. Woman's Conv. Lauded

BY MRS. PAULINE HUMPHREY

The forty-sixth annual session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention to the Trent River Oakey Grove Missionary Baptist Association was held April 25-27 at the Washington Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Jacksonville, the Rev. W. L. Griffin, pastor.

The session was a spiritual and financial success. It was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Floyd Jones—"Holy Ghost Does the Work." The missionaries have a great task to perform. The Rev. John James blessed us with God's word about being a "Trained Soldier." Study to show thyself approved, endure hardships, but you must be born again. Take the stand, "For God I'll Live and for God I'll die"—for after awhile, it will be over.

Our session continued on Saturday night with the Rev. A. M. Kelly telling us to "Love One Another." Love is the way. Love manifests itself, it is the church bylaws. Love is everlasting and with it you can see the beauty of life within a person. God is love and He is a bridge over deep water. He'll make you walk right, talk right and serve Him.

Sunday, our closing sermons were captured, with the Rev. L. Love. His theme was "God's Approval." Everybody from a baby to an adult needs God's approval. God wants the best. Cain wanted an approval of the

world, but Abel was humble and faithful, and gave his best to God for His approval.

Our final sermon was by the Rev. C. E. Gray, "Looking for a City." Live the life, be what you are because we all must bid this world farewell to enter into that eternal land where every day will be Sunday.

Total new members—39; Total number of deceased members—16; Queen No. 1 total money—\$349.11; Queen No. 2 total money—\$517.20; Membership roll total money—\$47.00; Total money for self-denial—\$570.74; Grand total of all money raised—\$6,785.93.

Delegates reported from the 24 surrounding church memberships and business was done in Christian order. Souls were spiritually uplifted.

We started out and ended up working in honesty, truth, and love. We helped the widows and sick, and we shared with the youth. Now we are looking forward to next year's session to be even greater, which will begin Friday morning before the first Sunday in April at First Baptist of Kellumtown, in Hubert. The Rev. A. M. Kelly is pastor.

May God bless and keep us all forever more.

Humbly Submitted
By Highlight Committee
Chairman,

Mrs. Pauline Humphrey

Assistants,

Mrs. Ella Johnson

Mrs. Rebecca Jarman

Mrs. Dora Fields

"Among The Brethren"

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but rather it is the most natural, the most meaningful, the most creative way to live our lives. For family life is a way of fulfilling both our mission on earth and our lives. In this day of pluralism in family life, as well as in other phases of our lives, the

Christian community would do well to give a definitive answer for its standards.

It is hoped that the GBSC, through its members, churches, associations and conventions, will make a meaningful contribution in this area of our lives.

Family Missions Conference

REGISTRATION FEE: None. However, envelopes will be given to individual families to give a missions-in-action offering.

SUGGESTION: It is suggested that as an offering each family give a tenth of its weekly income, including the children's allowances. It's your CHOICE to give as God has indicated or your own way. Why not give this tenth and see how God blesses those who give His way?

DETACH

Please fill in the blank and return immediately—deadline August 31, 1980, to Woman's Baptist State Convention, Post Office Box 1818, Raleigh, N.C. 27602.

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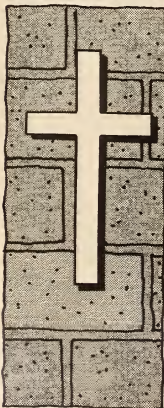
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WHEN: Saturday, September 27, 1980
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
WHERE: First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church

Dr. W. B. Lewis, Pastor
1515 Cross Link Road, Raleigh, N.C.

FOR WHOM: All persons interested in the Christian family: Youth, Young Adults, and Seniors



\$97,386 Raised At Baptist Assembly

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Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary-treasurer of the GBSC, told Wednesday's assembly that "the central theme of Christianity is growth," and that growth comes through One Spirit. He said One Lord, One Faith, and One Baptism is the unity of Baptists.

"I urge you to work with me in developing unity," he said. "It's amazing what God can and will do for us if we will let Him."

Dr. Craig reported last week that \$97,386.26 was received during the Assembly, which will help make it possible for the Convention to honor its commitments to its objectives and reach its \$1.134 million budget. He urges all churches which have not reached their quotas to complete their campaigns in August, the last month of the Convention's fiscal year.

The greatest need remains in the area of State Missions, he said.

WOMEN SURPASS GOAL

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer for the Woman's Convention, told the Assembly that during the One Day Session in Clinton last May, she asked for \$40,000 toward meeting the auxiliary's 1979-80 financial goal of \$26,000. She said that \$280,376.31 was raised during the Woman's 1979-80 fiscal year ending in June. A record high budget of \$281,000 has been set for the current year.

"We thank God for touching our hearts and for you responding in the way that you did," she told Assembly delegates.

Following these two presentations, Benjamin S. Ruffin, special assistant to N. C. Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., presented a letter from the governor to Convention President Dr. John R. Manley, praising the work of the Convention in the state under Manley's leadership. The letter said that the GBSC "has made our community and state a better place in which to live."

At 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dr. Noel C. Taylor, mayor of Roanoke, Va., spoke for the President's Banquet and the confronted the audience with the subject, "Facing the Challenges of the 80s."

"We are in a serious hour for Christianity," said Dr. Taylor. "We must not make excuses just because our problems are great."

He said that blacks must march into the decade of the 80s, for if any people want to stand they must first get on their knees.

"The Lord has not abandoned us and we're not going to abandon our God," he said.

Wednesday night's keynote address was delivered by Dr. T. J. Jemison, recording secretary for the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. Dr. Jemison spoke on the subject, "The Victorious Life," Genesis 5:24.

Dr. Taylor and Dr. Jemison brought the congregation into a spiritual blessing of Christian worship and fellowship as they allowed God to use them according to His will.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS INCLUDES BLACK-WHITE UNITY

GBSC President, Dr. John R. Manley, praised the Convention for a beautiful team spirit during his address on Wednesday, and said that if the Convention doesn't move forward, "we'll have to suffer the blame."

Dr. Manley said that the program of Christian Education in the Convention must be expanded because Baptists across the state are hungry for the "Living Word."

He also struck a blow for black and white Christians to come together in accord in 1981 when the two great state conventions will meet together.

In this society we have to reach out, in spite of hatred and abuse, to those who will reach for us. I'm talking about our white brothers; I'm talking about a reconciliation. We seriously ought to consider a "New Fellowship Fifty Joined Together."

Manley also said that the Convention has come to a crucial time in history where "We must continue the march to the Promised Land." He said that during its last decade, efforts have been made to roll back the gains made in the 60s and that conservative forces have become the order of the day.

"This decade may be characterized by turbulence. Some are saying we're living in the last days," said Manley.

He said in closing that "nothing but the Blood of Jesus can make us whole again," and that "this body must be fully joined together. Anybody loosely tied together is bound to have some trouble somewhere down the road."

SEVEN RECOMMENDATIONS MADE FOR WOMEN'S CONVENTION

The president of the Woman's Convention, Mrs. Georgia M. Turner, delivered her address Wednesday afternoon on the subject, "Unity of Fellowship in the Christian Church."

Turner thanked all segments of the Christian body for their stewardship and support of the Convention's objectives.

"You have shared what you had and right now the Lord is blessing you," she said. "You have done a mammoth job this fiscal year and 'It does not yet appear what we shall be' as God is with us."

Mrs. Turner made the following recommendations to the Woman's Convention:

That we re-educate ourselves to the support of our Convention's objectives and continue to do a marvelous job for the cause of God's Kingdom here on earth.



Mrs. Georgia M. Turner (left), president of the WBH&FMC, presents outstanding service plaques to (L-R) Mrs. Gladys S. Watlington, Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Mrs. Bettie J. Chisolm, and Miss Ivory M. Williamson during the Woman's Convention Banquet at the All Baptist Assembly July 28.

1500 Enjoy Woman's Feast

BY MISS AUGUSTA A. WHITE

WINSTON-SALEM — More than 1500 persons from every corner of North Carolina attended the seventh annual Pre-Convention Fellowship Banquet of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina at the Benton Convention Center July 28.

"A New Fellowship Fifty Joined Together" was the title of the central theme. Following the procession of the convention officials, Mrs. Georgia Turner of Lumberton, president of the Woman's Baptist State Convention, served as toastmistress. The invocation and grace were

given by the Rev. Wayne Hines, president of the Young Adult Department. During dinner, musical melodies were presented by Mrs. Jettie Lucas, organist for the WBH&FMC, and by Waverly Camp, director of church music for the General Baptist State Convention.

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer of the WBH&FMC, gave a very timely welcome. She said that we have come to continue the fellowship which was started over 96 years ago when our great convention was started, and to support the fellowship through our banquet, which was started seven years ago. She said that the word welcome

had many connotations:

W—means warming. The fire burns and warms our hearts and we are welcome.

E—we must be earnest and sincere in our welcome.

L—Love. No fellowship can last without our love.

C—communication means fellowship in spirit with Christ.

O—opportunity—O how great God is—the opportunity to fellowship with one another.

M—meek, humble.

E—eternity.

You are welcome in the New Fellowship of Christ.

Dr. J. D. Ballard, host pastor of the United Metropolitan Church, welcomed the group on behalf of all the Missionary Baptist Churches of Winston-Salem.

You have come among well wishers and well servers and it is well that you have come, because we delight in sharing the facilities and fellowship with each one, he said.

"I Believe" was sung by Mrs. Dinah Murphy, a member of Friendship Church, Whiteville.

Mrs. Clara N. Hayes, chairperson of the Executive Board of the convention, presented the convention officials and guests.

President Turner gave special presentations to Mrs. Gladys Watlington, bookkeeper, Miss Ivory Williamson, secretary; Mrs. Bettie Chisolm, assistant to the executive secretary; and to Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer, for the fine manner in which they have taken care of the business of the convention.

Mrs. Gloria Ealy, sister of Dr. Brodie, then electrified the audience with her rendition of "When Peace Like a River." She was accompanied by Dr. Brodie.

Mrs. Vera M. Slade, immediate past president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Lott Carey Convention introduced Dr. David Thomas, the guest speaker. A special selection was rendered by Larry Hardy of United Metropolitan Church of Winston-Salem.

Dr. David Thomas, former ambassador and permanent representative to the United Nations from Liberia, son of the late Cora Pair Thomas, the convention's first Foreign Missionary to Liberia, addressed the audience on the subject, "What Is God?"

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2. That we have our Life Membership March during our 97th annual session. To that end I would like each county union president to appoint one person in your county to be responsible for life membership pen promotion. Union presidents, please send the name of that responsible person to our executive secretary-treasurer's office. Work diligently so that very few people will be seated during March in 1981.

3. That we continue our additional support of Shaw University through our Second Mile contributions—one dollar a month, \$12 a year. Many of us are doing well with this. Please continue. If you haven't started, please get busy.

4. That our Crafts Committee for Foreign Missions that our Convention so graciously approved last year, get functioning. I am requesting that our district chairpersons name two or three sisters from your district to be responsible for collecting, labeling, and sending these handmade articles to our Woman's Convention office.

5. That since the centennial year of our Woman's Convention is very near, we want to begin making plans for this glorious occasion. Therefore, I recommend that a committee of 25 be appointed along with our executive secretary-treasurer to begin formulating plans for this grand centennial.

6. That annually our institute instructors be involved in a training seminar to familiarize themselves on the materials that they must teach on the Convention field. That the seminar be directed and scheduled by our executive secretary-treasurer.

7. That we daily seek God's guidance in Realizing and Doing the work of a missionary as the Master has set before us. May we lead others to Christ by our daily witness—by the life we live.

LAYMEN ATTACK SOCIAL ISSUES

The Laymen's Convention, meeting at Shiloh Baptist Church, heard Ruffin claim that a black person should be appointed to fill the vacancy on the University of North Carolina's Board of Governors during a workshop session July 28.

The workshop was entitled "Black Baptist Laymen's Involvement in Politics, Social Concerns and Economics."

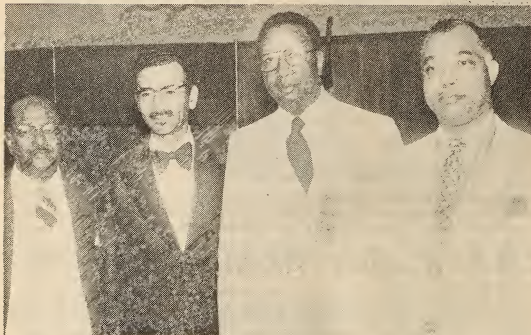
"We want to inspire men to take a more active part in church activities," said I. H. Hilliard, president of the group. "If we can get men to work in the church, we could solve many problems in our state."

The 107th session of the Sunday School Congress, under the sponsorship of Albemarle County, and the 80th session of the Baptist Training Union Congress, president, Richmond Turner, met jointly at the United Metropolitan Baptist Church. The BTU sponsored an oratorical contest on Tuesday.

The Usher's Convention met at the New Bethel Baptist Church with special training sessions held on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Woman's Convention's Youth Department met in the Convention Center's Skating Rink with young adults met in the Regency Room at the Hyatt House Hotel.

Evangelistic services were held Monday through Wednesday nights beginning at 10 p.m. at the Galilee Baptist Church.

The 1980 All Baptist Assembly: "A



Convention VIPs gathered after Wednesday night's inspiring sessions. (L-R) Dr. T. J. Jemison, recording secretary for the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., from Baton Rouge, La.; Dr. Noel C. Taylor, mayor of Roanoke, Va., and speaker for the President's Banquet; the Rev. C. R. Edwards, pastor of First Baptist in Fayetteville; and Dr. Manley, GBSC president.



More than 2,000 Convention Convention Center on Wednesday, the General Baptist State Conven

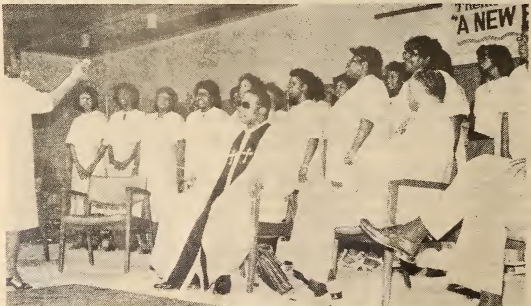
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Platform guests enjoy music prior to the beginning of Tuesday's opening session.



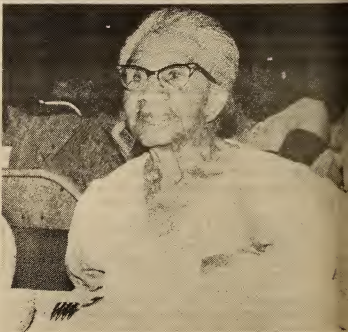
Waverly Camp, Jr. directs the combined voices in the Sunday night musical program. The choir was composed of singers from several churches in the Winston-Salem community.



The Rev. Marcus V. Ingram of Durham brought the Tuesday night sermon to the Convention. Before his message he listened attentively to the choir that traveled to Winston-Salem with him.



Dr. Noel C. Taylor, speaker for the President's Banquet, shakes hands with Dr. J. R. Manley, GBSC president, following a presentation whereby Taylor placed a key to the City of Roanoke, Va., around the neck of Dr. Manley.



Mrs. M. C. Lyons, former missionary to Liberia from the WBH&FMC, enjoys the Woman's Pre-Convention Banquet. Mrs. Lyons, who served in Liberia for more than 30 years, resides in Durham.

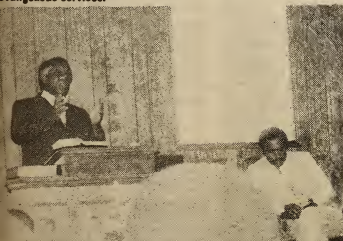
Fellowship Fitly Joined Together!



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Mrs. Georgla Guest, GBSC soloist, thrilled conventioners with
her spiritual singing during Assembly sessions and at the nightly
evangelistic services.



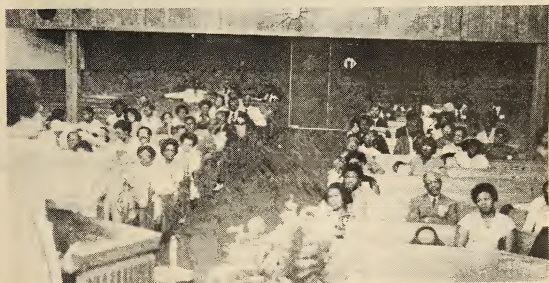
The Rev. Dr. John B. Moore of Weldon was the guest preacher for
the closing Laymen's Convention Session held at the Shiloh Baptist
Church, July 30.



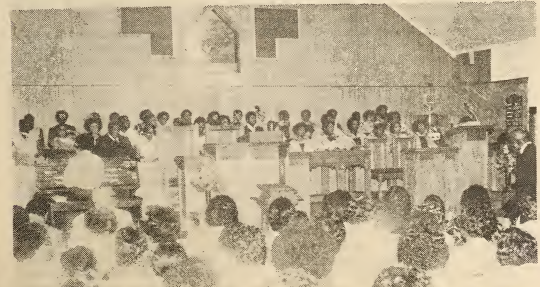
Cheryl McCoullough (left), president of the Woman's Convention Youth Department, stands with
Shaw and Have A Heart Contest Winners: (left to right) Vickie Neely, second place money—Shaw; Jara
McClure, second place Have a Heart talent, and first place money—Shaw; Selene Hudson, first place
money—Shaw; Delectra Howell, first place talent—Shaw, and third place money—Shaw; not pictured
is Tracy Willis, second place money—Have a Heart. At right is Ms. Yvonne L. Mitchell, supervisor.



Dr. John R. Manley, GBSC president, addresses a session of the Woman's Convention's Young
Adult Department. Standing to his right is Mrs. Bronnie H. Daniels, director of the department, and
sitting to her right is the Rev. Wayne Hines, president.



Sessions of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress met at the United Metropolitan
Baptist Church. Their emphasis was "Effectively Utilizing Programs and Materials Through Christian
Education for a Renewed Fellowship."



Hundreds of Assembly delegates wound up their Christian fellowship in Winston-Salem each night
by attending the evangelistic services held at the Galilee Baptist Church, Dr. W. C. Hay, pastor.

Ambassador Asks Diners: What Is Good?

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overall convention theme, "A New Fellowship Fitly Joined Together," Dr. Thomas used the Gospel recorded by St. Luke (Chapter 18, Verses 18-22). "And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest me good? None is good, save one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, do not commit adultery, do not kill, do not steal, do not bear false witness, honor thy father and thy mother. And he said, all these have I kept from my youth up. Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing, sell all that thou hast and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come follow me. And the man looked sad. It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

What is good? Good is a commonly used word. Good is the opposite of bad. Good is another word for God. It means different things to different people. Webster uses words like excellent and righteous. You still have to find it out for yourself. Is Fidel Castro good? Some say so. Was Muhammad good? Some thought so.

There were some in our Lord's day who thought he was bad. They shouted him down and finally crucified him because he was a menace to them because they did not like what he stood for. No one needs to ask what is good. God's goodness is the version of Jesus.

All of the ten commandments are negative except one that is positive: Honor thy father and mother... When Jesus came on the scene, He brought a positive aspect and put them into two commandments: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul and thy neighbor as thyself." If you put all of your don'ts together what will you get? You will only get zeros. What normal person just wants to get zeros? The primary goodness of Jesus is to get us into doing something good. The goodness of Christ is positive. It will automatically get you into something good. The step to higher quality is known as "penetration." It does not fool around. It gets us down into the motion where our deeds are born. The Pharisees were not the worst people in the world, but were the best in their day. They secretly followed Jesus. They were not as good as they seemed to be. The Pharisees were not good enough. They were more like actors which are known as hypocrites. Jesus said that their goodness must go farther than that. He said not what you seem, but what you are. Not what you do, but why. What is the motive for your contributions?

Dr. Thomas also said that the climatic positive word is "persuasive," which is more than doing good things. It is being good in a very positive way. It is an attractive, magnetic way. Matthew thought it was a bright idea to have a party at his house and he invited Jesus as a guest. Jesus asked him who would be there and when Matthew could think of only sinners he wanted to cancel the party. But he went on with it.

It was the goodness that was attracted to the "not so good." A good churchman once went to his doctor complaining and his doctor teased him and said it is your vices that are worrying you and the man answered I don't have any vices. He said maybe you need to go to bed early and he answered, saying, I am in bed by eleven every day. Maybe you drink too much coffee, and he said, No, I don't drink coffee or Sanka. Well, the doctor said, it must be your "tight halo."

Jesus seeks to meet us where we are.

Dr. Thomas closed with the story of a hen and a pig taking a walk together and when they passed by the front of a white church a barabar was going on. The hen said, here is a worthy cause, let's give them some help. The hen said I will give an egg, why don't you give a ham? The pig said if you will give an egg it will be a simple contribution, but I'll give a ham, it will be a total commitment.

Goodness means total commitment.

The closing solo by Mrs. Dinah Murphy was "How Wonderful It Will Be When We Get Up There." Benediction was given by Dr. C. C. Craig.

IN TROUBLE

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:25).

BWA Prexy Hails Justice; Jones Asks For Honesty

TORONTO, Canada—In his final address as president of the Baptist World Alliance, Hong Kong architect David Y. K. Wong urged fellow Baptists to "work for justice, peace and reconciliation through Jesus Christ for all the peoples of the earth."

Wong, whose five-year term as president of the global Baptist organization ends this year, spoke before an audience of approximately 16,000 persons at the 14th Baptist World Congress in Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens. The congress marks the 75th anniversary of the BWA.

Wong, the first Asian BWA president, reminded the audience of the "turbulence" and "political and socioeconomic instability" that haunts many countries in the world. He called on Baptists to "remember the suffering people of the world—the hungry, the sick, the refugees, the oppressed and the underprivileged."

Wong, who has traveled to China four times in the past eight months, also gave several examples of the courage and endurance of Christian believers in China. He received applause after commenting that "the door to China was never closed at all; it could not have been closed because God was there all the time."

He also praised the BWA's work in worldwide relief efforts ranging from disaster relief projects to extensive immunization programs.

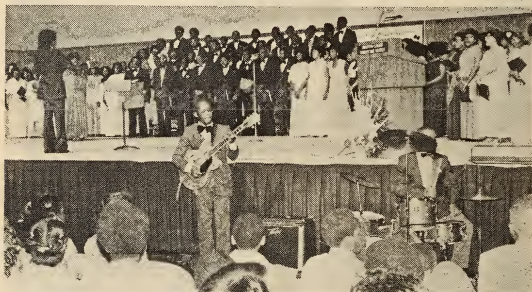
Wong said we have been able to do many small compared with the overwhelming needs confronting us in the world," he said. "But we praise God for such opportunities to share His compassion, His grace, and His redeeming love."

James, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., and president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, called for Christians to be honest with themselves and with God in their self-scrutiny and their appraisal of the human predicament. In his closing sermon, he warned Christians against "capitalizing to culture," and "accommodating to the prevailing political arrangement."

State Missions, and the Central Orphanage.

Thank you again for your prayers, best wishes and dedicated support.

Sincerely,
C. C. Craig



Splendid music was a highlight of the Assembly. The combined Winston-Salem choirs were accompanied by a local musical group.

Convention Theme Measures Progress

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the order from God is for the church to be functional; that it is for "...Christians who are rooted in the Bible and committed to Jesus Christ the living word of God, and who proclaim the gospel of His grace so related to one another that souls shall be born into the faith of Christ, nurtured in the life of Christ, and knit together in the spirit of Christ."

In a word, Paul tells the Ephesians that the order of God is for them to be "fitly joined together" in a coordinated effort to do God's work so His kingdom could come among men. That is still the task of Christians. We need to untangle the task of the church from the web of misconceived orders and put it into the framework of functioning together for the betterment of mankind.

Paul, in this great letter of God's Order, has some tips for us as to how we can be fitly joined together. He does a good job in setting forth the meaning of the church in an image of it as a building. It is not just any building, but it is a holy temple in which God resides, and Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone on which all Christians are living stones in the building.

These living stones are believers in Christ. They, as Peter, have confessed, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Yes, these living stones built on Christ become the structure against which "the gates of hell cannot prevail."

Paul does well in setting up an image of the church as a bride. As in the image of the building, so in the image of the bride, Paul is pointing to the relationship of Christians to their Lord and Savior. Christ is the groom. As a good husband loves his wife, so Christ loves His church. Something else should be noted in Paul's day when a man and woman were married they became one and the wife lost herself in the man. The church must be absorbed in the groom, Jesus Christ.

But Paul's best image of the church, and the one from which our theme comes, is the church as a living organism. Paul was at his best when he compared the growth of the church to the human body. The church is the body of Christ. There are many members, many talents, many personalities, but when "fitly joined together," under the head, Jesus Christ, they

coordinate their effort for the development and advancement of the total body. As Paul puts it, "...speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love." (Ephesians 4:15-16).

Here is something beautiful. Here is something inspiring. Here is something encouraging. The emphasis is every sinew or joint functioning properly; that is, every Christian using his God-given talent as only he can for the welfare of the total body. The emphasis is coordination, members working together. The pastor cannot say, "I am the Church," nor can the deacon, trustee, missionary, or any group or individual. Each member functions according to his nature so he can grow as an individual, but the overriding principle is cooperation, coordination, togetherness, mutual sharing. Where such is the case, growth is inevitable. Every Christian must con-

tribute to the effort, but his contribution must be one of love and one that recognizes the contributions of other Christians. We must be fitly joined together. The goal is not only getting all Christians to work, but also getting them to work in harmony, in coordination, in cooperation.

My vision is seeing this spiritual aspect of the Church expanded to the state level. I want to see that mighty host which makes up the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., "fitly joined together" in which every church and every member of every church will be joined to nurture the body in growth. We have the numbers, but more important than numbers is unity, for it is only through unity that we can "...put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." (Ephesians 4:24).

It is only through unity that we can maintain our stewardship. It is only through unity that we can promote our Unified Program, maintain our accountability and credibility, and fulfill our commitments to Shaw University, Lott Carey,

"Proclamation" Dynamics In New Testament Times

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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INTRODUCTION
Gunter Bornkann, in his most influential book, "Jesus of Nazareth," suggests that in the canonical Gospels we do not so much have a history of Jesus, but a history of the preaching about Jesus in the post-resurrection period. Throughout Palestine, "Our task, then, is to seek the history in the Kerygma of the Gospels, and in this history to seek the Kerygma."¹ For many NT scholars of the Twentieth Century, Jesus of Nazareth, who once preached and ministered throughout Palestine, is no longer accessible to us in any historical sense. His life's activity survives only in faint traces of Gospel traditions (periocopes) which were shaped largely in the Primitive Church. Thus, the argument goes, our concern today should not be with the futile inquiry about the Jesus of history, instead we should focus exclusively on the Christ of faith, the resurrected Lord.

After all, the genuine Pauline epistles were written well before the Gospels took shape as literature, and in these epistles, Paul's focus is almost entirely on the crucifixion and the resurrection.² In fact, the eminent form critic Martin Dibelius points out that even the Acts of the Apostles, the preaching by Peter and Paul, which is consistently depicted as Jesus' Passion and resurrection, scarcely displays an interest in Jesus' activity as healer and teacher.³ So the chorus goes and it is echoed throughout the Twentieth Century guilds of Western NT scholars.

If the Apostolic Fathers had narrowly construed the crucifixion and resurrection accounts as the only viable criteria for fixing the NT canon, I am sure that today the NT would look quite different from the NT we possess. Certainly the Gospels would be streamlined considerably, leaving only the Passion Narrative and resurrection reports. Such documents as the Epistle of James would never have been included, since James makes no explicit reference to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Indeed, if the church fathers from the second through the fourth centuries had focused so exclusively on the crucifixion and resurrection, it would be pointless or impossible to speak meaningfully about our subject today, "Preaching in the Ministry of Jesus."

Fortunately, the Apostolic Fathers did not hold the modern views as propounded by many NT scholars today. The Apostolic Fathers recognized that what Jesus said, in fact preached, was important. They recognized also that what Jesus did as a preacher was

just as significant. So, it is not at all coincidental that the first portions of our NT to be elevated to the status of Holy Scripture were sayings as preached and taught by Jesus.⁴ Of course, Paul had occasionally quoted the sayings of Jesus as early as 54 A.D., but it took nearly another full century for such sayings to become Holy Scripture for the Church. Perhaps this, then, are sufficient grounds for beginning our treatment of Preaching in the NT with the preaching of Jesus.

Yet, there is another poignant reason for beginning with the preaching of Jesus. It is well known that the figure of Jesus has occupied a special place in the history of the black church in the United States. The black church has exhibited a curiously consistent preoccupation with Jesus as depicted in Matthew, Mark and Luke most especially. It seems that the more human, compassionate, and socially concerned Jesus appears, as is true of the Synoptic portrayal, the more compelling Jesus often becomes for much of the black church. Naturally, black churches have also championed a more spiritualized Jesus who brings joy in the spirit now and/or comes from another world at the imminent end-time, distributing "robes" to the faithful, and carrying them "home." The pietistic, otherworldly, and enthusiastic traditions in the black church are certainly not without their counterparts in NT times. Nevertheless, a particular tragedy is evident in the ways in which American slaves and the post-Reconstruction black church were encouraged to take a special interest in the Pauline literature with its frequent instructions for slaves to obey their masters (Col. 3:22-5; Eph. 6:5-8; 1 Tim. 6:1-2; 2 Tim. 2:18-25; 1 Cor. 7:21-24).⁵ The tragedy lies in the fact that in the First Century, most of the slaves in question were not black people and most of the texts demanding such obedience are not even in the genuine Pauline epistles! These facts in an interesting way, all the more, validate the advocates of the concern within the black church and remind us of not only the propriety but the necessity of beginning with Jesus of Nazareth.

THEMES IN THE KERYGMA AND GOSPEL OF JESUS
A few years ago, Professor J. Arthur Baird advanced the thesis that the concept of justice is not only at the heart of the prophetic idea of God, but that it also constitutes "the central element in the gospel of Jesus and serves as the ultimate clue to his mission and message."⁶ Baird called his

volume "an attempt at a creative reconstruction of Synoptic Theology."⁷ To be sure, Baird thereby set up for himself no small task, which apparently he soon realized. As he embarks upon his ambitious undertaking to prove his thesis, Baird quickly encounters innumerable critical hurdles. Problems of method and adequate principles for speaking confidently about Jesus of history who healed, taught and preached in ancient Palestine surface almost immediately.⁸

Albeit with noble intentions, Baird does not seem sufficiently cognizant of the fact that the highly complicated strata of tradition within each of the Synoptic Gospels, we do not have a consistently pure "preaching of Jesus." What survives in the Synoptic tradition instead are, rather, "preachings" in part that originated with Jesus and in part that were created by the Primitive Church in her preaching about Jesus. In other words, Mark, Matthew and Luke are microcosms of the theological library (kerygma) which in a more general way the NT represents as a whole. Are we then left only with Rudolf Bultmann's existential "demythologizing" efforts "with the summary judgment that the Synoptic Gospels are merely 'Passion Narratives with long introductions' (Ernest Fuchs, M. Kahler)? I think not.

Two irrefutable facts stand forth in the Synoptics with great clarity and historical precision. First, Jesus was crucified, suffering an agonizing death upon the cross. Despite the early Docetist heresies, the crucifixion did take place and this is corroborated by ancient secular/pagan histories such as Tacitus in his "Annals." Second, Jesus preached in His ministry and presumably, what He preached in no small way led to His death. In this respect, times have not changed very much! Put another way, one characteristic of Jesus' kerygma or gospel preaching must have been the inherent scandal of the challenge which His lifestyle, deeds, words, action and perhaps even messianic claims posed for the religious establishment of Palestinian Judaism.⁹

Realizing this, we have every right to proceed somewhat inductively, from these general facts to the particular ways in which such facts translate themselves into specific themes which emerge time and again in Jesus' preaching ministry. Looking at the faith-inspired narratives of the Synoptic Gospels, we need simply ask, "What were the themes in Jesus' preaching which would tend to find a certain inevitability to His crucifixion?" Let us briefly consider four such themes. First, attention will be given to the theme of repentance and the Kingdom of God; second, we will treat the theme of discipleship as doing the will of God; third, we

will present the theme of the equality of all persons and a respect for their fundamental worth before God; and fourth, we will close on "weightier matters of the Law" as preface to a heightened call for social responsibility.

Few would doubt Jesus of Nazareth preached repentance in such a way as to link it closely with an imminent in-breaking of the Kingdom of God. Even such a cautious NT scholar as Paul Minear of Yale has to concede that not only did Jesus preach repentance (metanoia) as a social idea, but that it was very much connected with Jesus' understanding of the Kingdom of God. We have already seen the connection drawn in the inaugural sermons of Jesus and John the Baptist.¹⁰ It must be remembered that Jesus was a Jew (Gal. 4:8) and that His preaching, with regard to repentance and the Kingdom, was in strictest accord with the Jewish eschatology. The frequent admonitions by Jesus to practice justice/righteousness so evident in the Jewish-oriented Matthew (3:15; 5:6; 6:1; 11:2; 12:21; 23:37; 13:43; 21:32; 25:31) often have their parallel in Mark and Luke. In Jesus' preaching from the outset, Israel's whole past became regarded as a litany of disobedience, failure and sin. Surely, self-righteous, comfortable and pious Jews of Jesus' day would not be especially comforted to have their whole way of life and mode of future questioned so radically by one of their own, who increasingly mingled with the wretched of the earth and with un-Kosher gentiles!

A second theme in Jesus' preaching seems to be discipleship as doing the will of God. Jesus defined his true relatives as those who do God's will (Mark 3:35; Matt. 12:50 and Luke 8:21). In the preaching of Jesus, doing the will of God constitutes the basis of true discipleship and one must always be willing to pay the price for the cost of true discipleship. This is why the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:10) includes the petition, "Thy will be done on earth."¹¹ This is why in Luke 22:42, despite the gentle Luke tendency to mute the Jewish

features of Jesus' preaching ministry, even Luke has to report that Jesus prayed in Gethsemane: "not my will, but Thy will be done!" Doing the will of God in Jesus' preaching meant putting God first and letting Him completely use you as an instrument of His power to build communities and transform lives as well as oppressive social values and practices.

Very much related to this is our third theme, Jesus' reputation as one who preached the full equality of persons. Here it may surprise you that I turn to Mark 12:14 which is the introductory verse to the pericope about the rich man to Caesar (cf. Matt. 22:16 and Luke 20:21). Mk. 12:14 reads as follows: "Teacher we know that you are true and care for no man (i.e. the presumptuous opinions of others), for you do not regard the position of men." In the Greek original text, we find in Mk. 12:14b the curious expression, "You do not look unto the human face." The Matthean parallel for this verse (Matthew 22:16) follows Mark, whereas Luke in his parallel follows the Greek of the Septuagint (LXX). In Luke, the Greek wording of this expression is found in the so-called Pauline corpus, 1 Peter and the Epistle of James.¹² There is one very significant difference, however, between the expression about "regarding the human face" as used in the Synoptic Gospels and the Pauline use of the expression.

In the Synoptic Gospels, Jesus the man of Nazareth is described as one who does not "regard the human face," whereas in Paul's genuine epistles, Colossians, Ephesians and 1 Peter, the expression is exclusively used as a characteristic of God. At the same time, Clement and the Epistle of James use the expression somewhat like the Synoptics and consistent with the original Hebraic understanding found in Lev. 19:15. This is most significant simply because the original text shows clearly that the early tradition about Jesus is absolutely consistent in maintaining that during his ministry he did not make

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If a man claims to be God, should those claims be taken

seriously? Studied and verified?

Several years ago, a man in California began to realize that the audacity of some of these claims made it imperative for him to present them to great audiences. He devised a form which made it possible for individuals to judge the claims for themselves. Audiences packed a theatre four times daily to see a courtroom drama which presented these particular claims with great power.

Actors in the drama included then-prominent Hollywood stars, such as Dennis Morgan, Rhonda Fleming, Virginia Mayo, and Michael O'Shea. The author and producer was Louis H. Evans, Sr. The person on trial was Jesus Christ. The courtroom/theatre was the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood.

The drama, suitable for both devotional reading and local church production, has now been published by Word, Inc. Entitled "The People Versus Jesus" (Word Books, Waco, Tex.).

"The People Versus Jesus" is a dramatic probing into the trial of Jesus in a way that was impossible during Jesus' original trial before Pontius Pilate. It is designed both for inspirational reading and for actual staging as a one-act play. It also contains hundreds of notes on Scripture references and background information and is excellent for group study.

GLOBAL GLANCE

UGANDA CALM AFTER COUP

RICHMOND, Va.—Conditions in Uganda appeared calm and the spirit of the churches was at an all-time high despite some uncertainty about future elections, said Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials who were in the country when the Ugandan army deposed President Godfrey Binaisa May 12.

John R. Cheyne, the board's associate consultant for relief ministries, and Earl C. Davis, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., were in Uganda when the coup occurred. They were there to investigate the possibility of a "total impact" project, which would use Tennessee volunteers for evangelism, relief and development.

Although surface conditions appeared calm, Cheyne said there was a feeling of tension

and uncertainty in the country as it prepared for elections sometime in the next three months. Food shortages, which have existed since former president Idi Amin was deposed in April, 1979, may soon be over for most of the country, he said. If rains and good crop conditions continue in the south, the first harvest should be within four weeks. Northeastern Uganda is still plagued by drought and famine.

Cheyne and Davis visited Mbale, Soroti, villages north of Soroti, and Jinja, and attended three church meetings, where Cheyne said he saw a great deal of excitement and readiness to respond to opportunities for Christian growth. Cheyne estimated that about 1,000 attended a joint meeting by seven churches about 50 miles north of Soroti.

BREAK FOR TAXPAYERS

BY STAN HASTEY
WASHINGTON, D.C.—As Congress and the Carter administration ponder the shape of a possible tax cut, American religious and charitable organizations are waiting in the wings with a proposal of their own.

They want taxpayers who use the standard deduction to be able to deduct their charitable contributions.

Proposed legislation permitting the charitable deduction on the "short" tax form was introduced more than a year ago in the Senate by Senators Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., and Bob Packwood, R-Ore., and in the House of Representatives by

Congressman Joseph L. Fisher, D-Va. and Barbara B. Conable, Jr., R-N.Y.

The bill has more than 100 cosponsors in the House.

Robert M. Smucker, a lobbyist working for passage of the charitable deduction measure, says that its prospects depend "in large measure" on a more general tax cut bill. Smucker is an official for a widely-based group, Independent Sector, which seeks passage of the bipartisan bill.

Congressional sources say chances for passage are good in the Senate, which held two days of hearings on the bill in January, but depend on the Ways and Means Committee in the House.



The recently constructed administration building at the Oxford Orphanage was paid for by contributions from the General Baptist State Convention.

New Name For Orphanage

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has been spent on campus improvements. Funding of the home comes from a state grant, the Duke endowment, the orphanage farm and from contributions such as those from the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, an auxiliary of the GBSC.

The GBSC's 1979-80 fiscal

budget earmarked \$64,802 for contributions to the institution.

TEMPTED

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. (Matthew 26:41).

HONESTY

Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. (II Corinthians 8:21)

Psams 27:1 Drawn On Winning Racket

BY TERRY BARONE

DALLAS, Tex.—Anne Smith cherishes Psams 27:1.

Unlike most people who display their favorite verse in a picture frame, Miss Smith frames "The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?" on her tennis racket—the one she used to win the women's doubles at Wimbledon July 5.

The 21-year-old member of First Baptist Church, Dallas, teamed with Kathy Gordon of Pennsylvania to defeat Rosie Casals and Wendy Turnbull for the title.

"I really couldn't believe it," she said of her win at Wimbledon. "When you're out there, you really don't think about it being Wimbledon. You just have to think of it as another tournament."

After the tournament is over, though, "You can think, 'I won at Wimbledon, the grand slam of them all,'" she said.

The tanned, athletic young woman said winning the doubles was not as exciting as eliminating the top-seeded team of Martina Navratilova and Billie Jean King in the semifinals, a special treat

because Billie Jean beat Miss Smith in the second round singles play.

The confident Miss Smith said she didn't get nervous until the doubles awards ceremony when she had to walk to the service line at centre court and curtsy before receiving her trophy from the Duke and Dutchess of Kent.

A Christian since age 10, the 5-foot-5 tennis champion said, "I realize God has given me the ability and talent to be a tennis player. I do my best on the court and play to honor Him."

The competitive Dallas

native said, "I want to win. I hate to lose. I try to enjoy myself and do my best and I think that is all He expects of me. He loves me regardless of whether I win or lose."

"I think a lot of people think Christians are pansies," Miss Smith said, "but we're not." She feels her tennis is one way to show that a person can be a winner and a Christian.

She says she tries to please the Lord by the way she acts on and off the tennis court and she tries to share her testimony with others.

Miss Smith said she is not the

type who could witness "from door to door," but says she does share Christ with people after becoming friends.

"To me, Christianity is something very personal. I want someone to know and like me enough so they will believe what I am saying to them when I witness to them," she said.

"The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid," says the rest of Psams 27:1, a verse she loves because her father shared it with her as a young girl.

Black Man Disrupts Bapt. Alliance Drama

TORONTO, Canada—A dramatic production of Baptist World Alliance was disrupted during the Baptist World Alliance Congress last month when a black Canadian rushed onto the stage screaming that white Christians were slave masters.

Richard Dilday of Toronto, who had previously shouted a protest from the balcony and had been escorted quietly from the Maple Leaf Gardens arena by two officials of the congress, later re-entered the building and ran onto the stage during the final scene of the production.

One of the drama authors and four others ran onto the stage and wrestled the tall black man off the stage. Local committee members released him again

and said no charges would be pressed.

Dilday told reporters that he is not a Baptist, but that he is deeply religious. "The Christian religion brought the black man here. It's not right. I want to show that the white man is a slave master," he said.

Two members of the Toronto press corps said that Dilday has a history of eccentric appearances, including a protest against Santa Claus.

Dilday admitted to reporters that he had been drinking, and said that "drink is the white man's trick" used against blacks and against American Indians. He was carrying a sign saying, "Jesus is not coming back."

New Covenant Assoc. Shaw Day A Reality

BY JOHN W. FLEMING
Director of Church Relations
Shaw University

PINEY CREEK—When the Rev. M. M. McMillan assumed the position of moderator of the New Covenant Baptist Association some 35 years ago, he discovered that it was almost an isolated body among Baptists in North Carolina. Located in that mountainous area of northwestern North Carolina and southwestern Virginia, it seemed as if the mountains themselves were a barrier to a wider Baptist fellowship.

Rev. McMillan set out to remove all barriers—to make the high places low, to make the rough spots smooth and to bring his constituents into the orbit of the General Baptist State Convention.

Not only has he succeeded in doing that, but his energetic, creative, and inspirational leadership has brought some of his clergymen and laymen into the fellowship of national Baptist bodies.

The Unified Program of the GBSC has been promoted vigorously during his tenure. And, on June 29, at Macedonia Baptist Church in Sparta, one of his dreams became a reality. He had long sought to get his people to develop a greater interest and concern for the welfare of Shaw University. The dream became a reality on that Sunday, as churches, ministers, and members of the

New Covenant Baptist Association held a Shaw Day at Macedonia.

The message for the occasion was delivered by Dr. John W. Fleming, director of church relations at Shaw University. Music was rendered by the host choir. Remarks were given by the proud moderator, who, and his guests, showed great pride in what had been accomplished under his leadership.

One of the highlights was a powerful rendition of a song by an 89-year-old man who declared that the words came to him while lying awake one morning so about 1 a.m. The title of his song was "Wash Me Lord and Make Me Clean," which to me was sounder theologically than the song which bears the title, "Wash Me and I Shall be Whiter Than Snow."

The singer's voice—even though he was 89—was clear and strong. His voice touched all of us.

We thank Rev. McMillan, all the churches of his association, Mrs. Juanita Bryan, the corresponding secretary; her husband, Deacon Delmer Bryan, an energetic layman; and all who contributed to the success of the occasion.

We look forward to the time when Baptists in North Carolina will develop a greater Covenant relationship with the



BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT DELEGATION—(L-R): Mrs. Ethel Bittle, Mrs. J. B. McLester, Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Mrs. Helen W. Falls. Not pictured, Mrs. Annie Campbell.



REV. KENNETH R. HAMMOND

Church Building Conference Set

Church Building Conferences will be held in Hickory on Sept. 23, 1980 and Waynesville on Sept. 25. The Hickory conference will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Highland Baptist Church. The Waynesville conference will convene at 4:30 p.m. at Barberville Baptist Church.

The sessions will focus on providing adequate space, new buildings, financing a building, program and energy conservation in church buildings. Leaders will be Jack R. Bagwell, consultant with the Church Architecture Department in Nashville; and Gwen E. McCormick, director of church building and planning of the Baptist State Convention.

The conferences are open to all who desire to attend. Meal reservations should be made no later than Friday, Sept. 19. Address request to Church Building Planning, Baptist Convention of N. C., P. O. Box 26588, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

General Baptist State Convention, and support all of its objectives as an obligation, responsibility and Christian duty.

Mt. Shiloh, Williamston Installs Rev. Hammond

WILLIAMSTON—The Mount Shiloh Baptist Church, Williamston, held installation and appreciation services Sunday, June 22, for the Rev. Kenneth Ray Hammond as its pastor.

Having served the congregation as spiritual leader and counselor since November, 1979, Rev. Hammond assumed full pastoral duties in March, 1980. He brings to the church and community an abundance of rich and varied experiences in religious, civic, academic and fraternal activities. He is a graduate of East Carolinian University at Greenville, and of Shaw University, Raleigh.

The installation message was

delivered by Rev. Thomas Walker of Rocky Mount. Rev. James Harris gave the pastoral charge and the charge to the congregation was given by Rev. Harold Murill. Also appearing on the program were the Revs. G. Curtis Newby, Jasper Suggs, and Maurice Laws. Other expressions of welcome and appreciation were extended by visiting ministers of local churches and church organizations.

Rev. Hammond is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Hammond of Winterville. He is married to the former Miss Evelyn Patrick and the father of one daughter, Kennetta.

Neuse River Assoc. Holds Youth Fellowship Day

ROCKY MOUNT—The first anniversary of the Youth Christian Fellowship of the Neuse River Baptist Association's Women's Auxiliary was held July 12 at the Daniel Chapel Baptist Church in Halifax.

The youth rendered a talented and spiritual program and a king and queen were selected. Miss Cassandra Perry is queen for the year and Tony Hawkins was chosen king. They are both from Halifax County.

The Youth Christian Fellowship was organized at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in March, and the Rev. T. L. Bullock is pastor and moderator of the association. President of the auxiliary is Mrs. Arlene Gee of Halifax County. Mrs. Daisy Foster of Nash County, Mrs. Dorothy Fleming of Mrs. Roena Johnson, both of Halifax

County, and Mrs. Eva Johnson of North Hampton County, serve as supervisors of the youth.

The next anniversary program will be held on the second Saturday in July, 1981, at the Harris Chapel Baptist Church in Edgecombe County, the Rev. J. H. Stanton, pastor.

WORD of GOD

Seek the Lord

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

Anger Triggers Marital Problems

BY TIM FIELDS

RIDGECREST—Failure to deal realistically with anger as it arises is the major cause of failure in modern marriages, according to world-renowned marriage counselor David Mace.

Mace told a Christian Life conference that his discovery of the role of anger in marriage and the family came late in his nearly 50 years as a professional marriage therapist.

"I am deeply convinced that we have been ignoring the vital central reality about the business of living together in families," he said. "We have made tremendous efforts to improve the social and physical environment of the family, but I now believe that there is something vital and essential that we have missed.

The generally supposed causes of marital problems such as difficulties with sex, money, in-laws, and child-rearing are

not the real causes.

"The inner failure of a close relationship takes place always for the same reason," Mace explained. "It's because the persons involved have been unable to achieve mutual love and intimacy. That failure is almost always due to the inability of the persons concerned to deal creatively with anger."

According to Mace, marriage and family living generates, in normal people, more anger than they experience in any other situation in which they habitually find themselves.

"The overwhelming majority of family members know of only two ways of dealing with anger—to vent it or to suppress it," Mace explained. "Both of these methods are destructive of love and intimacy."

Mace said there is a way out of that destructive choice and it begins by recognizing openly that anger is a healthy emotion and it cannot be prevented.

"Couples should give each other the right to be angry with each other without any judgments or penalties," Mace explained. "However, couples should agree that when one does get angry with the other, this should be communicated as soon as possible."

Secondly, couples should agree never to attack each other. That assurance makes it unnecessary for the other partner to go on the defensive and to develop retaliatory anger. "Instead," Mace said, "couples should try to develop a compassionate concern rather than a sense of hostility toward the angry partner and to communicate the desire to understand how and why the anger occurred."

After acknowledging the anger and promising not to vent it, the anger still is there and must be faced, understood and removed.

"In order to do this," Mace

said, "couples have to accept the fact that the state of anger in one partner, evoked by the other, is an integral part of the couples' total relationship. Both have an equal responsibility to clear it up."

Mace said that can be done in a session together in which the situation that produced the anger is carefully examined. The atmosphere must be one of openness and honesty, with all relevant facts and feelings shared. "If the anger is still too hot to handle, it may be necessary to wait," he said, "but postponement must not become evasion."

"Only by going right to the inner core of our intimate relationships, and learning how to resolve the love-anger cycle, shall we release the power to make family living warm, loving and tender," Mace said. "We must realize that in families, they should be able to do just about everything else for themselves."



Youth Winners

George Grant and Donna Brown were crowned Mr. and Mrs. Youth by the Youth Department of the First Baptist Church on East First Street in Kannapolis last June. The Youth Department of the church has shown a vigorous ambition toward the spiritual and physical growth of the church, according to the Rev. P. C. Holland, pastor.

WORD OF GOD

As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.

Proverbs 26:11

Shootout Witness: "It Can't Happen Here"

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The five people killed ranged in age from seven to 50.

The 72-year-old associate pastor at the church who was to preach for the morning service on June 22 said a year or so ago a skit was staged in the church where several youths stormed into the church in a mock Communist takeover and several people thought something similar was happening.

"Since the majority of the congregation believed that the man was play-acting they remained calm and seated. There was no panic, and I believe because of this fewer people were killed," said Dan Gilmore, 34-year-old music and education director at First Baptist Church.

"All I can remember is that everything stopped and got quiet," said Gilmore. "It was quiet like I've never heard before. Then, before I knew it, it was over."

In less than three minutes, the gunman shot down 15 church members attending the 11 a.m. services.

"My first thought was that it can't happen here in small-town USA," Gilmore said. "I just moved from Houston four months ago to this town, and at first was shocked that this type of freak accident could occur, but it shows that crises take place everywhere."

Before Sunday, King and his wife, Gretchen, lived on a small farm in Cass County. Until 1972, King had been a geometry and math teacher at Daingerfield High School. He abruptly quit and became a truck driver. He later earned a doctorate in psychology at East Texas State University and returned to the Daingerfield area.

Gilmore said no one in the congregation moved until three men tried to wrench the rifles away from King.

One of them—James McDaniel—died trying.

"I cannot commend our people enough for their presence of mind and quick action following the incident," Gilmore said. "They rendered aid to those who needed it and have extended the hand of love and comfort to those still loved ones."

"As a matter of fact, the entire community has offered food, facilities and aid to our congregation. In a town of 2,600, there's not a person who remains untouched by this incident. It's a community affair. The pastor and I believe that God is going to work a miracle through this situation and bless the church and community." The pastor, Norman Crisp, was ill and did not attend the June 22 service.

Funeral services were scheduled for the five victims on June 24 and 25. The 10 wounded are recuperating in four area hospitals.

Old Testament

And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.

Deuteronomy 8:3

Princeton Professor Investigates Preaching's Relevancy & History

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"class distinctions," i.e., show prejudice against or deference to people because of their station in life. Only in 1 Tim. 5:21, 1 Clem. 1:3 and James 2:1-9 are variants of the expression used to describe human qualities. The point of all this is simply to document that as far as the Synoptic Tradition is concerned, Jesus was known for his commitment to the equality of treatment of persons; this was always his first priority. The fact that the expression appears in 1 Timothy and James shows clearly that other Christians into the early Second Century were committed to the same principle.

Finally, in our fourth theme evident in the preaching ministry of Jesus, we can be even more specific. In Matthew 23:23, we read, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe, mint and dill and cummin and neglect the weightier matters of the Law—justice, mercy, and faith; these things you ought to have done, without neglecting the others." Luke 11:49.

This most provocative passage, when read in light of the Sermon on the Mount, particularly Matthew 5:17-20, makes it patently clear that Jesus, in his Jewish identity, insisted upon a higher righteousness than exhibited by the Palestinian Judaism of his day. What counted were the weightier matters of the Law, but apparently the heavy hand of Matthew, the Jewish Christian author of the Gospel, is a bit clumsy here. Everything about the preaching ministry of Jesus attests to the ways in which

Jesus actually went beyond the Law; He fulfilled it in bringing out its true meaning and original intent. Matthew seems to miss a point that his own traditions show forth vividly, namely, that Jesus, even at points where He seemed to affirm the Law, radicalized the Law. He went far beyond it in practice, highlighting always greater levels of social responsibility.

This is why texts like Matthew 11:2-6 are so important, standing in harmony with Luke 4:16-20; 7:22-23 and 14:13f as well as with many similar segments of Mark. These texts demonstrate clearly that Jesus in His preaching ministry, broke open the closed hierarchical religious and social structures of Palestinian Judaism. They further show that Jesus was never limited by existing standards, perceptions or practice of the written or oral Law. For Him, these were always inadequate pointers toward the eternally surprising grace of God, which always holds out for humanity a new vision of what it means to be children of God. Yet, for all of His motives of love and His great sense of justice, Jesus the man preached too strongly difficult themes and made inevitable the crucifixion. How marvelous indeed is it that the story does not end with Jesus' death but goes on with the resurrection once the original preaching of Jesus becomes a basis for reflection by the apostles, known and unknown, who would begin in this world the Christian communities to preach Jesus Christ, the resurrected Lord!

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BAPTIST CALENDAR

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4-8 Progressive National Baptist Congress of Christian Education and Convention, Chicago, Ill.

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SHAW BASKETBALL COACH

WARREN REYNOLDS



"Pressing Toward The Mark"

BY CURETTON JOHNSON, Editor

RALEIGH—Shaw University head basketball coach Warren Reynolds has memorized the word of the Apostle Paul: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:14).

And Reynolds has had to press on with his back against the wall many times.

In attempting to fashion a winning team where losers have been a recent tradition, Reynolds has seen the handwriting on the wall and intends to instill Biblical values in his players.

"We're trying to develop a program here to cultivate each player's spiritual, physical and intellectual dimensions," said the 42-year-old, 6-5 coach while tucked behind his office desk at the Bears' Spaulding Gymnasium.

"Right now I'm in Phase I of changing the image of what Shaw basketball is all about whereby I seek to evaluate each individual to determine their faith and values."

Many players on last year's winless team weren't Christians. This year, most of Shaw's cage recruits are Christians. The team suffered through several losing seasons before Reynolds came on board last year, and despite the dismal 1979-80 showing by the Bears, Reynolds is optimistic.

"We must allow the Lord to do things with our talents," he said last week. "The key to this program is daily devotion—asking the Lord to bless Shaw and to allow me to have a positive influence on somebody's life each day. I believe that God will win out in the end."

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Women Sponsor Sept. Family Missions Conf.

BY MISS AUGUSTA WHITE

Calling all family members from across the state to pack the facilities of the First Cosmopolitan Church in Raleigh, Saturday, Sept. 27, for the first Family Missions Conference, sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

The purpose of the conference is to help individuals recognize the importance of family unity and emphasize their role in mission.

The theme for the Family Missions Conference is "Choosing a Christian Family Lifestyle." As you and your family members make plans to begin the journey to Raleigh, think about the Seven C's of

Family Living: Cooperation, Communication, Confidence, Concern, Commitment, Companionship, and Consideration.

Cooperation
In family living, cooperation means that every person has a position and fulfills the duties it implies. Family cooperation is a two-way deal: You give a little, you take a little. Everybody benefits.

Communication
In a healthy family atmosphere, the channels of communication are always open. Two-way communication helps a family avoid misunderstandings and hurt feelings. Some families keep communication lines open by setting aside a special time when everyone can get together to

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Concord Chief Under Fire

CONCORD—Several ministers in the Concord area are seeking the resignation of the town's police chief on the grounds of racial discrimination in hiring and promotion practices.

The Rev. Greg Moss is one of the ministers in the Logan Ministerial Association of Concord who is working to remove the chief.

He recently said that of the three black patrolmen on the force, none have been promoted. He said one man has been on the force for 26 years without a promotion.

"For the past several years, he (Chief Jack Moore) has said he is unable to find qualified blacks for patrolman positions," said the Rev. W. D. Roseman, pastor of Beulah Baptist Church in Concord.

Rev. Moss, who pastors the First Baptist Church of Con-

cord, said that a letter has been sent to the mayor of Concord, to the Board of Aldermen and to the city manager asking for the chief's resignation. But up until now he has refused to resign with backing from the city administration.

"We just can't support an elected official who has the chief's character traits," said Rev. Moss. He said tensions have increased in the community, with some young people having smashed police cars in one outbreak.

"His policies and practices are fostering conditions that could lead to riots and violence," said Rev. Moss.

A committee was to have been set up to help the city investigate the complaints against the chief but administrators haven't followed through on the idea.

None of the town's aldermen are black.

Black Voter Power

In the 1976 Presidential election, only about half of eligible blacks and Hispanics were registered to vote—and fewer actually cast a ballot. Among our young people the situation is even worse. Of America's approximately 17 million minority voters, 18 to 24 years old, only about 35 percent are registered and only about 25 percent actually voted.

Fortunately, something is being done to encourage our people to help themselves to the right to vote.

A nationwide, nonpartisan voters' crusade to fight the erosion of minority political influence, is being waged. The objectives of the movement include increasing minority registration by 20 percent and voter turnout by 75 percent in some areas and generally increasing minority voter participation in all areas.

The program is planned and coordinated with the help of the Joint Center of Political Studies. For free leaflets, write the center at 1426 H Street, N. W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

Racial Commission Plans N.C. Black Political Forum

My Brothers and Sisters:

The North Carolina political system is not working for black people or for justice.

Black people have demanded that the Governor pardon the Wilmington Ten; we have asked him to find a more just alternative to the competency

test; we have worked for the repeal of Hunt's mandatory sentencing law and other reforms of the criminal justice system; we have protested high

unemployment rates; and we have sought just solutions to the high unemployment rate and the lack of adequate housing. We have received nothing.

I thus call upon you to commit yourself to further work for the liberation of our people. I ask you to join with me and a group

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"Among The Brethren"

BY DR. J. R. MANLEY
GBSC President

One of the great rewards of the Presidency of the General Baptist State Convention of N. C. is the opportunity to move among the brethren in their field of labor and to see them carrying on such positive programs for the growth of the members and the advancement of the Kingdom of God. It was my privilege recently to be the guest speaker at the Sunday School and BTU Congress of the St. John Association; the Rev. J. W. Gorham and the Rev. Dr. J. J. Johnson, president and moderator, respectively. It was a great joy and inspiration to witness the beautiful spirit of cooperation, the involvement of youth, the positive program given by the leadership of the Congress and the Association.

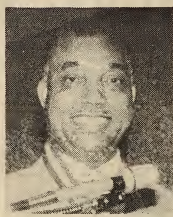
The following message was delivered by yours truly and we were both in receipt of the great job the brethren in the St. John Association are doing and because we feel it has relevance to the wider field of Christian service.

The program of Christian Education and Training is being the Sunday School and BTU, but the inspiration and motivation for both come from

the Word of God. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Timothy 2:15 is a key New Testament scripture that serves to remind us of the importance of Christian education and training. "Train up the child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6 is a key Old Testament scripture that does the same.

But before either of these scriptures were penned, the scripture was a bed rock of support for teaching and training. In fact, even in the Garden of Eden we see what I call a Learning Tree. In Genesis 2:9, we read, "And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food, the Tree of Life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil."

We are familiar with the trees in the garden that give food for man and we are familiar with the "Tree of Life" in the midst of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil of which Adam and Eve were forbidden to eat.



It is this tree that we call a Learning Tree. We call it a learning tree because we do not find any basis for referring to this tree as an apple tree as some suggest. There is no suggestion in the whole Bible that this tree is an apple tree. And furthermore, an apple a day, we are told, will keep the doctor away, so apples are good to be eaten. Nor do we find a reason to think that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil referred to sex, for sex within the content of marriage is good. And if anyone was ever married by God, Adam and Eve were. And God Himself said to Adam and Eve, "Be fruitful and multiply" and there is no

suggestion that any other process but the natural which includes sex was intended. Thus the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is left to be explained some other way.

We explain it by calling it a learning tree and we explain the learning tree as follows.

The trees that furnish food for man gave their fruit without the toil of man so far as we know. All he had to do was to reach up and pluck a fruit according to his heart's desire and if his body became bruised, all he had to do was pluck the leaves thereof which were good for healing purposes.

But when it comes to living a reasonable life, when it comes to living out our potentials within the bounds that God has set, when it comes to living a loving, a helpful, creative, productive life, this is not obtained by instinctively plucking fruit from a tree, but is obtained through patient, regular, consistent effort with much prayer and supplication. Just as the Israelites daily gathered manna while in the wilderness and just as Jesus taught, "I shall pray to you this day, give us day by day our daily bread, so we need to go again and again to the tree of the knowledge of

good and evil that we might learn of Him for His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Otherwise, we overextend ourselves into the place of God as pride always does or we underextend ourselves into the dirt from which man came and will return.

The Apostle Paul said, "I have learned." I didn't always know it but I have learned "in whatsoever state I am in there with to be content. Our preachers used to say "he learned me," which might have been bad grammar, but it got the idea over that someone had not only made them aware of a truth, but how to function with that truth.

Our Sunday Schools and BTU's should serve that purpose and then the tree of the knowledge of good and evil will lead us to the Tree of Life which has 12 manner of fruit and its leaves are good for the healing of the nation.

Thus, every age and sex can taste and see that the Lord is good, good to us and good for us.

But we need to stay at the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which our Sunday Schools and BTU's can be, just as the disciples were admonished in Jerusalem, until they were endowed with power from on high.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S DESK

BY DR. C. C. CRAIG

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention:

Thank you again for the excellent way that you have led your church to support the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention because of your support, prayers and best wishes, the fiscal year 1979-80 is a banner year in the history of our Convention.

The General Baptist State Convention appreciates the contributions from all of the churches in the state. Many of the churches gave a tenth of their budgets, many of them met their suggested quotas, many of them exceeded their quotas and many of the churches did not reach their quotas but many of them put forth great efforts. Whether your contribution was great or small, it is appreciated.

The General Baptist State Convention has grown more effective in doing God's work here in the world. Through the Unified Program, we have given greater assistance to Shaw University and the



DR. C. C. CRAIG

Divinity School; we have extended a larger arm of outreach to Foreign Missions through the Lott Carey Convention; we have served a greater number of churches, associations, conventions and unions through the channel of State Missions; and we have shared our Christian love with the homeless children through the channel of the Central Orphanage.

The Unified Plan for the support of the objectives has

been effective, thus, proving itself to be the best way of supporting the Unified Plan with the Unified Dollar.

As we begin our new fiscal year 1980-81, we would like for every church to give the Unified Dollar to the Unified Program. Every dollar contributed to the Unified Program is divided in this manner: 44 percent is used for Shaw University and 10 percent of the 44 percent is used for the Divinity School; 30 percent is used for Foreign Missions; 20 percent is used for Foreign Missions and 6 percent is used for Central Orphanage.

The Unified Program is a plan designed to unify, to make one, to bring together the undesignated financial support of the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention on a percentage basis.

ONE DAY SESSION

Please be reminded that our One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention will be held October 28, at the First Baptist Church, Charlotte. Dr. J. B. Humphrey, pastor. Plan now to attend. We will give reports of our activities for the fiscal year 1979-80, reports of boards and committees, and map plans for the future. We will hear sermons from great preachers and renew friendships and fellowship with the brethren.

On October 28, prior to our One Day Session, the moderators will meet along with the pastors and other interested persons. Recognitions will be given to pastors and churches who gave a tenth of their budgets to the Convention and pastors and churches who met their quotas for the fiscal year 1979-80. We hope to see moderators, pastors and members for the Moderators' Meeting on October 28 and the One Day Session on October 29.

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Duplin County

PEKING (EWNS)—Despite the nominal freedom granted to Christians in China at this time, the official government line on religion is the same today as it has always been. At a recent interview with the New China News Agency, Xias Xianfa, director of the Bureau of Religious Affairs stated, "Religion will die out when the socialist (communist) productive forces, science and technology are highly developed, and the people's material and cultural lives are greatly improved."

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Winning Souls Part of Shaw Cage Game Plan

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A graduate of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama and a master's degree recipient from North Carolina A&T State University, Reynolds coached the A&T Aggies to the Holiday Festival and National Invitations in Raleigh and tournaments in New York's Madison Square Garden. He was named Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament Coach of the Year in 1973 and 1975 and later earned the MEAC Coach of the Year award in 1976 by winning three conference championships. He was the first black college coach in the nation to tackle a Division I major college schedule.

But this long list of honors was unfulfilling for Reynolds until the crush of defeat and rejection led him to the pathway of a living relationship with Jesus Christ. After three successful seasons at A&T, he

experienced one losing season and was released from his coaching assignment at A&T. And he wasn't happy with his stature as an individual.

"I went through a lot of mental frustration. I just couldn't understand why people do what they do. My mother, who is a deeply religious woman, told me to pray and ask the Lord for help."

Within a few months, Reynolds received an assistant coaching job at Liberty Baptist College in Lynchburg, Va., where he repented and confessed his sins and began to study God's Word.

"Formerly, I had wanted to win at any cost. Most major college coaches want to win and demand a higher salary and back in the prestige. And I also felt that winning would compensate for my other weaknesses," he said.

"Now that I have turned

around, I don't have many social friends, but I know that I had to stop teaching a clean life and moral standards that I wasn't living."

A three-letter athlete in high school in Enterprise, Ala., Reynolds has discovered that spiritual wisdom is greater than athletic prowess. And by coming to Shaw after assisting at Delta State College in Mississippi, a major college competitor, Reynolds has satisfied his desire to coach where he can involve Biblical principles.

And even though Delta State's telephone budget is greater than Shaw's basketball budget, he jokingly asserts, "The Lord has blessed us with talent."

The talent includes a seven-foot center from Chicago named Willie Wyatt and four other three-like cagers ranging from 6-foot-7 to 6-9. Philadelphia junior guard Carl Phily

was the second leading scorer in NAIA District 26 last season, averaging 23.5 points per game; and senior forward Dooley Jackson, Brooklyn, N.Y., averaged 17.

The new recruit list includes six in tandem in Bonnie and Donnie Tanner, 6-8 and 6-9 respectively, from Marshville. Other North Carolina players include 6-8 Charlie Patterson, Red Springs; 6-9 Ricky Phillips, Tarboro; 6-4 Calvin Pipkin, Laurinburg.

"I believe we're going to move beyond just being competitive this year. We'll have a very representative team. It all depends on how we can blend our talent," said Reynolds.

The Bear program has also been enhanced by the addition of Al Carter as assistant basketball coach. Carter was a high school all-America out of Martinsville, Va. and was an all-conference performer at

A&T under Reynolds. He has coached on the high school and college levels. Carter and wife Melinda joined the Martin Street Baptist Church after arriving in Raleigh last summer.

Another positive addition to the program is a new sports information director, LeCount Conway. Conway is a native of Portsmouth, Va. and is a graduate of the Shaw University School of Communications.

Hence Reynolds has a lot to grin about.

"The students' and the administration's spirit is positive," he said. "We have all increased in spirit."

Reynolds and wife Amy have four children: Alzenia, Eugene, Ricky and Crystal.

As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.

CHURCH CIRCUIT

Wake Association Stresses Family Ties

RALEIGH—The Wake Missionary Baptist Association held its 14th Annual Session along with the 71st Annual Session of the Association's Woman's Auxiliary Aug. 15 and 16 at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in Raleigh, Dr. W. B. Lewis, pastor and moderator.

The theme for the sessions was "What the Bible Says about the Family." The selected scripture was taken from Genesis 2:24, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

The Rev. John Mendez, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Wendell, delivered the Friday morning sermon. Ms. Yvonne Mitchell, co-chairperson and youth supervisor for the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, gave the Friday night address.

After a business session Saturday morning, a workshop was held on the theme with the Rev. Cureton Johnson speaking on "The Tie That Binds," the Rev. H. B. Pickett discussed "The Second Time Around," and O. A. Dupree addressed the topic, "Till Death Do Us Part."

Afterwards, an inspiring message was delivered by the association's newly-elected moderator, Dr. G. A. Jones, pastor, Juniper Level Baptist Church in Raleigh.

The two-day meeting ended with the Fellowship Banquet at the Royal Villa Hotel on Saturday night. The Rev. Albert L. Johnson, pastor of Zion Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Kansas City, Mo., was the guest speaker.

Deacon Robert Wilder of Juniper Level Baptist Church was honored for 60 years in the association and the late Sister Margaret Taylor was honored

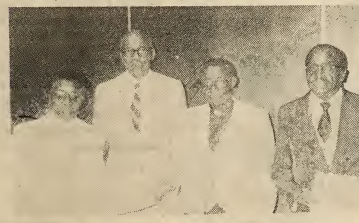
by the Woman's Auxiliary.

Awards for more than 25 years of service to the association were given to three pastors

(see photo) and a tribute was extended to Dr. Lewis for his outstanding service to the association as outgoing moderator.



Dr. G.A. Jones, Sr., pastor of Juniper Level Baptist Church in Raleigh, and new moderator of the Wake Missionary Baptist Association, is congratulated by outgoing moderator, Dr. W.B. Lewis, pastor of the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh.



Three pastors were honored by the Wake Baptist Association for more than 25 years of work in the organization: (L-R) Dr. W.B. Lewis, outgoing moderator, congratulates Dr. Paul H. Johnson, Martin Street Baptist, the Rev. S.L. Suit, Olive Branch Baptist, and the Rev. William Morgan, New Bethel Baptist.

RUSSIAN PASTOR ARRESTED

ELKHART (EWS)—Pyotr Vasilevich Rumachik, vice president of the independent Baptists of the Soviet Union, was arrested on August 5 in Dnepropetrovsk, USSR, according to International Representation for the Council of Evangelical Baptist Churches in the Soviet Union.

First Baptist Zebulon Remembers Bridgman

ZEBULON—Memorial service was held recently in honor of the late Rev. J. W. Bridgman at Zebulon First Baptist Church.

The service was presided by the pastor, followed by the choir and family. The service was very well attended.

The Wake Association and its auxiliary representatives spoke on his life contributions.

Mrs. Margarette Gray of Rocky Mount came forward and sang Rev. Bridgman's special song, "He Will Remember Me." Then the family came forth and unveiled a portrait of Rev. Bridgman. This was done by his only two daughters, Mrs. Mary Hodge and Mrs. Sharon Montague. His wife, Mrs. Mary Bridgman, presented the

church a large contribution that was sent by his sisters, brothers and his friends.

Representing the Bridgman brothers and sisters was Mrs. Ruth Dennis of Dorchester, Mass. She gave to the church a short history of her brother's early life as a child and a young man. She stated that it was beautiful and very unique having been reared together in Jackson, Tenn.

The other sisters and brothers are: Mrs. Kizzie L. Hunt, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Walker N. Kent and Mrs. Amanda Farr, both of Jackson, Tenn.; Al Bridgman, St. Louis, Mo.; and Hollis Bridgman, Jackson, Tenn.

The family requested that the funds that were given would be earmarked for the new baptistry pool.

New Zion Dedication

FLETCHER—A dedication service was held in April for the new educational wing for the Greater New Zion Baptist Church. The Rev. L. C. Ray, pastor, spoke during the 11 a.m. service and Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary-treasurer for the General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc., delivered the dedication message during the 3 p.m. service. The new wing is valued at \$100,000.

Participating ministers included Dr. H. B. Ferguson, moderator; Dr. N. M. Avery, Dr. C. R. Mosley, regional director; Dr. C. Johnson, Rev. Olden Ray of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Rev. A. L. Smith; Rev. James Roberts; Rev. H. H. Mapp; Rev. Frederick Gordon; Rev. C. J. Moore and Rev. Larry Davis.

The mass choirs of the church rendered music.

Texas Church Gunman

DAINGERFIELD, Tex. (BP)—Alvin Lee King III, charged with killing five persons with a spray of gunfire in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Daingerfield, Tex., was ruled mentally incompetent to stand trial.

But the jury of eight men and four women ruled there is a "substantial probability the defendant will attain competency to stand trial in the foreseeable future."

The 45-year-old defendant, whose forehead bears two deep scars from brain surgery after a self-inflicted wound, was ordered back to Rusk State Hospital for up to 18 months to continue recovery from the wound.

King is accused of killing five worshippers and wounding 10 others June 22 in a shooting spree during Sunday morning services.

Woman's Page

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exchange ideas and contribute to decision making.

Concern

The concern which family members show for one another is an indication of the strength of a family.

Commitment

Commitment is the acceptance of a charge, or trust. In family life, this means the acceptance of lifetime concern for other family members. It means acceptance of all the burdens and joys which come to the family.

Companionship

Sharing—the family which shares with each other knows a great deal of the happiness family life can bring.

Consideration

Family members are thoughtful of the rights and feelings of others. You are considerate when you are able to sympathize with others who are in trouble, when your concern is even deeper than sympathy, you have empathy.

Confidence

The confidence other members of the family have in you grows as you show that you are honest, trustworthy, and dependable. Be truthful. Actually telling the truth is easier than lying since one lie often starts a chain reaction.

The Seven C's will not only strengthen family unity, but will help you to reach out and share with others.

The conference will feature the Rev. Dr. John Fleming and the Rev. Oliver Johnson as key consultants. The guest minister will be the Rev. Charles McDowell.

It is suggested that as an offering each family give a tenth of its weekly income, including the children's allowances. It is your choice to give as God indicated or your own way. Remember that you can't beat God giving, no matter how you try, and just as sure as you are living and the Lord is in heaven on high, the more you give—the more He gives to you. But keep on giving, because it is really true that you can't beat God giving—no matter how you try.

See you in Raleigh, Sept. 27, at First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, 1515 Cross Link Road, 9 a.m.

100th Birthday For Mrs. Gaylord

WINSTON-SALEM — Mrs. Lillian Gaylord, a member of the First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem and a fixture in the Forsyth County Democratic Party for many years, was honored in July on her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Gaylord, who turned 100 on July 15, said that she has no secrets for a long life. "I just kept working in the church and the Democratic Party and the Sunday School," she said.

Born in the year 1880 on a

plantation in South Carolina, she was known to pick more than 300 pounds of cotton a day.

"I never let anybody outdo me," she said. "If someone picked 300 pounds I picked 330 pounds."

The reception was given by the Missionary Group of First Baptist and said that there were more than 100 people including Mayor and Mrs. Wayne Corpening, who presented a citation and a birthday cake to the guest of honor.

Contest

SACRAMENTO, Cal. — A \$1,000 prize will be awarded in the poetry competition sponsored by the World of Poetry, a quarterly newsletter for poets.

Parham, Columbus; Mrs. Doris Griffin, Norfolk, Va.; Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Raleigh, N.C.; Dr. Beverly Bruce, Washington, D.C.; and Mrs. Nettie Gaither, McKeesport, Pa.

A "Tithing Church" is to be shown by Dr. S. A. Shelby, N.C. as a visual aid project. Raper is an expert in tithing as a means of support for the Christian church. His vision has led his congregation to give thousands of dollars for home and foreign missions.

Dr. M. A. Horne of Winston-Salem is scheduled to give a sermon during the convention.

BEG YOUR PARDON

The article in the August issue of the Baptist Informer written by Augusta White on the Pre-Convention Banquet sponsored by the Woman's Baptist State Convention at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem, July 28, gave the total of 1500 in attendance and the correct number was approximately 800.

Poems of all styles and on any subject are eligible to compete for the grand prize or for 49 other cash or merchandise awards.

Says contest director, Joseph Mellon, "We are encouraging poetic talent of every kind, and expect our contest to produce exciting discoveries."

Rules and official entry forms are available from World of Poetry, 2431 Stockton Blvd., Dept. N, Sacramento, Cal. 95817.

Church Tax Savings Eyed

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP) — U. S. Sen. Russell Long, D-La., chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, is confident his bill to restore a \$20,000 exclusion for income tax for religious and charitable group employees will be enacted soon.

"Right now it looks like we will have little problem getting this bill (S.1708) through the Senate," Long said in Louisiana recently. "I know that support for its passage is heavy in Congress and the Senate Finance Committee has already approved it. I personally don't think that persons such as foreign missionaries who have already sacrificed so much to carry out their work should be additionally burdened or penalized."

Ben Chavis Speaks At Lott Carey

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Five thousand delegates were to have met Sept. 1-5 at the 83rd annual session of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention with organization headquarters at the Sheraton Hotel, 50 North Third Street, The Metropolitan Baptist Church, 955 Oak Street, Rev. Robert A. Myers, will serve as host.

This year's meeting will be addressed by the Rev. Ben Chavis, noted North Carolina activist of the Wilmington Ten. Rev. Chavis has been pardoned from a North Carolina prison by Gov. James Hunt. Chavis is the director of the Field Office of the Commission for Racial Justice in the nation's capital.

According to Dr. W. C. Somerville, Washington, D.C., Lott Carey's executive secretary, more than 250 black churches have contributed over \$1,000 each to credit Lott Carey with over \$700,000, the largest amount in its history. More than 80 percent of funds collected have been spent for foreign missions. Somerville's report to the session was

to be made Wednesday when status of the convention's work in Liberia will be heard. Dr. Bernard Benson, who directs the mission work there, will also be heard. Liberia is Lott Carey's chief foreign mission station.

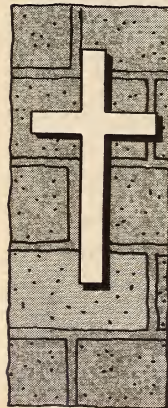
Opening with a pre-convention musical directed by Mrs. Juanita David of New York with a pageant, "Why We Are Here—Because We Care," in keeping with the Convention's theme for the week, "New Aspects of Christian Missions," delegates from 24 states and several foreign nations will decide on plans for a national shrine to Lott Carey as a joint venture with the Southern Baptist Convention in Chase City, Va. Chase City is the home of Lott Carey, a black slave, who bought his freedom from the sale of tobacco and went to Liberia to set up a colony of freed men. Since that time, natives of national prominence have been developed, including the Honorable Angie Brooks, who at one time served as president of the United Nations Security

Council; Miss Minnie Lyons; and Ambassador David Thomas of New York.

The Rev. George L. Bowick, pastor of Rodman Street Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., newly elected president of Lott Carey, was to deliver his first annual address to the organization on Wednesday evening. Meeting jointly with the parent body will be the Women's Auxiliary headed by Miss Helen Benton, Baltimore, Md.; the Laymen's League, presided over by John W. McQueen, Fayetteville, N.C.; and the Youth Division led by Miss Carolyn Pope, supervised by Miss Mary B. Hendrick, Washington, D.C.; and Mrs. Doris Robinson Griffin, Norfolk, Va., mother of Max Robinson, anchorman for ABC-TV, is to teach a class for the youth.

Mission Education studies led by Mrs. J. B. McLester, Durham, N. C. will begin on Tuesday, which credit courses will be offered. Instructors include Dr. James A. Scott, Newark, N. J.; the Rev. E. A.

Family Missions Conference



REGISTRATION FEE: None. However, envelopes will be given to individual families to give a missions-in-action offering.

SUGGESTION: It is suggested that as an offering each family give a tenth of its weekly income, including the children's allowances. It's your CHOICE to give as God has indicated or your own way. Why not give this tenth and see how God blesses those who give His way?

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N. C. Department of Public Instruction

WHAT: Family Missions Conference
WHEN: Saturday, September 27, 1980
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
WHERE: First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church
Dr. W. B. Lewis, Pastor
1515 Cross Link Road, Raleigh, N.C.

FOR WHOM: All persons interested in the Christian family: Youth, Young Adults, and Seniors

Part II: "Proclamation in the New Testament"

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CAIN FELDER

The words of the Roman centurion who stood facing the cross as the breath of life passed from Jesus' body (Mark 15:39b) have haunted some of us through the years. The curtain within the Temple's holy of holies (sacred sanctuary) was suddenly rent in two at the precise moment of Jesus' death, Mark reports; now all have equal access to God. Apparently, the Roman centurion wastes no time; suddenly he becomes a believer and has his confession of faith—now that Jesus the man is dead! Since 1901, most New Testament Protestant scholars have argued that the centurion's confession is nothing less than the full disclosure of the Messianic Secret which, as a literary motif, Mark used to hold his entire narrative together. Once this rather sophisticated dynamic is understood, many promptly move on "to figure out" the next gospel.

Much more caution, however, is in order, when one evaluates the centurion's confession (cf. Matthew 27:54; Luke 23:47). One of the three Synoptic accounts, Mark alone uses a Latinism to identify the centurion. One would expect to find a similar Latinism in the Lukan parallel account, since Luke also emphasizes that he writes primarily if not exclusively for a gentile audience. Surprisingly enough, not only

Peter or Paul.

How paradoxical and troubling it is, indeed, to read that it is only when Jesus the human being dies that a gentile can quickly and fully appreciate Jesus' identity and its divine significance. In a most striking manner, this paradox on one level represents a woe of tenderness in human nature to relieve personal fears and guilt through hasty praise. On another level, the centurion's praise symbolizes the process of deification which quickly comes to the worship of Jesus as God. In many quarters of New Testament preaching, this process is evident, but the profound tragedy is that the tendencies toward deifying Jesus in the New Testament have been extended into the First Century, often with terrible social and religious consequences.

We need to look closely at the motives for the process of deification in the First Century in an effort to assist us in determining the extent to which those motives may point to similar tendencies in the modern era. In view of this general aim, we must first study the process by which Jesus of Nazareth became quickly "lost" in antiquity and replaced by the Resurrected and Ascended Lord somewhat isolated from His earthly preaching ministry.

SKETCHES OF THE PAULINE KERYGMA

"For if I preach the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for I am necessarily imposed upon it. For we owe to him, if I do not preach the gospel."

New Testament critics such as Willie Marxen wish to argue that there is an intimate connection between evangelion (gospel preaching) as found in Paul's epistles and the preaching which finds expression in Mark and even in the Fourth Gospel. Gunther Bornkamm, for his part, put the matter in somewhat different terms: he says, "There is absolutely nothing to suggest that it once occurred to Paul to tell the story of Jesus of Nazareth in, for example, a Gospel, as was done decades later, first by Mark and then by others." In reality, Marxen and Bornkamm are saying the same thing, despite the fact that, on the surface, they seem to be disagreeing. This is what makes New Testament studies a rather confusing business at times." Both Marxen and Bornkamm, whose opinions have a wide Protestant following in the United States, are attempting to stress non-historical and non-biographical character of Mark's Gospel. Both also want to emphasize that Paul's epistles show no real interest in the history of events surrounding Jesus' life and death. For them, Paul's preaching deals exclusively with the crucifixion and the resurrection. After all, Paul, a.k.a. Saul of Tarsus, had only met Jesus a couple of years after the crucifixion!

What are we to make of the scholarly opinions held by Marxen and Bornkamm in light of Paul's own words about his preaching—its dire necessity and its content? Is Paul's preaching the exact same

kerygma and gospel which we encounter in the Synoptic Tradition or not? Previously, we called attention to numerous scholars who insist that Paul's preaching shapes the core of the Synoptic Tradition, but we also called attention to the fact that the legitimacy of such claims has been seriously questioned. Where, then, are we? Frankly, while New Testament preaching is most assuredly different from Old Testament preaching, and while there are certain common elements of form and content in New Testament preaching, in basic ways there are major differences. In the present case, the specific themes of Paul's preaching are rather different from those themes which we traced in the preaching ministry of Jesus.

This judgment should be especially alarm us, inasmuch as the circumstances surrounding Paul's preaching ministry were quite different from those circumstances in which Jesus was involved. For Paul, the issue of his "Johnny-come-lately" apostleship, authority of his "mission to the gentiles," the possible residual guilt over his former life as a violent persecutor of the church, his struggle against syncretistic opponents, his debates, his profound pastoral concern in attempting to provide order and decency to particular churches, his usage of the Old Testament—all attest to necessary and fundamental differences between the themes of his preaching and the themes so characteristic of Jesus' preaching. In this most important sense, therefore, all attempts to compare Jesus and Paul are hazardous and readily fall prey to gross misunderstandings of both. Given this, it is best to let Paul speak for himself as he always did in the mid-First Century.

The first epistle which Paul wrote was I Thessalonians. This epistle gives us the first definitive clues about what Paul considered as his content of the gospel which he once preached to the Thessalonian church "not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit with full conviction" (I Thessalonians 1:5). The first point to be noticed is that Paul uses a variety of terms in the nine instances in which he refers to his preaching in I Thessalonians. Whether Paul calls his preaching the word of God or the word of the Lord or the Gospel of Christ, it is clear that he refers to the same content. Accordingly, Paul's kerygma, as stated in I Thessalonians may be summarized as follows: the Jews were responsible for the death of Jesus (2:14-15); Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven where He shall soon come at the trumpet sound to effect a final resurrection and ascension (4:14, 16-17); Christians are to love one another and all men (3:12, 4:9). In I Thessalonians 4:11-12, Paul sets forth what he believes this love means in practical terms:

"To aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we charged you; so that you may command the respect of outsiders and be dependent on

nobody."

I believe that this summary shows clearly that Paul knows of Jesus' death at the hands of the Jews and he also knows of the importance of the love ethic in Jesus' ministry.

Yet, this leads to our second point, for we must ask whether Jesus' love ethic as preached by Paul was the same as preached by Paul. Differences seem apparent. Here, in I Thessalonians, a certain dualism and individualism surface, one which advocates the quiet, hard working, respectful, peaceful life of the conventicle. Except for I Thessalonians 4:6, which may refer to fair business dealings, there is little emphasis on what one might call social justice. Paul's preaching is here primarily apocalyptic, with a stress on personal good conduct as an "interim ethic." All of this results, in Paul's preaching, given the particular significance which the resurrection of Jesus has for Paul. It is the crucifixion and resurrection, not the life or preaching ministry of Jesus, which shapes most of Paul's preaching.

The same idea is presented in the most famous summary of Paul's gospel, I Corinthians 15:3-11. Here, Paul insists that he has received tradition about Jesus. Apparently, however, the content of those "traditions" was primarily (cf. II Corinthians 4:10) about the atoning significance or the sacrificial, redemptive nature of Jesus' death. This seems abundantly clear in II Corinthians 5:16: "From now, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we regard Him thus no longer." The resurrection, for Paul, transforms entirely the way in which Jesus of Nazareth is to be henceforth regarded. This seems to be a fundamental tenet of Paul's preaching. Consequently, this world or the present age is unimportant and we should not conform to it (Romans 12:2), rather we should wait for adoption as children of God (Romans 8:23). Paul's preaching at times reaches heights of theological eloquence, but I think that it should always be borne in mind that Paul's preaching is determined by a dualistic, individualistic and apocalyptic dynamic which only incidentally has relevance for social justice.

Whenever assertions like these are made regarding Paul's thought, European and American scholars quickly counter not by attempting to show Paul's social concern in any radical non-individualistic ethic, but by arguing that those of us, concerned with social justice issues in the New Testament, fail to appreciate the profundity of Paul's theology of faith alone and his expectation that the world would soon end. Lest our own argument be misunderstood, it needs to be stated that Paul's theology, framed of reference is profound in some ways, especially his remarkably insightful exposition on sin (e.g. See Page 8

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Society Will End When Family Does

BY TIM FIELDS

GLORRIETA, N. M. (BP)—“The abolition of families is a biological, psychological and theological absurdity,” according to David Sapp of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. He told participants during home missions week at Glorietta Baptist Conference Center that human society will end when the family does.

Sapp said the idea of the disintegration of the family is perpetuated by those who deny the philosophy of “do your own thing” and see participation in a nuclear family as a surrender of individual freedom.

“At the same time, the disintegration of the family is an idea which will continue to rear up its head and threaten us as long as we use our family relationships as chisels with which to shape each other in our own images, and not as channels through which we nurture each other to grow freely in the image of God,” warned Sapp, director of organization for the commission.

“We simply must live with the fact that some of the people who have been oppressed with unwholesome family life will continue to cheer for the demise of the family.”

Sapp said some family experts don't believe the family will disappear but that it will emerge in radical new forms. He said homosexual, group, temporary, and trial marriages should be repugnant to anyone with “an ounce of Christian morality.” But he said they are relatively rare occurrences and are not a dominant trend.

Sapp said the family is God's institution and warms against making a fortress of it which must constantly be defended. “Throughout Christian history we have probably rendered our least distinguished service to the kingdom of God when we have tried to defend God's institutions,” he said. “The world has tried to push the church under, but it won't submerge and neither will the family.”

Sapp said that some of the most challenging frontiers of family life are aging, the energy and economic crisis, single adults, the role of women, and parenting.

“The increasing number of families with elderly members stand to be blessed by the opportunities of this more frontier far more than they are burdened by its hardships,” Sapp said. “Perhaps we are about to have a whole new world opened to us in which we can once again benefit from the wisdom experience and love of our elders.”

Sapp said the current economic crisis will continue to bring change to the family. Affluence has changed most families from units of economic production into units of economic consumption with goals centered on houses, cars, boats, clothes, piano lessons, sports equipment, and club memberships, he said.

“If because of the energy and economic crises wealth becomes less accessible, and materialism loses some of its lure; and if the energy crisis keeps us home and forces us to relate to each other more, perhaps we will discover the

family as God's nursery where He nurtures us to become fit citizens for this world and for the kingdom of God,” Sapp said.

He told the Southern Baptists that families must give greater attention to single adults who should not think of singles as those who do not have families. Single adults are not rejects of society, he said, and churches are finally learning what fantastic contributions singles can make.

Sapp said the role of women and parenting are among the most crucial issues families will face in the future. While there is a growing appreciation of the role of the full-time housewife and mother, many fathers are taking greater parts in raising their children and are rejecting the idea that their role is limited to provider and disciplinarian.

Sapp said there is a growing interest in society in the whole child-rearing process and he predicted that there will be an increasing number of parents who approach their responsibility with a new degree of sophistication and commitment. He said the church must be ready to help them.

“The shape of the future of the family is really up to us,” Sapp challenged. “We can draw back in fear from the threatening frontier and live quivering in its shadow or we can seize it as an advantageous opportunity and build a better world for ourselves and our children.”

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of committed and concerned people across the state, who are working together with the North Carolina Black Political Forum to get results on the issues that affect our lives.

Along with co-chairpersons Jennifer Henderson of Fayetteville and Thomas Hedgepeth of Plymouth, I invite you to the founding meeting of the North



A FINAL WORD ON MOSCOW OLYMPICS

MOSCOW (EWNS)—The cheering crowds and enthusiastic athletes that jammed Lenin Stadium in Moscow for two weeks of Olympic competition are now history.

Due to the fact that most dissidents were ordered out of Moscow for the duration of the games along with 10,000 children and youth, there were little visible signs of dissent before the watching western press. However, several jailed Soviet citizens did manage muted protests of Soviet involvement in the continuing war in Afghanistan, while Tatyana Lozansky, the wife of physics professor Edward Lozansky of the University of Rochester, New York, went on a hunger strike in order to force Soviet authorities to permit her to join her husband in the United States.

During the last week of the games, several tourists reported having seen what appeared to be an attempt at self-immolation in Red Square. Soviet police officials discounted the event as “only a rubbish fire,” but western correspondents agreed that Red Square is always kept spotless as a major tourist attraction—a fire as described by Soviet police would have been highly unlikely.

MORE THAN \$1 MILLION TO SOMALIA

VIENNA (EWNS)—International Christian Aid (ICA), one of the largest voluntary relief organizations working in Somalia, has reported that in its last two airlifts it has supplied more than \$1 million in medicines, equipment, and other aid to the estimated 1.7 million refugees fleeing Marxist Ethiopia.

From its field headquarters here, ICA directed the two chartered flights which carried rice, high-protein and other foods, medicines, medical equipment and vehicles.

To help meet the needs of the homeless thousands, ICA has a staff of 30 full-time workers on duty, the largest staff working in the refugee camps today.

Also in its attempts to do the most it can for the Ethiopian refugees, ICA has taken on full and complete responsibility for one camp of 55,000 refugees and is shortly accepting responsibility for a second camp. At that time, it will be caring for more than 100,000 refugees in both camps. ICA is providing medical assistance, emergency feeding, and the general range of refugee programs.

CHILDREN FORCED TO JOIN COMMUNIST YOUTH GROUP MUNICH (EWNS)—While strikes and food shortages plague the Polish economy, reports have reached the West which describe new, subtle methods of discrimination against Christian believers and their children.

Keston College reports that an appeal by the Przemysl Committee for the Defense of Believers has been sent to parents in Poland, urging them to resist pressure and intimidation by the school authorities and not to send their children to the officially-approved scout groups.

The appeal states that Anna Derkacz, the headmistress of School No. 5 in Sialowa Wola recently ordered the teachers to enlist all children into the scouts without either the parents' or the children's consent. Those children who failed to bring in any form for the scout uniform have been punished by having their marks reduced, while pupils at the secondary level have been threatened with expulsion if they do not submit. “What has happened to our scouting movement?” asks the committee. “If during the summer camps children are forbidden to attend church services or even to pray in their tents?”

Another headmistress in Jasla expected her girl “guides” to join the Party after completing training. “The Independent Polish Scouts” are independent only in name, states the appeal, since the communists have removed all references to God from the statutes, also deleting such terms as “prayer,” “faith,” “purity,” “love of one's neighbor,” and “altruism.”

The movement has gradually become an instrument of atheist ideological manipulation. After all, states Keston, it was the movement's founder, Lord Robert Baden Powell, who said, “It would be better for the movement not to exist at all than to be without God.” An instruction manual for youth leaders published last year states quite clearly that “the Polish scouting movement is based on Leninist principles.” “In such a situation,” continues the appeal, “parents who are concerned for the moral upbringing of their children can only send them to the Light and Life youth movement organized by the Church.”

Carolina Black Political Forum on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19 and 20 at the Holiday Inn in Raleigh. Our purpose shall be to develop a statewide black agenda and to implement a strategy that will let the politicians know we expect results on our agenda. Please return for our votes in November.

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FREE DEMONSTRATIONS TO CHURCHES

All Rowan Assembly Looks At The Family

BY NANCY H. YOUNG

The Rowan Baptist Association and its auxiliaries held the "All Rowan Baptist Assembly" July 14-18 at the United Methodist Baptist Church, Greensboro, Dr. C. W. Anderson, pastor.

The theme for the Assembly was "What Jesus Says About the Family." This theme was carried throughout the session. The Pre-Convention Banquet was held on Monday evening, July 14. This was the sixth annual banquet sponsored by the Rowan Woman's Auxiliary and was held at the Shiloh Baptist Church, the Rev. O. L. Hairston, pastor. The banquet was largely attended by the Rowan Baptist family. The speaker for the evening was the dynamic Rev. B. F. Daniels, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lexington. This proved to be a beautiful evening of dining and fellowship.

The Assembly opened

J. B. Humphrey Challenges Church Leaders

BY JOHN W. FLEMING

RALEIGH—The attendance was small but the quality of the program was excellent. I refer to the banquet opening the Third Annual Christian Leadership Workshop, sponsored by the Shaw Divinity School. It was a two-day session, Aug. 8-9.

The speaker for the banquet was Dr. J. B. Humphrey, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte. His speech was a thought-provoking discourse delivered with feeling.

For those of us seeking answers to the question, "Who is the Christian Leader?" Dr. Humphrey supplied some illuminating insights.

All of us know that the black preacher is first and foremost a verbal communicator. More than the spoken word goes into his presentation. The inflections, the gestures, the pauses,

officially on Tuesday morning, July 15, with the moderator, Dr. J. C. Harris, presiding. The theme address was given by state Rep. Henry E. Frye of Greensboro.

Some of the other highlights of the assembly were as follows:

On Tuesday afternoon, the Parent Body presented a seminar on marriage and divorce. Speakers and their subjects were:

1. "The Tie That Binds," Rev. Howard Chubb, pastor, Providence Baptist Church, Greensboro;

2. "What Breaks the Tie That Binds," Dr. Grady Davis, professor, Shaw University;

3. "The Second Time Around," Dr. Dan Fisher, Executive Director, Family Life Council, Greensboro;

4. "Until Death Do Us Part," Rev. Nilous Avery, pastor, Hill Street Baptist Church, Asheville.

Tuesday evening, the ushers

presented Dr. H. S. Diggs, pastor, Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, in a "Demonstration on Ushering" and he also delivered a sermon.

The Sunday School had as its special guest speaker, Dr. J. R. Manley, president of the General Baptist State Convention. He was at his best.

The Woman's Auxiliary presented its Youth and Young Adult Departments in special programs. Each department presented young people in discussions on the theme for the session along with other parts of their programs. A ministers' wives group and a deacons' wives group were two new organizations formed along with the seniors. Mrs. Edna Walker of Salisbury serves as chairperson of the ministers' wives and Mrs. Elnora Hairston of Lexington serves as chairperson of the deacons' wives.

The Baptist Training Union presented its Youth Oratorical

Contest under the direction of Mrs. E. M. Whitworth. Special Department classes of the BTU were also conducted.

Each of the auxiliary presidents delivered their annual messages.

On Thursday evening, Moderator Harris delivered his annual message which closed with the ordination of two ministerial candidates, and the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Friday morning, the combined session closed with a consecration hour with Dr. S. R. Johnson, pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Salisbury, delivering the closing sermon, which was a most impressive one.

The Rowan Baptist family voted to use the same theme next year for its annual sessions, since it is such a relevant one in these crucial times.

Dr. E. L. Kirby, Reidsville, was elected moderator.



DR. E. L. KIRBY

isolated in a personal kingdom. Another aspect of the human relations emphasis is the ability and willingness of the leader to delegate responsibilities.

In his role as a public relations exponent, the Christian leader never appeals to hate, fear, greed or suspicion. His major instrument of public relations is love, and his basic mission lies in challenging the group to do.

Finally, a good leader helps others to discover their own potentials, possibilities and powers. In short, a Christian leader and his people work together for the common good.

This was a powerful message from a minister whose more than thirty years of service at one of the leading churches in the state becomes a testimony to the type of Christian leadership which he expounds.

1982 CRUSADE

The joint committee for the 1982 Evangelistic Crusade, representing the General Baptist State Convention and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, continues to make plans for the big event. All Baptist churches in North Carolina are encouraged to participate in simultaneous revivals during 1982. Churches in both state conventions are urged to plan a revival during the dates assigned to their region of the state. The dates are as follows: Coastal Region, March 14-18, 1982; Piedmont Region, April 4-18, 1982; Mountain Region, April 25-May 9, 1982.

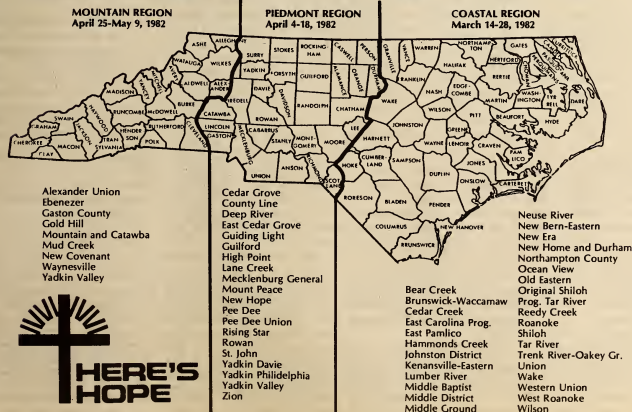
Each church will plan its own week of revival. Churches and associations of churches and individuals may wish to plan some joint activities during 1982 to add to the year-long emphasis. Such activities could include joint evangelistic rallies, worship services, prayer meetings, people search, music programs, etc.

The joint committee has organized the historical occasion under eight Basic Thrusts: (1) Planning and Interpretation Meetings; (2) Continuing Emphasis on Prayer; (3) Witnessing Training of Pastors and Key Leadership; (4) People Search to Identify Lost Persons in the State; (5) a Mass Media Campaign; (6) Simultaneous Revivals; and (8) Conserving and Congregationalizing of New Converts.

Dr. Charles Ward, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, and Dr. Mark Cortis, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, serve as co-leaders of the joint committee.

1982 JOINT EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

Associations by regions and recommended dates for a revival in 1982.



Dr. Craig's

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MISSIONS

We believe in missions and that every Christian must be a missionary.

We believe that missions are like the beat of the heart; the outward beat represents FOREIGN MISSIONS and the inward beat represents HOME MISSIONS.

We further believe that a statement from our Lord provides the framework for the mission and ministry of every Christian and every church. "Go ye therefore," says Jesus, "and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matthew 28:19-20).

In addition, we believe that Jesus outlined the plan by which the Great Commission was to be activated: "Ye shall

Marriage Needs Proper Inventory

BY TIM FIELDS
RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) —

"There are upper limits for the growth of every marriage but no upper limit on the growth of those limits," marriage therapist David Mace told Baptists attending a Christian Life Conference on marriage and the family.

Mace and his wife, Vera, based on a study that showed few marriages realize their potential, developed a test to help married couples gauge their potential and then map out a plan for marriage growth.

David, 73, and Vera, 80, are witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). We affirm our belief that mission must start at home and spread out until it encompasses the world.

Thank you again for your prayers, best wishes and dedicated support.

Sincerely,
C.C. Craig

internationally known marriage therapists and authors with some 30 books to their credit. They have worked professionally with married couples for the past 45 of their 47 years of marriage.

The test, which appears in the July 1980 issue of Readers Digest, is a subjective self-scoring test which couples can complete in their own home, Mace said.

Couples taking the test make a list of the following 10 areas of marriage interactions: 1) Common goals and values; 2) Commitment to growth; 3) Communication skills; 4) Creative use of conflict; 5) Appreciation and affection; 6) Agreement on male and female roles; 7) Cooperation and teamwork; 8) Sexual fulfillment; 9) Money management; 10) Parent effectiveness, or, for non-parents, decision-making. Husband and wife then sit down in separate rooms with plenty of time to look at their marriage as each sees it.

STAYING COMMUNITY NEEDS

Are the needs (social, physical, economic) of your community or neighborhood being addressed responsibly? Is there an organized effort to respond to important issues and concerns? Have the community leaders identified and addressed long standing problems? Does your local unit of government or county governmental unit respond to questions, issues and concerns of your neighborhood? If not, maybe a community planner could help. Together, we can engage in informal brainstorming and work sessions, in which you can identify, prioritize and begin to effectively plan for those issues which affect your daily lives.

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Let's talk about it and plan for it. Arrangements will be made to meet and talk to your group as soon as possible.

Preaching in the New Testament

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Romans 7) and its recalcitrant hold on humanity. No one can dispute the brilliance of Paul's preaching on the "New Creation," the spiritual gifts, the ideal of union in Christ, or the concept of salvation by grace alone through faith. Those are sublime elements in Paul's preaching to be sure. The problem is that Paul never really explores the second phase of the spiritual revolution about which he articulates. In other words, the preaching by Paul in his epistles, while setting forth certain prerequisites for significant social transformation, essentially accepts the status quo of the prevailing norms for social justice in his day. Quite unlike Jesus' preaching, these are not substantially confronted and challenged by Paul's preaching and its necessity.

SERMONS IN THE

JOHANNINE CORPUS

Major or stimulating Paul's brand of preaching, which has not been mentioned, was certainly his on-going struggle with the Jews and Judaizers of his day, both in Palestine and in the diaspora. Much of Paul's interpretation of Jewish culture and ethical precepts from the Law stems from his polemics with Jewish opponents. To an even greater extent this same dynamic of struggle with the Jews operates in the Johannine community from its inception. Just as he can be seen in the exegesis of the Fourth Gospel to its demise, the beginning of which can be seen in the Johannine epistles. Both the Johannine Gospel and epistle corpus also reflect a considerable amount of polemic and ask our topic, one cannot but give about the extent of similarity between the preaching in the Pauline epistles and the preaching in the Johannine community.

First something must be said about the Fourth Gospel, since only a few passing references have been made to it in our previous discussions. Several features of John's Gospel give it a distinctive touch, namely, its

extremely high Christology (e.g., the Prologue), its polemic against the Jews, the accent it gives to the Beloved Disciple who for the author(s) of the Fourth Gospel is more prominent than Peter, the profound love of God for the world, contrasted with the world's profane hatred of God. The Fourth Gospel opens with a sermonette or a Christological hymn on the divinity of Jesus. This little sermon actually is the most divine text possible. God, who becomes Jesus, is love, but the world symbolized in part by "the Jews" only rejects and hates. Thus, the spiritual Christian life becomes "the abundant life," the focus is on "eternal life" not on a Salatan-dominated world which rejects all the many great signs.

In the Fourth Gospel, the bottom line is a deep personal faith in Jesus as God; this is the key to "eternal life." In John 1:12-13, the Beloved Disciple's Commandment is definitively given, but the expression "to love one another" by no means is to be taken as a diffuse love quite generally applied. In the Fourth Gospel, "to love one another" means that "Christians" should love one another.

There is no real notion here of love for the poor, downtrodden, non-Christians, or love for the potential transformation of the world. The idea is somewhat akin to the individualistic, spiritual (inward looking), otherworldliness which one finds in Paul. The matter changes somewhat in the Johannine Epistles.

Perhaps because the conflict between church and synagogue has been somewhat resolved by the time of the epistles, we find in the Johannine Epistles a stress upon the humanity of Jesus with a parallel tendency, especially in John 10, to ignore "some of the

higher Christological stresses of the Gospel" and to play down the role of the Spirit-Paradote." Certainly, I John has more of a Jewish flavor with the pronounced need for the commandments, old and new (I John 2:4, 2:33; 4:7, 12, 20:21; 5:6-17). All of these factors contribute to the special character of preaching in I John, and enable him to preach:

"But if anyone has the works of God, and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth." (I John 3:17-18).

The eloquence here is almost beguiling, so much so that one could easily argue that here the Johannine school reveals something which approaches social justice. Unfortunately, scholarly analysis of the Johannine Epistles tends to discount that possibility almost entirely. Since we are still within the Christian convective, even as that convective now stands divided by secessionists (I John 2:19, 4:5). The view still holds for the Johannine school that the "works of God" are the works of the evil one (I John 5:19). Presumably, in the preaching within Johannine communities that will always be the case until, at the Apocalypse, God decisively acts to establish "eternal life."

A SERMON IN DISGUISE—

THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

"Listen, my beloved brethren. Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world, (and) rich in faith to be heirs of the Kingdom which he has promised to them who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you, is it not they who drag you into court?" (James 2:4-6).

To my mind, this is New Testament preaching at its best! For this reason, I have decided to close this lecture with a few comments on preaching in the Epistle of James in an attempt to note the primitive and other special

features of James' preaching.

As mentioned earlier, in passing, James makes no explicit mention of the crucifixion or resurrection. He only mentions Jesus twice. Despite this, as one reads James, one is constantly reminded of the themes which typified the preaching ministry of Jesus himself, particularly those collected in the so-called Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:7). Although James presents himself as an apostle, with the rare Hellenistic literary flourish, the opening (James 1:1), it has long been recognized that James is not an epistle at all. Therefore, it would seem more appropriate to designate it as a sermon in disguise.

Neither time nor space will permit anything but a brief treatment of James, the document upon which my doctoral dissertation focuses. Although Martin Luther considered this document to be full of straw, I would suggest that a more accurate description would be that James is a "hot potato." In concise staccato-like progression, James preaches a practical faith in God the giver of every good endowment and perfect gift who requires in response concrete actions of love, social responsibility and justice. James presupposes the basic Christian kerygma (the Lordship of Christ, given the crucifixion and resurrection) but he moves on to the second phase, namely, how does the individual express itself through everyday living with concrete life-settings; how does it determine their faith in concrete terms?

These questions, as posed by James, seem to lead to "the questions" which the church her priests and pastors must often have difficulty answering. It is not being rich or poor that matters, though James is severe on the rich; no, ultimately what matters is the degree to which you believe in God expresses itself in your various relationships, business dealings, treatment of others less fortunate. All of this, for James, is the basis of religious

law. James, too, expects the coming of the Lord soon (James 5:7-10), but in no way does that expectation soften or eliminate his profound social concern or cause him to turn inward exclusively. On the contrary, in James, the social ethical mandates are heightened by the eschatological framework and this gives this little homily its power, and unfortunately for them, this is also what causes many to find James offensive and "devoid of theological content." To me, the profundity of James' theology is clear, but getting an audience is most difficult for this sort of "preaching" and for that reason we can understand why certain kinds of New Testament preaching will never receive an authentic "applause!" The Jesus of History who was quickly "lost," seems to preach again; the themes of His ministry may well have been rediscovered by the author of the Epistle of James.

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CHALLENGING THE SAINTS

The Mormon Church is revealed as a powerful force of opposition to women's aspirations for equal rights and greater options in "Patriarchs and Politics: The Plight of the Mormon Woman" by Marilyn Warenski (McGraw-Hill Paperbacks, \$5.95).

Examining the historical reasons behind what she calls the church's arbitrary and anti-feminist stand, the author follows the descendants of the self-reliant pioneer women who were among the first in the USA to achieve suffrage right through the recent, headline excommunication of the ERA advocate Sonia Johnson. "Patriarchs and Politics" shows why the goals and values of feminism and the practices and theology of the Mormon Church are totally incompatible.

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Shaw Foursome Flees Iraq



Seated during the Tuesday press conference are (left to right) Mrs. Waltee Rasulala, Thalmus Rasulala, Mrs. Stanley Smith, Shaw

President Stanley H. Smith, Dr. Thomas E. Kee, Mrs. Elora Kee and Mrs. Urabi Mustafa.

RALEIGH — An international relations venture turned into an adventurous nightmare for four Shaw University officials caught in the Iraqi-Iranian War Sept. 23.

Shaw President Stanley H. Smith, Vice President Thomas E. Kee, Professor Urabi Mustafa and Cultural Relations Director Thalmus Rasulala found themselves trapped in their hotel Tuesday morning in the midst of an erupting war.

"About 5:30 a.m. Tuesday morning planes were bombing Bagdad," said Smith. "This all began to happen in our immediate area. I witnessed two planes that were shot down."

Blackouts, communications disruptions and travel restrictions all became a part of the war scenario.

The group told their story at a news conference Sept. 30 after an agonizing week-long effort to return home. They went to the Iraqi capital hoping to develop greater social, educational and cultural ties between Shaw and

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THE KLAN

BY DAVID WILKINSON

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—The Klan is back. More than 11 decades after its birth in Pulaski, Tenn., the Ku Klux Klan of the 1980s is stirring the murky waters of racism, hoping to revive its twin philosophies of white supremacy and separation of the races in the name of "true" Americanism.

Some pastors and denominational workers insist that a timid or silent response on the part of the nation's largest Protestant denomination could damage the integrity of its witness and undermine its effectiveness in race relations and missions.

One of the reasons for such widespread concern is that today's "new Klan," led by better educated, more

publicity-minded leaders, is packaging its old racist themes in newer, more sophisticated approaches and language.

Like the Ku Klux Klan of old, today's Hooded Order is a highly secretive, fraternal, predominantly Protestant

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organization which stands ready to "defend"—sometimes violently—its interpretations of Americanism and Christianity. It is deeply rooted in anti-Semitism and continues to rail against public school desegregation and other government policies related to equal

rights for ethnic minorities.

But the Klan, in its quest for "respectability," also takes conservative stands on such issues as prayer in public schools, abortion, the Equal Rights Amendment, national defense, immigration and foreign aid. By addressing these issues, national Klan leaders hope to capitalize on the current mood of America, riding the pendulum of public opinion to the conservative right.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Ku Klux Klan had about 4,300 members in 1971. Nearly a decade later, officials of the U. S. Justice Department place Klan membership at 10,000-plus. The

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"The People Had A Mind To Work"

N.Y. Congressman Tells Students America Needs Leaders Like Nehemiah

RALEIGH—Congressman Fred Richmond, Democrat from the 14th District of New York, paid a visit to Shaw University Sept. 15th to tell students to get working much like the Jewish civil servant Nehemiah did nearly 2500 years

ago.

"The people had a mind to work," Richmond said recalling scriptural passages. "The king of Babylon wanted to know why Nehemiah's countenance was sad even though he wasn't sick, and he responded that he

only thing that would make him happy would be to go back to Jerusalem and rebuild the city which stood in ruins.

"That's the wonderful thing," emphasized the member of the House Agriculture Committee, "that the people

had a mind to work. That's why I came here today, to tell you that Nehemiah had the guts to travel all the way to Jerusalem to get the people working and organized and to make them start working. And you have very much the same job in life.

"Each one of you, because of a college education, because you are upwardly mobile, because you've elected to go to a private college which is more expensive to attend and harder to get into, and because you're

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Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents of District Conventions, other leaders and members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.:

I commend you again for the excellent way that you are supporting the objectives of the Convention, Baptist State Convention, under the banner of Jesus Christ. Your support makes it possible for the Convention to fulfill its commitment to Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions, Central Orphanage and other causes.

Our past fiscal year, 1979-80, was another banner year. We did not only reach our financial goal of \$1,134,729.91, but we exceeded it. Many thanks to all of you for your dedicated support, cooperation, best wishes and prayers. When we think about our accomplishments of the past, we can praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Our fiscal year for 1980-81 will be a challenging one. "As

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S DESK

we attempt great things for God, we can expect great things from God." It is amazing what God can do for us if we let Him have His way with us. A God who can make something out of nothing is more than able to supply all of our needs.

As we move into the new fiscal year, let us keep before us the "Unified Dollar for the Unified Program."

Every dollar contributed to the Convention through the Unified Program is divided in this manner: 44 percent for Shaw University, and 10 percent of the 44 percent is used for the Divinity School; 30 percent is used for State Missions; 20 percent is used for Foreign Missions; 6 percent is used for the Central Orphanage.

SHAW UNIVERSITY AND THE DIVINITY SCHOOL
Shaw University provides an education for more than 1,200 college students. The Divinity

School provides training for men and women who are preparing to preach and minister in Christian education.

STATE MISSIONS

Our state missions program has as its objectives the following concerns: general program and administration, management organization, cooperative ministries, evangelism, church mission, church extension and building, institutional ministries, support and interpretation, Christian education, Christian publications and church music.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Our foreign missions program provides support for 75 foreign missionaries in four countries: Guyana, India, Liberia and Nigeria. This support includes building churches, hospitals, clinics, schools and seminaries. It provides preaching and teaching of the gospel.



Dr. C. C. Craig

THE CENTRAL ORPHANAGE

The Central Orphanage cares for boys and girls who are deprived of parents by neglect or death. The services provide food, clothing, shelter, education and recreational opportunities to help discarded lives become mature adults.

The General Baptist State Convention needs monthly contributions from all of the churches as it seeks through its Unified Program to comfort

the wounded, lead the lost and to help the needy bear their cross.

Please remember that October 28-29, all roads in the state will lead to the Moderators' Session and the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention at the First Baptist Church, 1801 Oaklawn Avenue, Charlotte, Dr. J. B. Humphrey, pastor. We hope to have one of the greatest one-day sessions in the history of the Convention, with your support and cooperation.

We will give certificates in the Moderators' Session on Thursday night to all churches who met their quotas for the fiscal year 1979-80.

We are counting on our pastors, moderators, presidents and other representatives to report as much money as they possibly can for the objectives of the Convention.

Thank you for the support that I am confident you will give.

Dr. C. C. Craig

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 1801 Oaklawn Ave., Charlotte, N.C.

LODGING AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OCTOBER 28-29

Name of Hotel/Motel	Address	Telephone	Rooms Available	Cost/Single	Cost/Double
Sheraton Center	555 S. McDowell St.	372-4100	15	\$46	\$56
Quality Inn	201 S. McDowell St.	372-7599	25	\$35	\$43
(Headquarters for Meeting)					
Holiday Inn North	3815 N. Tryon St.	377-4441	20	\$26	\$38
Holiday Inn-145	145 & Sugar Creek Rd.	596-9390	20	\$28	\$38
				(2 single beds)	\$34
				(1 double bed)	\$27
Howard Johnson	3931 Statesville Ave. 1-41 & US 21 Exit	377-1593	24	\$26	\$32
Lemon Tree Inn	145 & Glenwood Exit	394-4131	20	\$25	(2 per room) \$27
				(Family-4 persons per room)	\$27

FALL BAPTIST CALENDAR

October 18	Laymen's Study Commission
29	Friendship Baptist Church, Fayetteville
	Special Session, General Baptist State Convention
	First Baptist Church, Charlotte
November 3	Day of Prayer, Women's Department
	Baptist World Alliance
27	Thanksgiving

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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"A Journey Of Faith"

BY J. R. MANLEY

President

This sermon was preached at the centennial celebration of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. in Birmingham, Ala., Wednesday, Sept. 10. The message certainly has relevance for the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

Exodus 19:1: "They came into the wilderness of Sinai." The exciting, heroic, dramatic, miraculous journey of ancient Israel known as the Exodus from Egyptian bondage to the Promised Land of Canaan, strikes at the very heart of human existence. For this journey is not only a record of history, it has a message for history. A message of faith, a message of action, a message of hope, a message for any time in history but especially a message for our time and our kind.

For story has been the road which we have trod and bitter has been the chastening rod, the same as was the case with ancient Israel. Therefore, we come to the decade of the 80s with the same concerns that ancient Israel had when they

went into the wilderness of Sinai. Such concerns as political freedom, economic justice, educational opportunity, social maturity, spiritual guidance, a meaningful present and a hopeful future face us.

It is strange how the same needs continue to haunt mankind. Therefore, we invite each one here assembled to take this journey of faith with us.

For we are all on a journey of some kind, but the question is, where will we be when we get where we are going! This journey of faith suggests goals, objectives, movement, and activity. In other words, it suggests a dynamic view of life rather than a static one. A view of life that evolves effort and struggle.

Fred Douglass, the great emancipator, declared, "I do not know whether it is a moral or physical struggle but I do know that life is a struggle." We may not get everything we work for, but we are certain to work for what we get, unless of course we are willing to live on the work of someone else. It is a dynamic view of life that

evolves growth and the process like a seed which is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen, which is what faith is all about. As someone has said, you can count the seeds in an apple but you can't count the apples in a seed. One seed will make one apple tree which will bear 26 bushels of apples for 25 years.

But there are some who prefer to think of life as being static. Like a stopped clock or Joshua's sun and moon that stood still. They see life as having no movement except in circles and thus they refuse to accept the challenge of the present. These are the cop-outs.

And there are others who look to a dead past, to ideas and experiences of the past that have long since lost their relevance for a vibrant present. This is a sign of old age no matter what one's age happens to be.

But there are still others like Henry Wadsworth Longfellow who said, "Act—Act in the living present; Heart within God o'erhead. Lives of great *See Page 5

Coach Reynolds Witness Says So Much More

The Bible teaches us: "Let us convert one another to love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another..." (Heb. 10:24-25).

Your Story "Pressing Toward the Mark" was an excellent example of the

scripture. God's church is universal and the more we are able to rejoice in the success of souls won for Christ, the wider our scope and prayer life. We often in prayer we say "bless all it is our duty to pray for" or "bless everybody in the whole world." But when Christians

like Coach Reynolds go public, proudly in our community sets fire to our individual commitments.

My Sunday School class of 14 to 17 year olds had discussed celebrities turning and return-

ing to Christ, but Coach Reynolds' witness says so much more. His rededication and

coaching efforts are backed by the prayers of many more because of his obedience. Please continue to bring

Christ closer to home.

Yolanda Tate
Mt. Level Baptist Church
Durham

LECTURES PUBLISHED ATTRACTIVELY

Just a word of appreciation for the fine style in which you published two of my lectures earlier delivered at the Shaw Pastor's training event in Raleigh. The captions and format were attractive and I trust increased the likelihood that the lectures actually caught the eye of your readership.

Cain Felder, Instructor
Princeton Theological
Seminary

Wake Association Disturbs Zebulon Pastor

BY REV. C. L. MANNING

It was my privilege as pastor of Zebulon First Baptist Church and minister of the Wake Association for the past four years to attend the annual session held at First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in Raleigh, Aug. 15-16. The Rev. W. B. Lewis is pastor.

This was not the first time I have had the privilege to attend the annual session, however, this was the first occasion I had ever witnessed when the association was to elect officers.

Everything was done in order and peacefully. However, I must admit that I was amazed that there were so few people present and especially during an election year. The record shows that there are 38 churches that belong to the Wake Association but the sum total of persons present for the election was 59.

Why, I wondered, almost out loud. I will admit I received many answers, but somehow

the cooperation and interest were just not there.

Some of the delegates I talked with said that people were very unsatisfied with the structure of the association. This kind of attitude was prevalent during every election. They further intimated that there was a group or element that seldom made their appearance at a session until it was time for election and that the nominating committee was chosen largely because of their prestige or social status.

These were what you called the big pastors. They were chosen and very seldom anyone challenged them.

So the little man, those who wanted peace and harmony, just went along, feeling resentment. They saw no use to express themselves and as a result, they just closed their mouths and went along. Many of the delegates expressed their resentment about the moral qualities of several officers. Some even refused to accept a

position as prospective officers of the association and on various committees. So to me I saw the most disgruntled group of delegates I have ever witnessed at an association.

READER RITE-OUT

The people have not forsaken us, we in some ways have forsaken them. All of us are not bad ministers, it's just that many of us have let ourselves become too loose as leaders. We as ministers have been too anxious just to retain our churches as pastors. We have let the hirelings get into our flock of sheep. Some ministers you know will tolerate anything in their churches. They forget God is not going to hold anyone responsible for his flock but the minister. Because He told Peter and the disciples, "I give you the key." Whatsoever you bound on Earth shall be bound in heaven and whatsoever you loose on Earth shall be lost in heaven."

So we are responsible for the salvation of this world—do not let anyone fool you. It is high time we let our light shine and stop living like unborn-again men. Yes, the people have a zeal for the churches and the association. They have not diminished their loyalty if they are like my church.

I am reluctant in their support for foreign mission because I have been there and I know after being there for two years as a superintendent in Liberia, West Africa, that we don't have and the story has never been told; no one seems to care, but I believe charity begins at home. We can observe right before our eyes that Shaw University needs our help more than any other cause we support as Baptists.

It's very unfortunate that ever so often, our only school is threatened to be closed because we fail to give our loyal support. It is downright embarrassing to be a Baptist and hear all across the state that we

are 350,000 strong and cannot support one school.

Someone made a comment during our association relative to the successful Southern Baptists in their programs and how well they operate. A lot of it is because their officers do sacrificial work and tithe, that is they give a tenth and do not only talk about it like we do. I happened to know this because of my connection and affiliation with them for seven years.

Every little officeholder, especially among our black Baptists, must have a salary, no sacrificial work is offered seemingly without compensation. Even our lowly committee members are paid for their work. I think this accounts for our lack of doing a successful work for God, and doing something constructive in helping to promote progress in our endeavors. We boast about how much we do for God, but sometimes I wonder if we are doing too little for Him, and just raising our prestige in the eyesight of mankind.

CHURCH CIRCUIT

GBSC Maps Out Church Music Conf

Saturday, December 6, 1980, 10 a.m.

J. J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

Laurel Hill, N. C.

The purpose of this conference is to allow church music leaders such as choir members, church music committees, organists, pianists, directors, and interested persons an opportunity to discuss worship and share experiences together.

The motto of the General Baptist Convention is "The multitude which does not reduce itself to unity is confusion."

As music leaders in our churches, we must come together and learn and exchange thoughts so that we can do a better job of leading others to Christ through music.

Saturday, Dec. 6 should be a day of great events. Great plans have been made and we are looking for all of you to attend.

GENERAL INFORMATION
•Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

•Registration fee will be \$15 per person which will include programs, badges, materials, coffee break and luncheon.

•Please pre-register by sending all monies and names to: Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr., Director of Church Music, General Baptist State Convention, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601. Phone (919) 821-7466 or 821-7467. Make checks and money orders payable to: General Baptist Music Conference.

•Deadline for pre-registration will be Nov. 28 at 12 noon.

Team up with our musical leaders from your area and come in buses, vans, cars, station wagons, planes, trains, hitch-hiking, or whatever—just come and share!

9:30 a.m. Registration and Enrollment

10:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Greetings and Directives

10:30 a.m. "Making Music Viable in Your Church Through"

1. Witnessing
2. Education
3. Application
4. Ministry

11:30 a.m. Committee Appointments

Coffee Break

Greetings from General Baptist State Convention

12:00 p.m. Trouble Shooting

This session is allotted to allow persons the opportunity to ask questions about problems in their church music work to our experienced and qualified workshop leaders. The intent is not to kill your snakes but to give you a gamut of suggestions to work with.

1:00 p.m. Music Conference Banquet

2:00 p.m. Organization and Business Meeting

3:00 p.m. Closing



Leo Williams, Director
GBSC Christian Education

Church Worker November Conf.

A Church Work Enrichment Conference will be conducted by the General Baptist State Convention and the Department of Christian Education at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. The cost of registration is \$15 per person, which will include study materials, badges, certificates, and a full course meal. Each church will receive credit for registration fees paid by its members.

The purpose of the conference is to assist church officers and personnel in understanding their duties, structuring the church organization, programming and scheduling activities and events, improving relationships of different areas of church work, church budgeting and financial record keeping.

Deacons, clerks, trustees, secretaries, treasurers, finance committee personnel, budget committee personnel,

Homecoming At Greater St. Paul

DURHAM—The time is here for another warm fellowship with members that we don't get the chance to fellowship with often.

Homecoming Day for the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church in Durham, Dr. W. T. Bigelow, pastor, will be held Sunday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m. with Dr. H. L. Thomas of Des Moines, Iowa as guest speaker.

After the closing of the message and the Homecoming/Building Fund Report, all

members are invited to meet at Morrison's Cafeteria in the Northgate Mall for a Family Dinner sponsored by the church.

The past 16 homecoming services have been more than successful since the calling of Dr. Bigelow in June of 1964 to lead these few people in this corner of God's great vineyard and we solicit your prayers that God will continue to use him.

Mrs. V. J. Walther is secretary.

First Baptist Kenansville Honors Workers

KENANSVILLE — Four members of the First Baptist Church in Kenansville were honored Sunday, Aug. 17, during a 6 p.m. appreciation service.

Mrs. Maggie Bryant, Eugene Dobson, Deacons Samuel Middleton and Samuel Washington were honored for their outstanding service.

Middleton is chairman of the deacons and superintendent of the Sunday School. Mrs. Bryant is a member of the senior choir and serves as treasurer of the Sunday School.

Dobson is chairman of the trustees, while Washington, besides his duties as a deacon, is a member of the finance committee.

The guest minister for the service was the Rev. E. Hall, pastor of the Church of God in Kingstree, S.C. and assistant pastor of the Church of God in Beaulieu. His subject was "Find Me a Man," taken from Jeremiah.

The honorees received letters of recognition from N. C. Secretary of State Thad Eure and from the General Baptist State Convention.

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and program committee personnel are invited and urged to attend this very important effort.

The instructors and their areas of concentration are: Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary, church organization and church budgeting; Joe N. Norman, certified public accountant and convention auditor, church financial record keeping; Rev. Leo Williams, Jr., director of

Christian education, defining programming activities and events.

Please pre-register by sending all names and registration fee to: Department of Christian Education, General Baptist State Convention, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601. Telephone (919) 831-7466. Make checks and money orders payable to the General Baptist State Convention.

"We've Had A Visit"

BY DR. PRISCILLA A. BRODIE

President Benton, Mrs. Slater (our director of the Women's Auxiliary), other platform associates and officers of this august body, and my sisters and brothers in Christ.

Certainly I am honored to speak to members of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention in terms of an observation. May I express my gratitude to those who invited me and allowed me this time on today's program.

If I were to entitle my remarks, I would use the title, "We've Had A Visit." Last December, Dr. M. A. Horne and Dr. J. D. Bussey went to Brewerville, Liberia, Africa, and I was privileged to go along with them. I am grateful to God for the opportunity and to the North Carolina women and pastors who support the Woman's Convention of North Carolina which is a part of this Convention for the necessary funds.

Upon arriving at Brewerville, we were met by Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Walker, superintendent of the Lott Carey Mission, and some of the school students. We were carried to the mission and then to the hotel, which had been newly built for the Organization for African Unity.

During our stay there we visited the campus where we saw the teacherages, dorms, cafeteria, and some of the students' work and talked with the teachers. There on the campus were chickens, pigs, and corn which the boys were helping to raise. We were seeing what had been provided by the Lott Carey Convention.

Editor's Note: Quite a number of North Carolina women attended the Annual Session of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Among this delegation were President Georgia M. Turner and Executive Secretary-Treasurer Priscilla A. Brodie.

On Thursday, Mrs. Turner gave the

We had a visit to the newly completed library and would have visited with the students who studied therein, but there were no tables nor chairs for them to use, no shelves nor books, no desk for the librarian and not even a librarian, no typewriters, no paper racks or papers; yes, that is it, no equipment. (Since our visit, however, the Woman's Convention of North Carolina has sent funds to equip the library.) We should have desired to visit the clinic, to have spoken with the doctor and nurse, and to have seen beds and medical equipment, but there was only a tract of land where hopefully one day a clinic will stand.

Later we had a visit with the superintendent and administrator, who is very competent and is making some changes at the mission of which you would approve. Here we see that we helped a national, educating him at Shaw University and Howard University, who now is ministering to and with his own people, not having forgotten from whence he came.

We also visited Lott Carey, that is, his grave, and also the Providence Baptist

Special Missionary Offertory Appeal for a clinic in Liberia. Also on Thursday, Dr. Brodie, along with Dr. M. A. Horne, former executive secretary-treasurer, appeared on the program of the Women's Auxiliary to bring into focus missions in Liberia, Africa. Dr. Horne presented slides and Dr. Brodie gave observational remarks.

Church founded by Lott Carey. Oh, what great architecture! How could former slaves from America and Africans build such an edifice? How indeed? It must have been because they were first a church who needed a building for worship and that God provided a way. They must have had some right ideas for worshipping, for the church sits on a hill, and they had to climb steps, which lead from the street, to go up to the church. Worship gives one a lift, and one needs to "go up" for worship. But when we came down from the church and walked and rode the streets, we could see poverty, how the mass of people and the elite lived.

Later, we had a visit with the students at worship, and there in the chapel on the mission grounds were we visited by the presence of the Holy Spirit and received a blessing, for it was greater impressed upon my mind that truly God is a universal God. Ah! I tell you we had a visit! Just to listen to the stories and sing and read the scriptures reminded us emphatically that God does have a remnant of all

nations. We marveled at what the grace of God can do to such a great extent that Dr. Walker had to remind us that we were in Liberia and that there is still more to be done; there are still those who do not know Christ, those who have poor health, those who need learning and many other necessities.

Certainly we, this agency to serve the present age, can do no less for foreign missions than our forefathers, if we have had a visit with Jesus Christ. When our era stands before God and the acid test is given, how shall we answer? Shall we draw unto him or be told to depart from him? Inasmuch as you have done it to the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

The least of these shall we continue to visit: the hungry—and give them food and show them how to make crops for themselves; the thirsty—and give them to drink; the stranger—and take him into our ranks of concern and show him our compassionate love; the naked—and provide him clothes; the sick—and give them medical supplies, doctors, nurses, clinics, hospitals; the incarcerated (those in prison)—and help them gain their liberation from whatever prison confronts them, be it physical, mental, or spiritual.

Can we then answer, "Yes, Lord, we have visited because we first were visited by you." Oh, yes, it is known that the Lott Carey Convention has visited and is visiting Liberia. Love is a universal language which is comprehensive to all.

I tell you we had a visit; "You (just) ought 'have been there."

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The Ku

Community Relations Service, the mediating arm of the Justice Department, has reported a "dramatic upswing in Klan-related activities" in the past two years.

Some of those activities have been violent. The most publicized incident occurred last November in Greensboro, N.C., when an anti-Klan march erupted in gunfire. Five persons were killed; 10 others were wounded. Six Klansmen and Nazis were charged with murder.

The Rev. C. W. Ward, black pastor of the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, believes one of the reasons for such hesitancy is that "we preach an easy gospel; we don't want to disturb anybody."

"To me," he explains, "the gospel of Jesus Christ can hurt as well as soothe. Love isn't always sweet; sometimes it's bitter. And sometimes we preach the gospel of love without preaching the gospel of the application of love. It's the

Christian trappings are evident in nearly every klavern. The flaming cross—from the large variety used in confederate armies to the smaller version sometimes used as a Klan calling card—represents, perhaps, the Klan's most controversial Christian symbol. The Bible is also used in Klan rituals and is frequently quoted in Klan speeches. Klan chaplains are part of many klaverns.

Interestingly, both leaders and

Blacks—Like Queen Esther—"You Can't Escape"

When we think of the recent rise of the Ku Klux Klan the boldness its members have waxed in following their demoted minds, we are compulsively driven to the compassionate appeal of Mordecai to Esther: "Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape into the king's house, more than all the Jews."

We feel that it is misplaced priority to demonstrate against the Klan anywhere in the United States. The Ku Klux Klan in this nation or any system is never more than that system permits, encourages, sanctions or tolerates. Therefore, any demonstration should not be against the Klan, but against the system that has encouraged, sanctioned and tolerated the evil.

Oh, we hear those defenders coming, saying, this is a free country. Well, thanks to God if it is. If it is free, then it should

have been just as free for the Black Panthers as it is for the Ku Klux Klan. The Black Panthers were routinely put down throughout the nation. Yet the Panthers cannot be accused nor can they boast of a third of the wrongdoing that the Ku Klux Klan has done, and gloated in the name of the Lord for their heinous crimes. The Ku Klux Klan has received scarcely more than a wrist spanking in its American history; while the Panthers were shot to death by the police of this nation even as some of them slept in their beds.

The irony to it should be quiet black. The Klan has been active in recent killings in Greensboro and in Tennessee. Compare the treatment given these cruel violators by the courts of the land with that meted out to the Panthers, by the police and the courts, and it should tell you something about the Klan and

why it is still a term, "you better hear me." No black man needs to feel that he is being kept quiet on wrong. The question is not whether the people killed in Greensboro were communists, Ku Klux Klansmen, or Baptists. Wrong has been blatantly committed, and justice fitting the crime should be declared.

We as blacks may hold our peace and hope to escape to the king's house, but history has bitterly taught, we shall not. We sat quietly and watched Marcus Garvey go down. We became elusive and evasive children when Paul Robeson was persecuted under the robe of prosecution. We became hypocritical apologists when Malcolm X was swept away by the power of bullets. We became the groaning pity when Medgar Evers went down with fire from ambush. We became the "time is ripe," heroes,

when Martin Luther King, Jr. met assassination as many, many others before him had met.

When our children were shot down in Orangeburg, S.C., we became the Lord ain't it a shame weepers. It should not be difficult to hear Frederick Douglass today, if we will just compare our efforts as black people in the slaughter of the National Guard in the killing at Kent State, with the effort of white people in the slaughter of white youth at Kent State. We made a few emotional strokes in the water and gave up. Those struggling against the viciousness of the National Guard in the killing at Kent State, kept on pressing and have gained a partial victory.

What is it you would like to read into this? We are probably not saying what you would like to read into it. Yes, the black man has been noble. Yes, the

black man has been courageous. Yes, the black man has had understanding, love, patience and tolerance, but we as all other people have had our periods when enlightenment should have been the order of the day. If we had been more vigilant and protestant when others were picked off one by one, no doubt many who have gone by the way would be with us today. At least then we would have had the opportunity to live normal lives in the pursuit of happiness.

Unless we become more vigilant, more vocal and more active in seeing that justice, equal justice, is done, we owe to the tragedy that is to befall our family. Think not Esther that you will be saved by escaping to the king's house.

Wilson W. Lee
Statesville, N.C.

opponents of the Klan agree that the local church will play an important role in determining the future of the Hooded Order.

Imperial Wizard Wilkinson sees the Protestant Church as "one of our greatest allies."

The favorite slogan of Ku Klux Klan leader James Venable offers a ringing warning: "As long as there is a white man, there will be a Ku Klux Klan."

Klux Klan

Bill Wilkinson, Imperial Wizard of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, urges American whites to arm themselves for the imminent "race war."

Although the Klan's propensity for violence is frightening, many people—particularly blacks and Jews—are equally concerned about public opinion which either ignores the Klan, sympathizes with it, or indirectly supports it.

application of the gospel that gets us in trouble."

Paul Simmons, professor of Christian ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a student of racial issues, makes a similar assertion: "As Baptists, we have tended to preach a truncated gospel. We have often overemphasized salvation at the expense of separating it from ethics, from moral living as a Christian."

"The Journey Of Faith" Leads Through The Desert

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men all remind us we can make our lives sublime. And departing leave behind us footprints on the sands of time."

And the hymnologist picked it up and said, "To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill, oh may it all my powers engage to do the Master's will."

For life is dynamic and challenges us to a journey of faith pregnant with possibilities. This journey leads us like it did ancient Israel into the wilderness of Sinai and into the desert, where:

"Life is clear and water and food are scarce.

"The roads are uncertain but where wild beasts are certain to lurk in the darkness with deadly accuracy.

"Death lurks on every hand and life seems to take a holiday.

There is dried up by inflation and high unemployment. There is a desert when out of frustration one destroys his own kind. There is a desert when death hovers over us in polluted air and stands behind us in polluted earth and water. There is a desert when one of three marriages ends in divorce. There is a desert when a generation had better shoot dope into their arms than hope into their heads.

There is a desert, but it was in the desert that God said smoke, fire, and trumpet sound and spoke the words of the Law into existence and penned them on tables of stone with His own hand.

The journey of faith leads us to Mt. Sinai or Mt. Horeb—that craggy mountain in the desert.

There is a legend that tells us that all the mountains appeared before God and asked to be the one from which God's Law would go forth.

—Choose me, said Mt. Hermon, the highest of the mountains, whose summit alone towered above the waters of the flood even as the Law towers as a great rock above all the world.

—Choose me, said Mt. Lebanon, for the voice of my cedars sing of Thy greatness as the Law turns all storms of the world into music of Thy praise.

—But God said to Mt. Sinai, "From thy summit shall my Law go forth to my people for thou art set alone in the desert even as Israel is alone in the desert and I am alone in the service of the universe."

AN OASIS IN THE DESERT
Sinai is where the Law was proclaimed. The Law is a long step from blood revenge. It was a school master in the school of justice; the norm for life in this world; justice within the group and justice without the group. It is rooted in the Law of God. It purports to effect change in the behavior of people.

Law may not change hearts but it can change behavior. Our behavior needs change. The journey of faith will change our behavior.

Sinai is where the covenant was established with all the people. God told Moses to tell the people. The people said what God said we will do. You

cannot negotiate but it can be accepted or rejected. It is a perpetual covenant.

There might be a question as to where Moses learned mono-

Shaw Officials In Iraq Desert

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officials at Al-Mustansiriyah University in Baghdad.

"They are interested in Shaw because of our long history," Smith said. "And because Shaw is acknowledged in many foreign countries, we are aiming to be the outstanding college in international relations, especially in Africa, the Middle East and in the Caribbean."

"We envision our students taking internships in those areas so that they can turn apply for jobs in the State Department and elsewhere and then return to these countries to work."

A driver raced the quarter through the dangerous Iraq desert to the Jordanian border Sept. 26 where another driver took them to Jordan's capital, Amman. From there they flew to London and then to New York before arriving in Raleigh Tuesday evening, Sept. 30.

The trip left the men's wives in constant torment at home.

"When we heard during the week that four unidentified Americans had been killed, it sent a very severe shock through all of us," said Mrs. Eleanor Kee. For several days the women didn't know what had happened to their husbands until Mustafa contacted his wife from the Baghdad hotel Thursday.

theism, Egypt or Midian, but there's no question about Israel—at Mt. Sinai.

At Sinai (1) a covenant was forged that linked the people to God and God to the people; (2) a covenant linked the old to the new in the Word of God; (3) a covenant linked people to people.

"In times past Israel was not a people but now they are the people of God," reads I Peter 2:10. The spokes found a hub, the body had found a heart, the circle had found a center.

Sinai is also where God's goodness is proclaimed. God himself declares that "I bore you on eagle's wings," Exodus 19:4. Some birds carry their young in their claws, exposing them to the dangers about them, but an eagle carries its young between its wings and the only way to get to the eaglets is to go through the eagle. God says, "I have brought you on eagle's wings." Through many dangers, toils, and snares, we have already come. It was the grace that brought us safe thus far and grace will lead us home.

The journey of faith leads us on to Mt. Nebo or the Mountain of Hope. Moses stood on Mt. Nebo and saw the promised land. Martin Luther King, Jr. stood in the Masonic Temple in 1968 and told how he had been to the mountain of hope.

Faith leads to hope.

But sometimes faith is lost in doubt and hope is lost in despair and it looks like the battle is lost. But the journey of faith does not stop at Mt. Nebo, nor at Mt. Sinai, it leads to

another mountain. A mountain outside the gate and beside the road, where the races of men go by, a mountain shaped like a skull, a mountain called Calvary and in this mountain God dressed Himself in bloody garments to court the love of men. And by so doing, showed us a love that some call agape, that is long suffering, seeketh not its own, is not puffed up, but is able of its own strength to redeem and make whole.

Faith pushes and hope pulls but we need more than a push and a pull, we need life. "Love lifted us when we were deep in sin. Love lifted us. And this love is at work in the world." For "mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord, He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored. His truth is marching on."

Therefore, there is no need to fret or cry or ask the reason why, you just come, come ye that love the Lord and let your joys be known, join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the throne. Because we're marching, we are marching to the beautiful city of Zion. Let those who refuse to sing who never knew God, but children of the Heavenly King may speak their joys abroad. We are marching, we are marching.

And when we get to the river, when we get to the Jordan, don't be uneasy for there is no danger in the water, for this old ship has landed many a thousand and it will land many more. Get on board, get on board!

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Dr. Brodie Informs

BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRODIE

It is October and again the time is approaching to begin our mission study institutes.

From the reports received, we had many institutes across the state last year. However, we would hope that there will be many more this year in that every county will have at least one institute. Please begin by contacting the Woman's Convention's Office so that we can schedule dates and instructors.

The Institute Workers' Clinic will be held Friday, Oct. 10, at 10 a.m. at the Baptist Headquarters. All instructors are urged to be present in order to receive your materials.

We have begun our fiscal year and our proposed budget is \$281,000. The categories include Foreign Missions, \$27,509.75; State Missions, \$165,446; Baptist Assembly, \$20,515; Shaw University, \$33,509.75; the Shaw Divinity School, \$15,509.75, and the Central Orphanage, \$18,509.75. Last year, with the help of God and your gracious support, you did a magnificent job in supporting the objectives, and we are very grateful. We should hope that you will work harder and share more this year in spite of inflation and reach this year's financial goal. Do remember that God cannot be beat in giving. And if we need God's giving, certainly it is in a time of inflation.

Let us now also begin to make plans to attend the Mid-Year Session, Saturday, Jan. 10, 1981. At this session, we plan to recognize new members and old members, that is circles, the Lydia Circle, and to recognize persons who have attended the Convention for 25 years and have not received their certificates.

October begins one of our seasons of prayers, that is the prayer season for Shaw and the Shaw Divinity School. How

much does our world need to hear the Good News and how can it come through Christian education but through the church and other agencies which relate to and are of the church? Let us then include in our prayer groups these sources of Christian education.

Again, thanks to each of you—pastors, moderators, presidents, and sisters and brothers—for what you have done and what you will do with the guidance of the Spirit.



North Carolina women board members at the 83rd session of the Left Career Convention join honorees at testimonial during the annual meeting held in Columbus. Seated are Mrs. Louise Slater, Executive Secretary, Washington, D.C.; President Helen V. Benton, Baltimore, Md.; standing, Mrs. Mary Wright, Philadelphia, Pa., a former president; Mrs. Agnes Jordan, a former vice president, Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. Nettie Gaither, McKeesport, Pa., a former president; Mrs. Vera Slade, Ahoskie, N.C., a former president; and Mrs. M. A. Horne, Winston-Salem, N.C., chairman, Executive Board of the Women's Department.

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Jonestown Hostages

One of the most gruesome and tragic aspects of the cyanide holocaust in which over 900 followers of Jim Jones died in Guyana Nov. 18, 1978 is the fact that one third of the victims were 16 years of age and younger.

This is the subject of a scathing yet compassionate indictment: *The Children of Jonestown*, by Kenneth Wooden (McGraw-Hill Paperbacks, \$4.95).

Documented from the streets of San Francisco to the jungles of Guyana to the corridors of Washington, D.C., this book reveals how youths became the hostages of a lunatic who cruelly used them for personal gain and prestige. It also probes the complex social and political factors that enabled Jones ultimately to exercise the power of life and death over these children.

As this carefully researched book shows, Jones exploited terrorized, and finally exterminated his young victims while, up to the last minute, various authorities looked the other way. Wooden asserts that Jones got legal custody of the children and directed a massive flow of public funds into his coffers. His "work"

was endorsed by many politicians and celebrities. He neutralized media attempts to expose him, used intimidation and violence to smash bonds uniting families under his control, and set up the Guyana settlement for the specific purpose of gaining a place in history by sacrificing his flock.

Most important, this book demonstrates that the children of Jonestown were killed by more than a madman. They were victims of a little-understood system of legal loopholes, opportunistic politicians, indifferent officials, and self-promoting stars. Adding that these are not the only children who have died at the hands of fanatical cults, the author challenges the standards applied in court approval of legal guardianships, and calls for an in-depth investigation of all facets of the Jonestown affair.

Special correspondent for the Chicago Sun-Times, Kenneth Wooden is a nationally known authority on the exploitation of children. His previous book, *Weeping in the Playtime of Others*, served as a basis for four segments of CBS-TV's 60 Minutes dealing with incarcerated children.

Mrs. Carter Visits Natl. Baptists.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP) —First Lady Rosalynn Carter told women attending the National Baptist Convention,

U.S.A., that the "ultimate test in life is how you serve God and your fellow man."

"The missionary society was an important part of my mother's life," Mrs. Carter said. "And I tell people that before Jimmy's campaign in 1966, the only place I had ever made a speech was at the missionary society in Plains."

3,000 Enjoy Youth Program

BY MICHAEL J. DARBY
Youth Coordinator

The annual Student Summer Youth program sponsored by the Department of Cooperative Ministries came to a close Sept. 10.

Many significant revelations unfolded during the course of the summer, but none was more touching than the smiles on the faces of the 3,000 clergy who were the beneficiaries of the program.

No single person or organization is responsible for the total success of the program but appreciation is granted to the following: Dr. John W. White of the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Asheville, Rev. Thomas L. Walker of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Rocky Mount, Rev. Clifford Jones of the First Baptist Church of Clinton, and Rev. James E. Palmer of the University Park Baptist Church of Charlotte. All of these men sponsored summer youth programs that involved well over two hundred children and youth. They deserve the prayers and support of all North Carolina Baptists as they give of their time and service to countless young people across the state.

The Department of Cooperative Ministries is equally appreciative of the 45 students and adults who made the 1980 summer program the greatest ever as they served among Baptists this past summer. The department has set a goal of 75 summer workers within the next few years.

It is our prayer, hope and aspiration that the department will continue to receive spiritual and financial support from both conventions that this great work might continue.

FATHER-FOLLOWSON

COALTON, Ohio (BP)—Sons occasionally follow their fathers into the pastorate of the same congregation, but Friendship Chapel in Coalton, Ohio reversed the situation.

When Randy Wood resigned Friendship's pulpit to enter Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, the chapel called his father, John, as pastor. It is John Wood's first pastorate.

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ZIMBABWE LEADER PRAISED

BY STAN HASTEY

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Among the many tributes paid Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert G. Mugabe during his recent two-day visit to the United States was a word of commendation and thanks from Southern Baptist leader R. Keith Parks for the continued presence of missionaries in the newly independent African nation.

Parks appeared at the White House at a formal ceremony and reception honoring the 56-year-old Mugabe in order to thank him for "the continuing opportunity to serve the people of Zimbabwe."

"I appreciate his emphasis on reconciliation, peace and democracy and the desire of the leaders of Zimbabwe to move ahead in a constructive way," Parks said. Mugabe, whose revolutionary forces ousted the white apartheid government of former Prime Minister Ian Smith earlier this year, has been hailed in the international community for the magnanimity shown to defeated foes in what formerly was Rhodesia.

During the half-hour White House ceremony, both President Carter and Mugabe heaped praise on one another. Mugabe made a special point of thanking the president for resisting efforts in Congress last year to suspend economic sanctions imposed earlier against the Smith regime and for persuading many Americans of the justice of the revolution's cause.

"Declaring that he had been 'conquered' and 'over-

whelmed" by the spontaneous welcome he received during two days of feverish activities in New York and Washington, Mugabe thanked Carter and the American people for coming to Zimbabwe's aid "in our hour of need."

During his New York stop, Mugabe witnessed his nation's admission as the 153rd member of the United Nations and addressed the international body's General Assembly.

Mugabe characterized his revolution as one taken up reluctantly in seeking the overthrow of an "evil system" he called "racialism." "A society which divides itself... on the basis of race is anathema to humanity," he said.

Taking up arms was a step to achieve the "principle of a democratic society," he went on. "We had to resort to war to bring about peace. You had done it here with pride," he said in a reference to the U.S. Revolutionary War, "and we felt we could do it with pride."

For his part, Carter praised Mugabe's "wisdom and courage," adding the new African leader already is a "notable world leader."

Noting the parallel between black Rhodesians' pursuit of justice and that sought by America's blacks, Carter said, "You are the kind of person who rejects authority when oppression of the status quo impedes progress."

Carter observed also that although Zimbabwe has seen "too much bloodshed, too much deprivation," the first months of Mugabe's rule "inspire confidence, unity and hope."

AFRICANS LOYAL CHRISTIANS

AURORA, Colo. (BP)—Americans have conflicts as yet unknown to Africans, says Boyd Pearce, who has returned to Kenya as a foreign missionary.

Pearce, who resigned as pastor of Trinity Baptist Mission to return to foreign missions after a furlough of seven years, says the pressure and conflicts Americans face are legitimate. Among the pressures is the distance that most adults live from their jobs which requires long hours of commuting.

"When they come home and say they're exhausted, they're telling the truth," Pearce says. "We're not able to demand or expect them to attend church activities every night."

"We do need to equip them to be self-motivated to actively

live their Christian life day by day, however. They can find the expression of their Christian faith through a much more localized sense by ministering to their neighbors."

But Americans hesitate to openly respond to Christ, or to proclaim their Christianity as they go about their lives, says Pearce.

Africans have no such conflicts. "When they become Christians they understand this will be the dominant factor in their lives. A Christian lives in a certain way and does certain things. They believe this, accept this, and follow this."

Africans are not constantly pulled in many directions as are Americans, and Pearce says, "We've been robbed of our practical Christian life by these conflicts."

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God Doesn't Hear Jews Pray?

NEW YORK, N.Y. (BP)—American Jewish leaders are angry and upset over remarks made by Bailey Smith, president of the 13.4 million-member Southern Baptist Convention, during a religious-political gathering last month.

The remarks, transcribed from tapes of Smith's address to the National Affairs Briefing, were circulated in a letter by Rabbi Solomon S. Barnards, co-director of Interfaith Affairs of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Barnard's letter quotes Smith: "I'm telling you all other gods besides Jehovah and His son Jesus Christ are strange gods. It's interesting to me at great political battles how you have a Protestant pray and a Catholic to pray and then you have a Jew to pray."

"With all due respect to those dear people, my friend, God Almighty does not hear the prayer of a Jew. For how in the world can God hear the prayer of a man who says that Jesus Christ is not the true Messiah? It is blasphemous. It may be politically expedient, but it is not to pray unless he prays through the name of Jesus Christ."

Marc Tanenbaum, national interreligious affairs director for the American Jewish Committee, took exception to Smith's remarks, calling them "morally offensive, really a defamation of 4,000 years of loyalty" and adding that they are "an act of presumption and arrogance suggesting that this one person knows the mind of God... and is placing himself in the place of God."

Tanenbaum added, "We are struggling to understand each other, not through caricatures and stereotypes. His (Smith's) remarks seem an example of that sort of thing, a mindless departure from the understanding that has developed."

Tanenbaum charged Smith with having "invincible ignorance" and with being insensitive to his position as spokesman for the nation's largest Protestant demonstration.

"The fact that he used the occasion of this kind of forum (NAB) to make that kind of

declaration is very upsetting to many of us. There is concern—and not just among the Jewish community—but about the secularizing of evangelization and the politicizing of evangelical churches," he said.

Glenn Ingleheart, director of interfaith witness at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, said Smith's remarks, "instead of furthering understanding, actually impede it."

He noted Baptists should affirm "the uniqueness of God's act in Jesus of Nazareth for the redemption of all people, Jews as well as Gentiles... But to state that God only hears the prayers of Christians is another matter... I feel we must be wary of placing restrictions on who God will listen to lest we make the same claims of groups like Jehovah's Witnesses do of having the sole franchise of God."

Theologian Edward Humphrey, a professor at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, commented he believes "salvation is only in Christ, but I feel he (Smith) is going too far. Who is he to say what God hears or doesn't hear?"

"I feel God loves all of His people, and listens to all, even when they are limited by knowledge or willingness. God is working with man, and we

should not measure His listening by the measure of understanding or obedience. That is for God to do," said Humphreys, who taught in the Baptist seminary in Nigeria for 15 years before becoming a professor at Golden Gate 15 years ago.

Smith, who is also president of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, said he made the statement and "it is true."

"I was emphasizing the distinctive nature of Jesus Christ," Smith said, "I still believe it is blasphemous to say that Jesus Christ is not the Messiah or Savior. As a Christian minister I must proclaim what the Bible says in 1 Timothy 2:5, 'For there is one God and one mediator between God and man. The man is Christ Jesus.'"

He added, "The only prayer I believe God hears from anybody who has been denying Jesus is, 'Lord, be merciful to me a sinner and save me for Christ's sake,'" Smith added. Smith said he is aware of his role as president of the SBC, but added, "We make a mistake when we try so hard at public relations we lose our missions thrust."

Students Must Be Nehemiahs

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so well motivated, each and every one of you are the Nehemiahs in your own communities.

Richmond said that he grew up with and is a good friend of Dick Gregory. He said Gregory has repeatedly told him that his children won't go to white colleges on the undergraduate level. That he wants them to go to black colleges like Shaw, Fisk and Howard.

"I find that the black colleges for basic preparation, have better standards, they're more serious colleges, they're more devoted colleges, they produce better students, they have higher moral standards. And I want all 10 of my children to go to black colleges," he quoted Gregory as saying.

The 1980 Fall Convocation at

Shaw University signified the beginning of the institution's 116th academic year. Hundreds turned out for the celebration

economy of the U.S. if we were to put them to work," he said. Richmond ended his address by saying that if only the

improve my mind. I'll try to read something that requires definite thought and concentration.



N.Y. Congressman Fred Richmond, second from left, was the featured speaker during Shaw University's 116th Convocation Sept. 15. Also pictured is Dr. Stanley Smith, president of Shaw, Donna Batts, Miss Shaw from Rocky Mount; and Maurice Brown, SBA president from Liberty.

including Dr. George C. Debnam, chairman of the University's Executive Committee of the Trustee Board and Raleigh Mayor Sneddes York.

Richmond, who is chairman of the sub-committee on domestic marketing, consumer relations and nutrition, which has jurisdiction over the administration of the \$7 billion Food Stamp Program, said that the average black does not want welfare or food stamps. That most black poor people want to work and fend for themselves.

"We have a market of 40 million people dying to buy products who can't afford to. They aren't paying taxes. Just think how we could change the

two-and-one-half million people in Brooklyn would do one good deed every day, just one additional thing for their community, 'Just think how beautiful Brooklyn would be. That's over two million deeds per day,'" he said.

He then charged his listeners to remember the following lines:

"Just for today, I'll try to live through this day only. Just for today I'll try to be happy."

Just for today I won't dwell on things that depress me; I'll face reality; I'll try to change those things that can be changed, and I will attempt those things I can't change.

Just for today I'll try to

Just for today I'll exercise my soul by doing a good deed for somebody but they won't have to know about it; I'll do two things that I have been putting off; today I'll speak ill of no one. Just for today I'll accept nothing from this world and I'll realize that as I give to this world, the world will give to me."

Hope

Hope springs eternal in the

Human breast:

Man never is, but always to be,

The soul, uneasy and confin'd

From home,

Rest and expatiates in a life to

Come.

—Alexander Pope



Michael J. Darby (Director) poses with some of the summer youth workers during the orientation proceedings May 31 through June 4. Front row (L-R) Terry Joyner, Mary Sharnta Share, Garmel Wess Hill, Sherry Lynn Congleton, Suzanne McCarty, Christy Lynn Sawyer, Michael J. Darby; back row (L-R), Deweesa Dewayne Dilyard, Sam Woods, Walter Parker, Floyd Brian Gibson.

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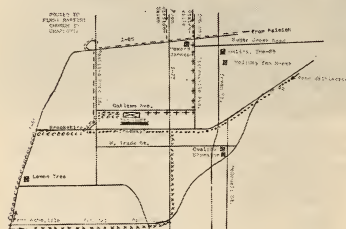
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9:15 a.m.	Theme Discussion	R. A. May
9:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks	J. R. Manley
	Welcome	Host Church
	Response	
10:00 a.m.	Reports:	
	Executive Committee	
	General Board	
	Executive Secretary	
	Staff	
	Staff	
	Auxiliary Presidents	
11:00 a.m.	Greetings	J. O. Peterson, President, GBSC of Virginia
	An Overview	J. R. Manley
	Offering	
	Sermon	I. B. Horton
11:30 a.m.	Lunch	
12:30 p.m.	Devotional Period	J. H. Thomas, D. M. Ferguson
1:45 p.m.	Greetings	
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7:45 p.m.	Greetings
8:00 p.m.	Recognition of Moderators and Pastors
	Awarding of Certificates to Pastors and Churches who met their quotas for 1979-80
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One Day Session Direction Map



Black Pastor's Son Shot

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — "I loved my son too much to hate anybody for hurting him," the Rev. Theodore Fields said. Fields, pastor of New Pilgrim Baptist Church in Salt Lake City, spoke just before funeral services were held for his son, Ted, 20, who was gunned down by a sniper as he jogged near Liberty Park late Aug. 20.

The younger Fields and a friend, David Martin, III, 18, were killed in the fusillade of high-powered rifle shots as

Jogging With White Friends

they and two young women jogged across a brightly lit intersection.

Both young Fields and Martin were members of the 200-member black Baptist

Thousands Attend 83rd Lott Carey Session

COLUMBUS, Ohio—The Rev. G. L. Bowick, Pittsburgh, Pa., was reelected president of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, here at its 83rd annual session, meeting at the Sheraton-Columbus Hotel, Sept. 15.

Others elected to serve were the Rev. Benjamin W. Robertson, Richmond, Va., first vice president; the Rev. James Scott, Newark, N. J., second vice president; the Rev. J. Jasper Freeman, Norfolk, Va., secretary; the Rev. C. W. Ward, Raleigh, assistant secretary; and the Rev. James C. Cherry, Philadelphia, Pa., statistician.

Miss Helen V. Benton, Baltimore, Md., was chosen to head the Women's Auxiliary; Mrs. Leola Bowick, Pittsburgh, Pa., first vice president; Mrs. Mary Myers returned as second vice president from Columbus; recording secretary is Miss Gertrude Fauntleroy, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Pauline Campbell, Richmond, Va., is assistant; Mrs. Jenni Hall, Washington, D.C., is historian and Mrs. Yvonne Williams, Richmond, Va., was chosen as supervisor of the junior and intermediate department.

John W. McQueen, Fayetteville, Va., was selected to head the Laymen's League; Miss Carolyn Pope was selected president of the youth department. Mrs. Mary B. Hendricks is director of the youth department. Dr. W. C. Somerville, Washington, D.C., is executive secretary of the convention and Mrs. Louise Slater, also of Washington, is executive of the Women's Auxiliary.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., pastored by the Rev. A. Russel Akward, led in giving for missions with contributions of over \$12,000. Convent Avenue Baptist Church, New York, N.Y., the Rev. M. L.

congregation.

"No one knows any reason for it," pastor Fields said. "No one knows why anyone would want to hurt Ted or David."

Salt Lake City police are seeking the person who fired six shots at the pair from a field near the intersection. The firm for which both young men worked, Northwest Pipeline Corp., posted a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the assailant. The Salt Lake City Tribune also posted a \$10,000 reward.

"The police don't have any real leads," the elder Fields said.

Salt Lake City newspapers speculated that the sniper "knew who he wanted to kill," and indicated the slayings were "not the work of a random psychopath."

Whether the killings had racial overtones also was being investigated. The elder Fields, however, was reluctant to talk

Wilson, pastor, and Trinity Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio, pastored by Rev. E. A. Parham, followed by contributing \$10,000 each.

Two hundred sixty-three churches received certificates for giving one thousand dollars each. Over \$700,000 was reported during the session, which adopted an \$800,000 budget for the next year.

"Lott Carey is unique a man-made eruption as is in the 20th century," Dr. Somerville said in his annual address. "The eternal commitment of the officials of Lott Carey is to exalt the name of the Lord Jesus Christ everywhere and to seek to prevail on all men to accept Him as their Lord and Master."

"Preaching the total gospel is the only cure for world evils," President Bowick stressed in his first annual address. "To make missions work, Lott Carey must have gospel footprints wherever it goes," he declared. "The White House is not the answer, God's word is the key," President Bowick explained.

"There is a danger in allowing politicians to use the symbols and language of the church as a vehicle to gain support," the Rev. Ben Chavis, Jr., leader of the "Wilmington Ten," stressed in addressing the convention. "The church should not allow itself to be misused and perverting the

word of God. Theological precepts should not become political slogans," Rev. Chavis added. Rev. Chavis is on parole from a conviction during the height of the 1971 race riots in Wilmington which has

attracted world wide attention.

Dr. R. G. Williams, chairman of the organization's executive board, said there is the continued need for aid to assist in the Third World developing nations. Over \$29,000, in addition to regular objectives, was given to Cambodia, Chairman Williams pointed out.

With the chief objective in Liberia, Guyana, India and Nigeria, the Convention program for next year is to expand its facilities. Their work in Liberia has not been disturbed due to present crises there, it was reported.

Mrs. J. B. McClester, Durham, acted as chairman of study courses that were taught by the Rev. James Scott of New Jersey; the Rev. E. A. Parham of Columbus, and others. Other teachers included Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Raleigh.

Others delivering inspirational messages during the week included the Rev. S. A. Raper, Shelby; the Rev. G. G. Campbell, Winston-Salem; and the Rev. C. T. Bullock, Rocky Mount.

Next year's meeting will be held in Charlotte.



Rev. Ben Chavis, of Washington, D. C., of the "Wilmington 10", at left, stands with Executive Secretary Dr. W. C. Somerville, of Washington, who greets Miss Carolyn Pope, President of the Youth Department and Arthur L. Cobbs, Jr., after Rev. Chavis had addressed the annual meeting of Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention in the 83rd session held in Columbus, Ohio.

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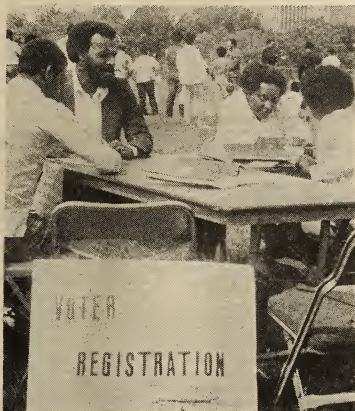
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Election '80 should mark the beginning of voter registration—not the end!

\$1.25 Million Sets Convention Record

BY DR. C.C. CRAIG
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

We have come together in this place and at this time to fellowship, worship, hear reports and make plans for the future growth of our Convention. At this time, permit me to submit to you an account of my stewardship over the past fiscal year and give to you a word of gratitude, a brief challenge, a word of thanksgiving to you and a word of thanksgiving to God.

For the fiscal year, Sept. 1, 1979 to Aug. 31, 1980, you gave us a challenging budget of \$1,134,729.91. I am pleased to report to you that contributions received from all Baptist sources for the fiscal year 1979-80 amount to \$1,252,804.13. This represents \$118,074.22 beyond our financial goal.

It is with a great deal of pride that I make this report. It is not a pride of arrogance, of self-esteem, or of self-centeredness. It is a pride stemming from the recognition of your unselfish cooperation with the efforts of the Convention.

I proclaim with Paul, "nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loves us." In the face of double-digit inflation, in spite of the continual spiraling cost of living, and notwithstanding your current expenses and local obligations, your support of the Convention's objectives has exceeded our fondest dreams.

Again, I proclaim with Paul, "Thanks be to God who gives us the victory." Our gratitude goes out to moderators, regional workers, pastors, missionary workers, church officers, the laity—to all who have contributed to the support of these worthy objectives.

The success of a church is not measured by the amount of money it has in the bank, in fact, that may be a sign of failure. God's church is not in the banking business. The success of the church is not measured by the size of its membership or of its plant. Quantity does not necessarily mean quality. The success of a church is measured, to a large extent, by its outreach. What does it do for others? What does it do for Christ? It would seem that the nearer a church moves to Christ, the greater is its outreach. With that as a criterion, I say that our churches are exemplifying Christlike traits.

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BY STAN HASTLEY
The Baptist Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. (BP)—A chief spokesman for the new right has confirmed the widespread suspicion that highly visible television evangelists were recruited to the cause of conservative politics by a handful of veteran far-right organizers.

Richard A. Viguerie, invited to debate the involvement of evangelicals in politics before a group of religious communications specialists, identified four such ultraconservative leaders as responsible for putting together the game plan which resulted in the successful recruitment of such electronic superstars as Jerry Falwell and James Robison to the far-right fold.

Besides himself, Viguerie identified the key players as E. E. McTeer, Robert J. Billings and Howard Phillips. Viguerie, the direct mail master fundraiser of new right causes, displayed his own initial role in the effort, saying that the other three actually originated the plan. McTeer, Billings and Phillips "had a vision" that evangelicals could be successfully recruited in 1980 to support conservative causes, including the election of Ronald Reagan as president, he said.

"I was a Paul," he explained, "not one of the original apostles."

McTeer, a member of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn., is founder and president of The Roundtable (formerly Religious Roundtable). He is credited with recruiting Robison, the Hurst, Tex. evangelist who along with McTeer put together last August's National Affairs Briefing in Dallas which showcased Reagan and new right causes. McTeer is a veteran right-wing lobbyist in Washington, having served earlier as national field director for the Conservative Caucus, the largest of what critics have labeled "extremist" right-wing organizations.

Billings, who along with Falwell founded Moral Majority, was responsible for recruiting the Lynchburg, Va. electronic preacher. Formerly head of the National Christian Action Coalition, an umbrella group which before last year was the only right-wing religious lobby in Washington, Billings recently left his post as executive director of Moral Majority to join Reagan's campaign staff, where his responsibility is to win evangelical votes for the former California governor.

MORAL MAJORITY

Out To Rule America

Phillips, another right-wing veteran, is a former aide to Richard Nixon. He founded and is the executive director of the Conservative Caucus.

For months, critics of electronic preachers such as Falwell and Robison have suspected that their political involvement sprang not so much from their own initiative as from a coldly calculated effort by conservative hardliners.

Viguerie's open admission at the National Press Club gathering, however, is believed to be the first public acknowledgment of the strategy.

Viguerie, whose Falls Church, Va.-based direct mail operation has raised millions of dollars for a wide variety of conservative causes, including the Reagan campaign, declared repeatedly that what the new right set out to do was "imitate the left" and rid the conservatives of the image of "losers."

"We're tired of being losers," he said.

CONSERVATIVE TAKEOVER PREDICTED

He added he expects the new right to take over the national government "sometime in the immediate future" or not at all. Unless they are successful in their effort to govern before 1986, he went on, "it's not going to happen."

Viguerie expressed the view that because conservatives during the 1980s will have a "considerable leadership advantage" over liberals, "if we don't do it now (come to power), we never will."

Viguerie's opponent in the debate, Walter F. Fauntroy, the District of Columbia's lone representative in Congress, accused new right leaders of being shrewd manipulators who are "misleading a lot of well-intentioned religious people."

The Baptist pastor, also current chairman of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said his objections to groups such as Falwell's Moral Majority and McTeer's and Robison's Roundtable are not based on the political involvement of preachers.

"I am a strong advocate of vigorous participation of churchmen... in the political process," he said. What he finds objectionable is "the application by the so-called Moral Majority of religious principles to a very narrow range of secondary political issues, while blatantly opposing the application of religious principles to a broad range of primary political issues."

Fauntroy said Christian believers "have a responsibility to advocate the 'whole gospel,'" a term he said "is caught up in our Lord's inaugural address: 'The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because He hath anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.'"

He said "ultra-right wing forces" are taking advantage of "many well-meaning born-again Christians" by using Christianity "against the very concerns for the poor that are at the heart of our Judeo-Christian faith."

The new right's causes, Fauntroy concluded, "clearly reveal why Christ warned His followers... 'Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.'"

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"Don't Take It For Granted"

BY DR. J. R. MANLEY

When the decade of the 80s was ushered in, it was uncertain as to what shape this decade would take. But just as other decades took on the shape of the most outstanding characteristic of that particular decade, so the decade of the 80s will do the same.



GBSC President Manley congratulates Executive Secretary Craig for stellar \$1.25 million campaign for 1979-80.

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and happiness now the well-being and happiness of our families and friends will automatically take place.

We can no longer take for granted that the things that affect our lives like jobs, a good education, a stable economy, a good house and home, a political system that is responsive to the needs of the people, moral standards that would be so clear that those things that impact our lives so much will not automatically take place without a personal decision and commitment on our part to bring them to pass.

What does all this mean for General Baptists? Well, from where I stand, it seems that we need to make some soul-searching decisions about the total work of the Convention as it relates to the local church, Shaw University, Shaw Divinity School, Central Ordination, Lott Carey Convention, State Missions Program, in fact, all that we are doing as a Convention.

It is very clear that these things will not take care of themselves and that time is neutral and will move only in the direction of our decisions. Now as never before we need to prayerfully come to grips with our reason for being.

LETTERS

Recently, I subscribed to the "Baptist Informer" and I've enjoyed reading all about the "Baptists."

We are located in a small town in Pitt County. I plan to sell the Informer as a youth project at my church. I feel it will help educate our area of the great achievements, activities and work that is being done.

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COLE QUILTS

Natalie Cole is a cigarette smoker. She's going to call it quits during the Great American Smokeout. Join her on November 20. Because quitting is easier when you do it with a friend.

THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT

EDITORIAL

LEARN TO MAKE BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW

"Thus says Pharaoh, 'I will not give you straw. Go yourselves, get your straw wherever you can find it; but your work will not be lessened in the least.'" (Exodus 5:10)

Election year 1980 may be the watershed that sets black folks back for the next decade or for the remainder of the century. The political survival in America to the right falsehoods and an ominous road ahead for the black community.

But be reminded that Jesus overcame the world and so can we! And surely our future will be a bright one if we can scuttle the urge to bear a defeatist attitude.

The warning sign has been trumpeted by conservative whites that blacks in this society can expect to bear a heavier burden under the newly elected whip of the Republican taskmasters. Just as there arose in Egypt a king who did not know Joseph, many of our state and national leaders might be heard saying like the Pharaoh, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. Come let us deal shrewdly with them." (Exodus 1:9, 10)

And any presidential candidate who can't remember racism during his younger days hardly has the knowledge of the needs and desires of black people across the country.

The Moral Majority, the Roundtable, the Christian Action Voice, Jesse Helms, John East, Ronald Reagan, and even the Klan have dealt shrewdly with blacks.

Indeed, our people might well expect to hear the order from our newly elected leaders to make bricks without straw much like the Israelites under Egypt's new Pharaoh.

Whether this be a fantasy or not, the time has come for blacks to reassess, re-group and re-program our efforts and goals because "the work will not be lessened in the least." The work to create more and better jobs for our people has not lessened. The need to build housing for our people, to provide health care, to improve our educational institutions, these tasks have not been lessened but instead have become more difficult.

As a public relations practitioner for many years, I have learned that when business profits go down, the advertising budget must be increased and the marketing program bolstered. Blacks must find a new unity in this political setback and bolster their programmatic thrust for a better life. The task will certainly be more difficult.

Just as the Jews depended on chopped up straw to preserve the consistency of the block mud used in molding bricks, blacks have depended on their country's political leaders to help mold a better life. As the Jews had to find straw wherever they could, so must blacks grasp for progress wherever it can be found within reason.

So, while entering the embryonic stage of a new administration, let us seek the Lord and in turn find salvation and liberation. Let us reach within the storehouse of our past spiritual selves to solve our problems. For the Lord heard the groanings of the people of Israel and He will certainly hear ours. But God wants more than groans, and He certainly will assess our faith by the pace of healing that must follow our broken expectations.

We must therefore turn adversity into opportunity.

It's not enough that among the 360,000 Baptists of the General Baptist State Convention, less than 5,000 subscribe to the Baptist Informer.

It's not enough to sit back on the record-setting \$1.25 million Unified Campaign of 1979-80.

Therefore, our tasks for the remainder of the century should not be simply designed as a response to a conservative flood of opinion nor to verbally lash ourselves with destructive criticism.

The Black Ministers' Political Agenda for the 80s calls for "a positive approach based on the principle of government of the people, by the people and for the people." It is an agenda that has as its major concerns justice, liberty and equality.

By constructing a positive attitude and strategy, by remembering that "Jesus is on the mainline" and we can tell Him what we want, we can get up off our knees and put faith to work.

For faith, without works, is dead! And surely, bricks without straw is a challenge we must meet head on!

To The Editor

Thursday, November 20, 1980 is the day of the Great American Smokeout. For the fourth consecutive year we are asking smokers to quit cigarettes for 24 hours, and, hopefully, to consider giving them up for good.

One of those who will try is Natalie Cole, National Chairman of the 1980 G.A.S. She has significant motivation. Her father, the great jazz musician Nat "King" Cole, was a heavy smoker who died of lung cancer. Natalie Cole is now a

Please help us alert your readers to the importance of November 20th by running these messages as frequently as possible in forthcoming issues. You may be giving them a new lease on life.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Church Declares Jan. 15 A Holiday For "King"

On Sept. 12, New Providence Baptist Church of Rt. 3, Box 155-C, Fuquay-Varina, under the leadership of Rev. William H. Brock, Sr., resolved in their regular church conference and passed unanimously that Jan. 15 of each year be observed as a holiday of reflection and commitment to the Christian aims and ideas as exemplified by the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

As a result of the resolution which was passed, New Providence Baptist Church will conduct regular worship services, including Church School (normally held on Sundays at 9:45 a.m.) beginning on Thursday, Jan. 15, 1981. All members of New Providence Baptist Church and all friends of the church are being encouraged by the pastor and officials to stay home from their jobs and from school on that day

to participate fully in the worship services and to help in honoring and remembering our great leader.

The Rev. Dr. Percy High of Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Durham will bring the morning sermon at 11 a.m.

The pastor and officials at New Providence Baptist wish to urge other churches to follow their leadership in this endeavor. Dr. King is worthy of the honor, surely the first step must be taken by his own people.

The resolution, which was officially signed by the pastor and the church officials during the church's second annual conference on Oct. 11, was submitted to the permanent files and records of the church and reads as follows:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was born an

American citizen on January 15, 1929; and,

Whereas, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. distinguished himself throughout his adult life by working for and on behalf of the advancement of human, civil and equal rights for all people; and,

Whereas, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated his life to the advancement of all people by teaching love for and kindness toward all of our fellow men, and taught us those other qualities which God would have us possess; and,

Whereas, people all over the world benefited from the teachings of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and learned to love each other better because he walked among us; and,

Whereas, because of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we are

closer to the day when all God's children can join hands together and sing in the words of that old Negro spiritual, "Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, I'm free at last;" and,

Whereas, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his life while continuing the battle for equality and human dignity,

Be it therefore resolved, that the congregation of New Providence Baptist Church shall join with all other people of goodwill around the world and will pay tribute to the noble works and deeds of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by observing January 15 of each year as a holiday of reflection and commitment to the Christian aims and ideas as exemplified by the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This 12th day of September, 1980.

CHURCH CIRCUIT

Old Eastern Missionary Union

The 115th annual session of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association convened with the St. John Missionary Baptist Church of Falkland, Oct. 25.

The theme of the association, which was under the leadership of Dr. J. R. Person, moderator, was "One Lord, One Faith, and One Baptism."

The association opened on Thursday morning with the Woman's Auxiliary in session. President Marzella Cain presided over the morning and afternoon sessions which featured an introductory sermon by Rev. W. H. Munford.

Dr. L. A. Lynch, pastor of White Rock Baptist Church of Durham, delivered the association's annual inspirational sermon on Saturday, Dr. Lynch spoke from the subject, "They died without receiving the promise, but they all died in

Faith." His text was taken from Hebrews 11:13. Dr. Lynch, who is a native of the area and who formerly pastored in the association, reminded the congregation of the faith exhibited by the early pioneers of the association and of the great success now enjoyed by the association as an outgrowth of the pioneers' efforts. Dr. Lynch also presided over the election of officers which elected Dr. Person to his eleventh successive term as moderator.

The following sermons were preached during the association: Annual sermon, Rev. M. E. Laws; temperance sermon, Rev. George Smith; discussion of the theme, Rev. B. B. Felder; educational sermon, Rev. J. M. Moore; doctrinal sermon, Rev. C. B. Gray; and the eulogistic sermon, Rev. William Price. The youth hour of the association was held on

Saturday afternoon and featured talent presentations from the Western, Eastern and Middle District Unions. A. C. Batchelor reminded the association of the responsibilities and privileges of Christians. He also told them what they should expect from the church.

Moderator Person stated that this year's association was the most successful one that had been held in recent years.

The following ministers were ordained by the association: Rev. D. Walston, Rev. M. Daniels, and Rev. D. Croome.

In addition to Dr. Person being reelected as moderator, other officers elected were Rev. Ollie Griffin, vice moderator; Rev. J. B. Crandall, secretary; Rev. A. Morris, assistant secretary; Rev. J. H. Hyman, treasurer; Rev. J. M. Moore, auditor and Rev. N. K. Dunn, moderator emeritus.



Dr. I. B. Horton (left), former editor of the Baptist Informer, delivered a noon sermon at the One Day Session in Charlotte. Dr. J. Ray Butler, GBSC vice president-at-large, introduced Dr. Horton.

Butler Attends D.C. Confab

WINSTON-SALEM—Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church and president of the Baptist Ministers' Conference and Associates, represented Winston-Salem and the state at the Black Clergy Leadership Conference held at the Metropoli-

tan AME Church in Washington, D.C. Oct. 23.

Approximately 300 black clergymen attended the conference. The clergymen endorsed the Carter-Mondale ticket and attended a White House reception as guests of President Jimmy Carter.

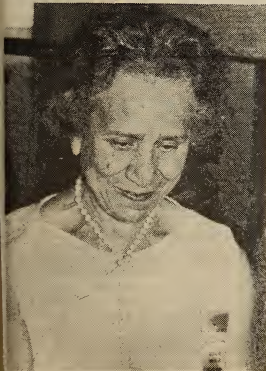
Moderator McCleave Feted

The Pastor's Aid and members of the Edwards Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Liberty, honored their pastor and moderator of the Deep River Missionary Baptist Association, Dr. M. Philip McCleave, on the third Sunday in September. It was Rev. McCleave's 23rd anniversary.

The guest minister for the 11 a.m. worship service was the Rev. Gregory Headen of Pittsboro. The guest minister for the 3 p.m. service was Dr. J. R. Manley, pastor of the First

Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, and Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Chapel Hill. He is also president of the General Baptist State Convention of N. C.

Visiting choirs for this occasion included the male chorus of the New Light Baptist Church, Greensboro, and the St. Stephens Choir of the St. Stephens Methodist Church, Liberty. The young adult choir of Edwards Grove Baptist Church participated in this event also.



MRS. ELSIE GRIER



MRS. PLEASANT MOORE

Baptist Informer Saleswomen

The Baptist Informer incorrectly named a picture in the September issue of one of its salespersons. Mrs. Elsie Grier

left above, is the Baptist Informer Sales Representative for Gaston County and is a member of the Mt. Pleasant

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Woman's Page

Count Your Blessings

BY DR. PRISCILLA A. BRODIE

The year seems to pass very fast, for it is now November, only two months before January, the time for our 28th annual Mid-Year Session. The session will be Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Raleigh Civic Center, beginning at 9 a.m.

Some features of the program are Bible study; awarding of Lydia Circle certificates to churches who reported \$1,000 or more regularly during the last fiscal year and 25 or more years certificates to persons who have not received them; conventional information; and preaching by the Rev. Norman Kerry, pastor of Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Charlotte.

If you have begun preparation for this day, great! If not, please begin making arrangements now. Let us also include prayerful, mental, and financial arrangements for this day of missions.

The financial goal last year was \$10,000, which we exceeded by nearly \$3,000; our goal for this year is \$15,000. We can do it



if we think positively and work earnestly.

The season of Thanksgiving is upon us, and it helps to remind us that we should always be thankful and express our gratitude to God and others who have shared with us.

What blessings have we for which to give thanks?

First, there is truth. Christians know the Truth, for He is their Savior and leads them in the path of truth.

Second, there is hope. Though we live in a sometimes desperate and disintegrating society, we have hope, "Hope that sets us free."

Third, there are the aged. They can serve to remind us what was, what is, and what will be if we fail to keep God's guidelines or if we seek to keep His guidelines.

Fourth, there is the now. We live in the now, the present age, of which some have said is the best of times though the worst of times.

Fifth, there is knowledge. We can be thankful that our Convention and parent body support Christian institutions of higher learning.

Sixth, there is salvation. Is it not good to know in these inflationary times that something of worth is free?

Seventh, there are many gifts. Within the church of black people, as any other church, God has given us gifts through and by which we are to serve.

Eighth, there is imagery. What would our churches and Conventions be without Christian imagery as used by the preacher, the orator, the singer, the teacher? Dull! Dull! Dull!

Mrs. Lonie B. Linney Still Working at 87

Born in Alexander County, Dec. 25, 1892, Mrs. Lonie Bell Linney professed a faith in Jesus Christ when she was 11 years old. In 1913, she was married to Walter Linney and she moved her membership to Smith Grove Baptist Church where her husband was a member. To this union was born 10 children.

Mrs. Linney has been a great missionary worker in her home, community, as well as in her church. For a number of years she was the treasurer of the Alexander County Union. She is a member of the sick committee at her home church where she still works faithfully as her health permits.

Ninth, there is victory. In Christ we find victory regardless of the complexity or difficulty of our problems.

Tenth, there is inspiration. What would we do as pilgrim travelers, if there were no inspiration?

Eleventh, there is seaweeds. Though sin makes one as scurvy, he can become a new creature.

Twelfth, there is God. We put God last here not because He is least, but because He is the

foundation, the Omega, where all of the above reside, thus being the culmination.

Yes, God has blessed us that we may bless someone else, and we cannot close this writing without expression our gratitude for the kind of response many of you gave to our first Family Missions Conference.

Our Woman's Convention and staff extend to each of you a happy Thanksgiving. Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

BIBLICAL PATRIARCHS WERE ECOLOGISTS

BY JOEL EFSTEIN

NEOT KEDUMIN—The Biblical patriarchs, the world's first ecologists, countered their wealth with carob seeds and air conditioned their tents with tamarisk trees.

So says Helen Frenkley, who, as part of a unique team of modern day ecologists, is growing all the plants mentioned in the Bible and Talmudic literature in a garden network halfway between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

At Neot Kedumin, or "The Gardens of Israel," grow these exotic plants people have read about in the Bible but have never seen—balm and ladanum, hyssop and caper. The gardens are still being planted and won't be open to the public for two years, but they are already a focus of interest for Jews and for Christian scholars.

The Bible As A Guide To Planting "The Bible is a chronicle of the Jews' love and care for the land of Israel," says Miss Frenkley, director of Neot Kedumin. For her the Bible is not only a book of morality and history, but also a practical guide on how to plant a field or build a terrace.

"Here we are growing a vineyard exactly according to the description of the Prophet Isaiah," she says, standing atop one of the hills in the 500-acre garden. "First we had to bring in thousands of tons of soil and then we were able to follow the words of Isaiah in Chapter 5 and build terraces, plant grapevine cuttings and cover the terrace walls with small prickly bushes to keep the gazelles from entering the vineyard and eating the young grape leaves."

New Immigrant Learned Bible and Botany

Miss Frenkley, 36, knew nothing of agriculture and little about the Bible when she first met the founder and director general of Neot Kedumin in New York in 1969. "A friend of mine introduced me to Nogah Harevuni, who muttered something about researching 'Jewish flowers.' It sounded crazy, but I



Ancient Olive Trees in Upper Galilee

decided to help him for a month before finding a 'real' job. The concepts I learned fascinated me and when I returned to Israel in 1973, it was clear that Neot Kedumin was to be my life's

work." Since then, she has become steeped in the rich body of plant lore, metaphor and symbolism of the Bible and knowledgeable in the ecological

awareness which permeated the life and words of the patriarchs and prophets.

"These carob seeds were the smallest Biblical weight, and the English word 'carat,' comes from the Hebrew word for the carob seed, 'gera,'" she says beside a leafy tree that produces the fruit that is also called "St. John's Bread."

"They have the peculiar characteristic that they are all almost identical in weight to the standard jeweler's measure, about .0069 of an ounce." To illustrate the fact, she once took carob seeds to a New York jeweler to be weighed. "They weighed exactly 7.00 carats, and not one of the seeds varied from the norm by more than one thousandth of a carat."

Biblical Air Conditioning Not far from the carob is a grove of tamarisk saplings, which the Patriarch Abraham planted in Beersheba. "The leaves of the tamarisk exude salt," it explains. "The salt absorbs the moisture in the night air, and releases it in the heat of the day. Since the major climate problem in a desert like the Negev dryness, adding moisture to the air cools and humidifies, significantly lowering the temperature."

The Neot Kedumin team of workers had to move tons of earth to build irrigation reservoirs and then bring that earth to the many barren slopes. "Thousands of years of neglect and erosion left the once fertile hills denuded of all plant and with little or no soil," she says. "I hauled soil back up the hills and rebuilt the stone terraces using the remnants of 3,000-year-old terraces as blueprints."

At one point, they came across a dolomite cistern, perched on the shoulder of a hill. "The terrain had been changed by erosion," she said. "When we recoiled the land, the water from the first winter rains funneled down into it and, over the centuries, it has had thousands of years ago, and the cistern refilled. We use it today."

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM ALL BAPTIST SOURCES

September 1, 1979-August 31, 1980

OBJECTIVE	EXECUTIVE OFFICE	SENT DIRECT	WOMAN'S CONVENTION	SENT DIRECT	TOTAL
Foreign Missions	\$124,569.88	\$34,909.42	\$25,759.50	\$3,630.63	\$188,869.43
Shaw University	231,846.71	22,596.61	41,108.42	960.10	296,511.84
Divinity School	47,773.51	7,990.31	---	---	55,763.82
Scholarship	6,235.00	---	---	---	6,235.00
Central Orphanage	41,157.60	11,355.95	14,525.63	4,954.71	71,993.89
State Missions	258,431.14	---	172,258.18	---	430,689.32
Baptist Assembly	---	---	17,179.14	---	17,179.14
Designated Gifts	17,344.11	---	---	---	17,344.11
Annuity	33,187.48	---	---	---	33,187.48
M.L.K. Banquet	9,437.50	---	---	---	9,437.50
Conventional	---	---	---	---	---
Chartered planes	63,991.60	---	---	---	63,991.60
President's Banquet	7,601.00	---	---	---	7,601.00
	\$895,575.53	\$76,852.29	\$270,830.87	\$9,545.44	\$1,252,804.13

\$3.3 Million Budget In '81

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Words of gratitude are in order to all of you who have played a role in our efforts to develop the Unified Program. I know that there is no short cut, no easy road to achievement. No easy way to be a Christian, no easy way to follow the Master. Jesus said, "If any man comes after me," etc. Your contributions are significant because they represent more than dollars and cents. They represent sweat and toil, commitment and dedication, faith and love.

There is spiritual reward in your giving. If we give today to foreign missions, boys and girls, men and women on foreign fields will have doors of opportunity open to them. If we give today to state missions, it will help us to do a bigger and better job spreading the good news. If we give to the Central Orphanage, some youngsters at the orphanage may in years to come look back from heads held high and say, "I made it because of the help I received from the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina."

If we give today to Shaw University and the Divinity School, the president and the members of the Boards of Trustees will rise up in years to come and loudly proclaim that Shaw University and the Divinity School are alive and viable because the Baptists in North Carolina saw fit in 1980 to give their financial support.

Yes, I am proud. I am proud because you, the members (constituents) of our convention, have done exceedingly well in supporting our objectives. That is putting it modestly. It may be stronger to say that we have done exceptionally well.

LOOKING FOR HIGHER PLATEAU

We cannot stop here and rest on our laurels. What you have done should be seen as a symbol of what you can do. There are still rugged roads ahead and mountains of wearisome height. As servants of God, our service never ends. When we reach one plateau, it is time to look to a higher one.

I would like to close by plugging for greater support for the Unified Plan. I beg you to give the Unified Dollar for the Unified Plan. When you give the unified way, you know what percentage is being used for missions and what percentage is being used for Christian Education. Much of our growth in giving has been due to your acceptance of the Unified Program as a Christian technique for developing an upward reach. Your contributions are reaching out and touching somebody.

We are aware that money is not all of Christian stewardship, but it is a symbol of your larger stewardship. We know that Christian stewardship is not man's plan for raising money, but God's plan for rearing men. We also know that when you extend your giving in a liberal and generous manner beyond your church doors, you are exemplifying the fact that God is nurturing you in growth, you are exemplifying the fact that the Lord is good. He is kind and considerate. Yes, God has done great things for us and we should be happy.

"Nay, in all things we have been more than conquerors through Him that loves us." So thank you to President Manley who has been a friend and a brother to me in the Convention's work. Thanks be to the other officers and members of the Convention. Thanks be to Mrs. Turner, president of the Baptist Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention; Althorn Canada, president of the State Sunday School Congress; Richmond Turner, president of the Baptist State Training Union Congress; I. H. Hilliard, president of the State Laymen's League; Arthur Williams, president of the State Users' Convention. Thanks be to the chairmen of boards, committees, departments, commissions, moderators, pastors, and church members.

Thanks, also, be to the office staff. Dr. Priscilla Brodie, executive secretary of the Woman's Convention; Rev. Leo Williams, director of Christian Education; Waverly Camp, director of Laymen's Work and Church Music; Rev. Cureton Johnson, editor of the Baptist Informer; Rev. Theodore Breeden, superintendent of the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly;

Mrs. Margarie W. Dunn, administrative assistant; Mrs. Captola J. Latta, secretary to the executive secretary; Mrs. Mary Washington, office secretary; Ms. Shirley Williams, secretary to the editor of the Baptist Informer and secretary to the director of laywork; Ms. Bettie Chisolm, assistant to the executive secretary of the Woman's Convention; Mrs. Gladys Watlington, bookkeeper of the Woman's Convention; Miss Ivery Williamson, secretary of the Woman's Convention. Thanks be to the regional workers, Dr. H. L. Mitchell, Dr. S. A. Raper, Dr. C. R. Mosley, Dr. J. B. Houghover and Dr. W. C. Hay, Nay, above all else, "Thanks be to God who has given us the victory." "Cay, in all these things, in our efforts, in our struggle, etc., we have been more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

Resolutions Adopted During Session

CLIFFORD A. JONES, SR.
Chairman

The committee presents these proposals:

- We admonish all pastors to encourage their parishioners to vote Nov. 4th and be actively involved in getting persons to the polls by providing gas for haulers, and seeking to get volunteers to work to be sure that all members of the congregation vote.
- We express our deep concern for the powerful Moral Majority and their conservatism—which is not sensitive to the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Furthermore, we strongly encourage pastors to teach local church stewardship, that monies that are for the local church will not be mailed to Lynchburg, Va.
- We admonish the black community to be alert to the resurrection of the drug danger called "racism." Racism is a tide that is rising and has powerful currents of destruction, that are again terrorizing our society.
- We further recommend that any resolutions on the budget needs come before the management and organizational committee, before a decision be made in this regard.
- We encourage support of our black colleges, public education, preschool programs, and the Negro College Fund. Our schools are essential because they are more sensitive and able to address the educational, cultural and economic needs of black Americans.
- We denounce all forms of

the theatrical images of the black preacher as "Reverend Leroy's." We the black clergy are portrayed as charlatans, pimps, cons, and ignorant of God's spirit of temperance, love and grace.

We recommend that a commission or committee study the moral issues of abortions and capital punishment and make a statement that is in keeping with the doctrines of the General Baptist faith.

Because of the long and stable stance of the NAACP, we encourage all black Americans to join and churches to become life members.

Because of the vast needs in our churches for ministries to the mentally retarded, handicapped, preschoolers and elderly, we recommend that local churches and pastors become aware of the service agency in the cities and counties whereby they can avail themselves to the needed expertise to meet the needs of the local church and community.

We further express our concern for the "Theology of Neutrality." Many of our religious counterparts are speaking boldly (right or wrong) on the relevant issues and we vehemently need our pastors to speak up and out about political and moral issues.

Since we are promoting the idea of Martin Luther King's birthday as a state and national holiday, we believe it can have more clout by our General Baptist State Convention continuing our banquet on or near his birthday.

As persons who believe in God and Jesus the Christ being the fullness of His revelation,

We do believe, live and preach that the Universal God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob made provisions for the spiritual salvation of His creation called "man."

Therefore, we denounce, deny and refute the statement of the President of the Southern Baptists, Bailey Smith, who said that "God does not hear the prayer of a Jew."

As Christian believers, we will seek to have a deeper concern for evangelism.

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Black Pastors Mold '80s Political Agenda

When more than 100 black ministers from across North Carolina gathered at Shaw University on Saturday, they planned more than a get-out-the-vote campaign.

The group hammered out a political agenda for the 1980s that is designed to bring to the state's black population more political clout.

"We must remember that the so-called Moral Majority, Christian Voice, The Religious Roundtable, the National Christian Action Coalition, the

Klan, the Neo-Nazis, and all the other reactionary groups cannot exist without the support of the power structure," said Dr. John W. Fleming, director of church relations for Shaw University.

"We must as black people become more deeply involved in the political affairs of our community, state, nation, and indeed, the world."

Fleming forcefully outlined the following resolutions which the ministers unanimously adopted as their agenda for the

coming decade:

- We must increase our power in electoral and pressure politics. We need to get our people registered and to polling places on election day, even if we have to take them.

- We must aim at strengthening affirmative action. The onslaught of neo-conservatism calls for some strong leadership. We can fight the destruction of public service jobs and other social programs.

- We must win the right for our people to have a decent job.

Not only must they be employed, but they must not be underemployed.

- National health insurance is best for black people in the 80s.

- We must push to eliminate substandard housing wherever it is found.

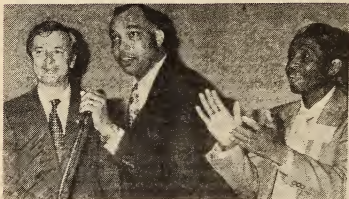
"As a people we operate too much on a crisis basis. We must therefore develop strategy and organization during the 80s to win these rights."

"You, the black ministry,

have been endowed with the 'Spirit of the Lord,' and as such you are called to bring release to the captives and to set at liberty those who are oppressed," said Fleming.

The meeting was organized by the Rev. Joy J. Johnson, a member of the state's Parole Commission, and by the Rev. Jerry Drayton, who is chairman of the state's Human Relations Council.

Governor's Address To General Baptist Convention



GBSC President Manley and Dr. Joy J. Johnson welcome Gov. James B. Hunt to the One Day Session luncheon.



Gov. James B. Hunt

I'm especially glad to be here today because it gives me a chance to see so many people whose friendship, advice and counsel have been so important to me.

Your fine president, John Manley, is providing such able leadership as a member of the Employment Security Commission. And George Dudley is an exceptionally able appointee to the Local Government Advocacy Council.

I recently appointed Dr. C. R. Edwards of Fayetteville to a six-year term on the State Board of Education because his talents are so vitally important in making policy that affects our children.

My good friend Joy Johnson has brought to the Parole Commission a rare combination of talents that are so important to the difficult job he has. Dr. J. Ray Butler, whom I appointed to the General Contractors Board, has proven to be a conscientious, hard-working member of that board. And I can't say enough about the great work Dr. Jerry Drayton is doing as chairman of the Human Relations Council.

The point I am making here is that those of you who hold positions of leadership in the General Baptist State Convention are not only important to your churches and your communities, you are also making a vital contribution to the welfare of your state and its people. I want you to know that

I appreciate it and that I will continue to call on you.

As an organization, you have set an example for all North Carolinians by rendering tireless and unselfish service. You have, for example, helped to keep open the doors of Shaw University, and those efforts are going to benefit the young men and women of North Carolina for generations to come.

One reason I have relied so heavily on the leaders here in this room is because you don't just tell me what I want to hear. You tell me what I need to hear, even if it means telling me I'm wrong now and then.

I'm a believer in the old adage: "He who has the heart to help, has the right to criticize."

I hope I've been the kind of governor you can be proud of. I sincerely believe that all of us are put on this earth to help our fellow men and women, and I believe that holds true for a public official just as it does for any other occupation. With that in mind, I have worked hard to put together administration and formulate programs that help people.

I think we have made some progress in making life better for the people of this great state. We have made improvements in our public school system because our children must have the right kind of educational opportunities if they are to become happy and productive citizens.

And I believe one of the most important things we can do for those children is give their mothers and fathers the opportunity for the kind of job that affords a decent income and a degree of dignity. That is why we have brought to this state \$7.6 billion in new industrial investment—an investment that is going to mean more than 117,000 new jobs for our people.

Should I be elected to another term in office, we will continue to move this state forward. And we will continue our commitment to the principles of human equality, and full opportunities for all of our people—black and white, rich and poor.

We will appeal to the best in people, because that is the only way a society can progress, and that is the most sacred trust we place with any public official. That is the North Carolina way and as long as I am governor, it will continue to be the North Carolina way.

I will be calling on you again and again, just as I have for the past four years, to help with this commitment to progress.

But one more thing I want to tell you will happen in a political campaign, so I should say to you very frankly that this might be the last time I get to address you as governor. That is one reason I wanted to meet with you today. I just want to say thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for being so helpful and so supportive, and for helping me make North Carolina a better place to live.

New Board Of Visitors

The Board of Visitors of the Shaw Divinity School recently organized under the direction of the Board of Trustees of Shaw University Divinity School on Oct. 9, at the Divinity School in Raleigh.

The following officers were elected: chairman, C. R. Lee; vice chairman, A. J. Cherry; recording secretary, R. L. Milhouse; assistant secretary, J. H. Ferguson; parliamentarian, J. T. Parks; at large members, I. H. Hilliard, S. A. Raper and J. D. Ballard.

One of the first objectives to aid the Divinity School is to help establish a library.

Each member of the Board of Visitors was asked to donate \$100 in order to get the book drive started. All interested persons are asked to donate cash or books to the Shaw Divinity School. The drive is to close on Jan. 9. The Board of Visitors will work to help the Divinity School become accredited.

Your Church Can Hold A Shaw Day

LETTER TO BAPTIST CHURCHES

We are anxious to make use of the various talents at Shaw in fund-raising efforts. Our institution, and I am sure that you agree, must stay alive and viable. We can do this through your help.

What am I suggesting? Shaw Days—on the church level, on the associational level, or several churches coming together for a joint sponsorship.

We have available two choirs: a gospel choir and a chorale group. Both are tremendous in their musical renditions. Attached is a copy of a letter from our newly appointed director of the chorale group. Having been trained under the beloved Dr. Harry Gil-Smythe, he has much of the philosophy of that great man. The letter shows his interest in Shaw and in Shaw's development.

The second group is well known over the state. Under the direction of Daniel White, it has made its presence felt in the world of music.

Speakers are also available from Shaw. On some occasions, the president will take time out from his heavy and demanding schedule to appear at Shaw Day celebrations. O. A. Dupree, the assistant director of church relations, is also available. And I am, as director of church relations, available for many of your special programs, and particularly for a Shaw Day observance.

Let us come to you for a special effort in behalf of Shaw. We know your cooperative spirit and your concern about a Christian outreach.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,
John W. Fleming
Director of Church Relations

TO FRIENDS OF SHAW UNIVERSITY

The Shaw University Chorale Society, under the directorship of Robert T. Simmons, newly appointed director and a member of the faculty for ten years in the department of English, is announcing its preparation and readiness for concert appearances beginning in the second semester which starts January, 1981.

To date, there has been a complete renaissance in the Chorale Society, and the forty young men and women who comprise it are dedicated, and are eager to serve the various churches and communities by presenting concerts or programs of the highest calibre.

It may be that your church or auxiliary is anticipating a fund raising project for this year and would like the services of a well-trained vocal ensemble to aid the project. If this is the case, please consider the Shaw University Chorale Society, which pledges and promises a program of which you and all concerned will be proud.

Very sincerely,
Robert T. Simmons
Director
Shaw University Chorale Society

COHABITING WOMEN

WASHINGTON, D.C. (BP)—States may revoke custody of children to mothers with live-in boyfriends, according to an action by the U. S. Supreme

Court.

Three U. S. Supreme Court justices objected to the majority's decision not to review the case.

Moral Majority—Love It Or Leave It Syndrome

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In a related development at a time when many political analysts were concluding that the efforts of Falwell, Robison and others were backfiring, 15 leaders representing 22 mainline Christian denominations issued a list of objections to the "religious right" on theological and ethical grounds.

The 15 signed a two-page declaration protesting the claim of the religious right to represent "the moral majority" or the Christian to the exclusion of

Christians who disagree with the movement's political views.

Specific objections were raised "to the list of issues which the religious right has identified as the moral agenda facing our nation" and "to the moral criteria that many in the religious right use to elevate candidates for public office."

Also objectionable, the statement went on, are "the assumption that human beings can know with

absolute certainty the will of God on particular public policy issues" and "the manner in which some in the religious right are engaging in political activity."

Among those signing the document were three Baptists: Porter W. Routh, interim executive director, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; Robert C. Campbell, general secretary, American Baptist Churches in the USA; and C. J. Malloy, Jr., general secretary, Progressive National Baptist Convention.

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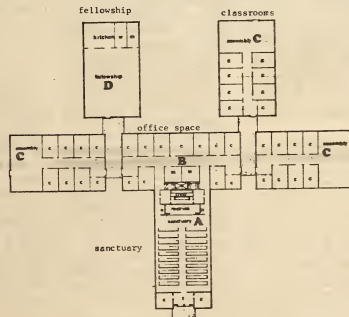
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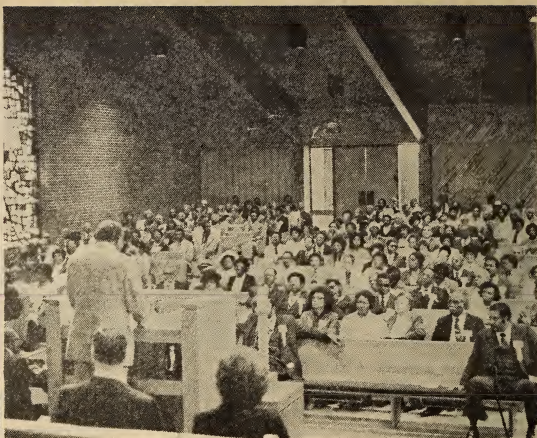
The Executive Committee of the General Baptist State Convention named the Rev. Archie D. Logan as assistant secretary-treasurer of the Convention during a meeting at the First Baptist Church in Charlotte Oct. 28.

Rev. Logan, who received his Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees from Duke University, was also a member of the 1970 Wake Forest ACC championship football team. He will work directly under the Convention's executive secretary,

Dr. C. C. Craig.

A native of Reidsville, Rev. Logan has also attended the Campbell University School of Law, the Howard University School of Religion, and the North Carolina Central University. He is currently pastor of the St. Stephen Baptist Church in Spring Hope.

He is married to Pearl J. Logan and the couple resides in Raleigh. Rev. Logan was licensed and ordained in the Rowan Baptist Association.



One Day Session met at the beautiful First Baptist Church in Charlotte.

Gerontology In Rocky Mount

ROCKY MOUNT—At 327 S. Raleigh St., housed in a large stately white mansion, is the Rocky Mount Gerontology Senior Citizen Center and Family Care Home.

Gerontology is the scientific study of old age.

This facility and its programs are adapted to meet the needs of the aging. Multi-services for senior citizens and comprehensive living activities are available.

The gerontology-senior citizens aspect of the operation is located on the second floor and the family care division and administrative offices are on the first floor.

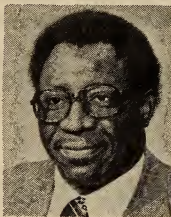
The varied programs had a common origin in 1973 under the Rev. Elbert Lee, Jr., pastor of the North End Baptist Church and of Perry's Chapel

Baptist Church in Louisburg, J. E. Batts, principal, Phillips High School, Battleboro, and Marcellus C. Miller, retired educator, became engrossed in a series of seminars on their

respective professions and specialties.

Those led to several research studies of minority problems in the city. An investigation of Rocky Mount church programs and the needs of senior citizens was conducted. Rev. Lee and Miller then studied at the Duke University Medical School.

In 1978, Lee and Miller earned their graduate gerontology certificates, successfully incorporated the center, and Rev. Lee secured a license for People's Family Care Home. More recently, they have worked with the Edgecombe County Technical Institute to offer practical course work in gerontology designed to be useful for persons who work in a variety of senior citizens programs and health services.



REV. ELBERT LEE, JR.

Charlotte Full Of Activity

CHARLOTTE—Members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina resolved to become more politically active and to fight the sweep of conservatism and racism in the state during a meeting in Charlotte Oct. 29.

"We represent diverse theological views," said GBSB President John R. Manley, "but we are all children of oppression." The Convention represents more than 1700 churches and 360,000 Baptists across the state.

Holding its One Day Session at the First Baptist Church on Oaklawn Avenue, the Rev. J. B. Humphrey, pastor, the Convention recommitted itself to the task of saving souls. It also "re-echoed" the call of the civil rights leader, Martin Luther King, Jr., by urging black ministers to become involved in political and social issues.

One resolution passed by the Convention condemns the Moral Majority, a Virginia-based conservative religious group, as being "insensitive to the brotherhood of man." It challenged the black community to be alert to the resurrecting dragon called "racism" that is again terrifying American society.

The 13 resolutions adopted by the Convention were drafted by a GBSB Committee and were read by the Rev. Clifford A. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Clinton.

Another resolution denounced all forms of the theatrical and television images of the black clergyman as being a charlatan, pimp, con artist or as being ignorant of God.

The Convention also criticized statements made in October by Southern Baptist Convention President Bailey Smith that God does not hear the prayers of Jews.

"We do believe as persons who believe in Jesus Christ as the universal God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob made provisions for the spiritual salvation of his creation called man. And we believe further that God is a prayer-hearing God that man can communicate with the Father in, by and through prayer."

Also among its 13 resolutions was a statement supporting black colleges because "they are more sensitive to the needs of black Americans."

GOV. HUNT BACKS WORK FOR SHAW UNIVERSITY

"As an organization you have set an example for all North Carolinians by rendering tireless and unselfish service," said Gov. James B. Hunt, who stopped at the church for a luncheon news conference. "You have helped keep open the doors of Shaw University, and those efforts are going to benefit the young men and women of North Carolina for generations to come."

The GBSB set a \$1.3 million Unified Program goal for 1980-81 on the heels of its most successful fiscal year in history.

The goal was set after GBSB Executive Secretary Dr. C. C. Craig announced that \$1.25 million was raised during the 1979-80 fiscal campaign. The funds are directed to Convention objectives which include Shaw University, the Shaw Divinity School, state and foreign missions, and to the Central Orphanage in Oxford.

Door-to-Door Solicitations Upheld

BY STAN HASTEY
WASHINGTON, D.C.—Reflecting a national trend toward more and more litigation, religious controversies cascaded on the U.S. Supreme Court during its recently concluded 1979-80 term.

At least three dozen cases directly involving religious questions were docketed by the justices, although most never made it to the oral argument stage. In all, the high court handled 4,781 cases during the term, although only 156 were accepted for oral arguments and formal opinions.

As was generally the case across the spectrum of the court's caseload, no clear trend was discernable in religion cases. From the viewpoint of the religious community itself, results received mixed reviews, particularly the decision in the divisive Hyde Amendment abortion funding case.

That test, which raised the question of equal protection and due process for poor women in need of abortions, polarized the religious community as perhaps no other high court decision in recent times. Many mainline denominations, working through the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights, denounced the 5-4 decision upholding a congressional ban on public funding for almost all abortions, as a giant step backward.

Most evangelicals and Roman Catholics, on the other hand, received the decision with joy and promised renewed efforts in the next Congress to push through a constitutional amendment banning abortion.

In another significant church-state case, the court ruled 8-1 that local municipalities may not forbid charitable organizations from soliciting

funds door-to-door. The solid high court majority thus struck down a 1974 ordinance in Schaumburg, Ill., located 25 miles northwest of Chicago, requiring charitable groups, including churches, to obtain permits to solicit and prove to town officials that 75 percent of the money raised went to charity, and not to cover administrative costs.

Among the more significant of the cases, all of which the high court declined to hear, was a New York decision that clergy may not refuse to answer a grand jury's questions in a criminal proceeding unless answering would violate the priest-penitent relationship.

But on the other side of the ledger, the court upheld the right of Hare Krishnas to solicit funds at the Indiana State Fair.

Family Missions Foundation of The Church

BY MS. AUGUSTA WHITE

Approximately four hundred people representing families from across North Carolina gathered at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in Raleigh last September to take part in the first Family Missions Conference sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

After a unique and soul-stirring devotion led by Mrs. Georgia Thompson and her committee, Dr. Fredric Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer of the Convention, officially opened the conference and presented Mrs. Georgia Turner, president of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention.

"We are attempting to help families draw closer together and have a better outlook for the institution of the family," said Mrs. Turner. "We do this by having love in our lives. In spite of the tough spots, there is good. Live a good and useful life by sharing with others." President Turner said these things will help put happiness in your life:

1. Never say "no" when you have an opportunity to help somebody by sharing and loving.
2. Refrain from doubt-talk. Say one thing and stick to it.
3. Turn your back on evil and do good. Help others and bring blessings into your life.
4. Seek peace on this earth in your lives. Become an island of peace in a world of turmoil.
5. Do the simple honest Christian things daily.
6. Develop a better attitude toward life.

Dr. Brodie said that the purpose of the Conference is to help individuals recognize the importance of family unity and to emphasize their role in missions. "Our motto is 'CHRIST IS EVERY HOME.' Every home needs Christ in theory and spirit. This Family Missions Conference is not to get more money but to help our families. If the church does not do its job, we cannot expect the government to do it."

WORKSHOP SESSION I—"The Role of The Christian Family in Missions"

BY DR. JOHN FLEMING

"The family has a place in Christian missions in spite of the disorganization of the families. The Christian family (the church) must play an important role in the community. Service is the key word. Rendering service is the key that opens the door to helping those in need. Mission is not putting pennies in the mission basket on Sundays or sending old cast-off clothes abroad; it is a cooperative venture. Ministry refers to outward ministering to needs of the church family. Mission is the outward reach of fellowship. Give of your best to the Master whether it is inward or outward. The spirit of missions is Go, Teach, Preach, and Serve!

"The family is the church in miniature. Joshua said, 'Choose ye this day whom you will serve. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.' What choice will you and your family make? Will it be service or mission or something else? If we brought anything with us to this country from Africa, it was family relations, strong ties and the concept of 'my brother's keeper.' The Genesis story of Creation is still good, the beginning of families. The miniature family (the church) must give service to its members. Service should be felt and shared. The family cannot be one without spiritual revelation. God's presence must be felt and tried. A story was told of an old

minister who stopped at a house and asked a young housewife three times, 'Does Jesus live here?' and she could not give him the answer. When her husband came home she told him about the visitor and the question he asked her and she stated that she did not answer the question. The husband said, 'Why did you not answer yes? We belong to the little church on the hill, and we contribute a large sum of money each week; we attend Sunday School once in awhile.' The young wife stated that was not the answer he wanted. He really wanted to know if Jesus really lived here. The family is a (church) place where love is supreme and Christ dwells and renders service to all. The family should become an agent of God and render service. A home without spiritual and moral values is a disaster. Much of the mission in the home is by practice and precept. A praying family will have an impact on society. Study together, read worthwhile books. The family often touches lives daily that are not touched by other sources. Thus Christian families are important."

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY AND STRESS

BY REVEREND OLIVER JOHNSON

Rev. Johnson said that stress is a biological change in our bodies or environment.

"We need to be able to manage and control stress. Obstacles on the road of life cause stress. Find something you are good at and stick to it. You need to maintain control of your own life. When things go wrong at the office or at school, you go home and take it out on your family," Rev. Johnson cited the following things to do to control stress:

1. Relax—Get comfortable, Child Ego Stage—Fun, family emotion. Let the child get out occasionally—walk around the block, run, play, laughter lets out stress. Think of something good which happened to you in 1980.
2. Accept the positive. Use that critical eye to see good.
3. Possess a positive attitude.
4. Find a comfortable position.

Situations to basic needs:

1. **Loveable**—Feel that you have the ability to reach out and love and be loved. People love you because you are you.
2. **Capable**—that you can do something. Find something that the family can do together.
3. **Worthwhile**—A sense of belonging not just an outcast. Develop activities that family members can do.
4. **Name calling and labeling cause stress.** Instead of labeling a person try praising. Tell people when they do something that makes them feel good. Be real. Psychological reality—Trust, do not destroy trust. Once it's lost it's hard to regain. Empathy—putting yourself in the other person's place; Uniqueness—help family members discover their uniqueness and special abilities. Ownership of feelings—allow family members to have ownership of their own feelings. Normal person (thoughts and feelings), upset person (thoughts and feelings); Stroke—Positive—warm fuzzy makes you feel good inside. Recognize the positive factors about people. Plastic fuzzy—"Cold prick" putting a person down."

Mrs. Bronnie Daniels, director of the Young Adult Department, discussed a filmstrip, "The Distinctives of a Christian Steward." She said that stewardship is basically a commitment which involves putting all of one's possessions into God's hand. God has the ownership of everything and man is the trustee.

The family dedicatory prayer was given by the Rev. Wayne Hines, president of the Young Adult Department. Cheryl McCollough, president of the Youth Department, presented the speaker, Rev. Charles McDowell, pastor of the Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Fairmont.

MAKING A CLEAR CHOICE IN THE MIND OF AN UNDECIDED PEOPLE

BY REV. CHARLES McDOWELL

"Often, where the church is concerned, the world is sitting on a chair leaning over waiting to hear what the Christian church is going to say. The issue is that Israel is brought from the 'brickyard of slavery' and taken to the vineyard of plenty. Society has pinched off very little mud for us to mold our lives. We have come this far by faith. Israel had gotten busy and worked over time instead of living an idle life. The devil will not tell the Christian a hard lie but will fool us, and we get too busy to do what we should do as a family member. When there is nothing wrong, this is the most dangerous time in the lives of families and we daydream; our children get away from us and family life decays. The Christian families may be committed to other things and may be on the brink of losing God. As a Christian family let us ask ourselves if we are still confused and have not found Christ."

(1) "We must be called to remember our past. A family cannot remember where it's going unless they can remember the God from whence they came. The Lord took off our physical chains and we must put on spiritual

chains. Before there was welfare there was God's care. Before there was social security, there was spiritual care. We must remember the bridge that brought us over. If it wasn't for the Lord, what would we do?"

(2) "We must be called to its mission. The Christian family itself is a mission. We are a treasure to God. We are the light of the world. The Christian family is to set an example acceptable to God. The Christian family is not only an example but is saved for the world. We are to occupy until He comes, not a seat, but a robe. Christian family mission is to be a servant. We are committed to Jesus. We must stand up for Jesus. We have too many short legged Christians who will not stand tall for Christ. The Christian family is free to stand up for God."

(3) "We must commit to Him who was committed to us. He has borne our grief. He proved His commitment to us when He carried the cross to Calvary. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. We need to commit to Him because He got involved with us. Why commit to society? Society is a small god and God Almighty is a big God. Christian family, you need a big God because when you get in trouble, no little god is able to get you out of trouble. When you get sick, you need a God to heal you. No little god can heal you. When things get hot, you need the benefit of a fourth man in the fiery furnace like the Hebrew Boys. My God is so big until He will lock the jaws of the lion as He did for Daniel. Take your care to the high courts above where is the judge and jury."

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Christian Mother Goose

She's taken the charm and whimsy of the Mother Goose rhymes and added a child's trust in God. Rather than the hopelessness of Humpty Dumpty, whom even the king couldn't help, "The Christian Mother Goose Book," \$9.95, written and illustrated by Marjorie Ainsborough Decker, offers hope to the little boy or girl that a kind and loving God can help.

Mrs. Decker, in her best-selling "Christian Mother Goose Book," paraphrases to perfection, without disturbing the original delightful nursery rhyme flavor. For example:

HUMPTY DUMPTY
Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall;
Fall:
Humpty Dumpty shouted,
"Amen!"
God can put me together again.

Such was her faith in her little rhymes that Mrs. Decker lacking a publisher, found a printer and published the book herself. It has been enthusiastically received from the beginning.

"The Christian Mother Goose Book" is now distributed by the Fleming H. Revell Company, with worldwide rights. The book has already more than 250,000 in print and is currently being purchased at a rate of 30,000 per month. It is enjoyed by readers from 2 to 92.

Angel Of Mercy Shot At Church

On Sunday morning, Oct. 19, gunshots rang out at the Ever Ready Church of Christ near Shaw University in Raleigh. The head of the church, Bishop E. M. Lawson, was killed in a suspected robbery attempt.

Bishop Lawson operated three shelters for the poor and homeless in Raleigh and was one of the most respected ministers in Wake County. Her assailants are still at large.

As a minister to the unwanted, the homeless and to the destitute population of the City of Raleigh and Wake County, the late Bishop E. M. Lawson devoted much of her life.

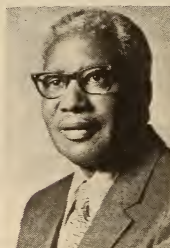
She was called much like her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ "to preach good news to the poor... to proclaim release to the captives... to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." (Luke 4:18, 19)

Through our love for this exemplary Christian, the Raleigh Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance shares the pain of Bishop Lawson's death with her family and her many friends in this community.

In our sorrow we thank God for caring enough to send us the very best, and we rest in the blessed assurance that the works she did, and that the faith she professed in God and in mankind, will best speak for her.

Weddie N. Gabriel of Sherrills Ford in Catawba County, a member of the New Prospect Baptist Church, Rev. C. E. Rowe, pastor, has been elected to serve on the board of directors for the Regional Office Southeastern Savings and Loan Company in Catawba County. Gabriel is general agent for Integrity, National Life Insurance Company, and one of the incorporators of Southeastern from this area. He is also serving on the board of directors of the Sherrills Ford Fire Department, of the Eastern Catawba County United Fund, of the Catawba Valley Technical College, and as chairman of the board of trustees of the Mountain and Catawba Association.

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East West News Service

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EWN)—The government of Cuba has announced that all American "political" prisoners held there will be released in the very near future, as soon as the order is handed down from Cuban dictator Fidel Castro.

Among those prisoners classified as "political" (actually all Americans being held are called "political" prisoners) are Christians Thomas White and Melvin Bailey. The pair have been held in Cuba since May, 1979 when their light airplane crashed on the Communist island while they were dropping "spiritual literature." After five months of interrogations (in which the pair were accused of being CIA agents), the two men were each sentenced to 24 years in prison.

The wife of Thomas White, Mrs. Ofelia White, states that she "knew her husband wouldn't be in prison for 24 years," but was shocked by the sudden announcement of their impending release.

"We have been writing to congressmen and senators asking for their release," she said. "We just don't know how or why this happened. I went to Cuba at the end of September to visit my husband and I didn't see anything going on to show me that he was going to be released. It was a very beautiful surprise—especially for my five-year-old girl who has been expecting her father for the last 15 months."

One man who worked toward the release of Mrs. White's husband along with all of the American prisoners was Diego Abich, project coordinator for a human rights organization.

AID GIVEN HURRICANE VICTIMS

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Relief funds for persons suffering from hurricane, flood, war and unrest were approved by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its September meeting.

Directors appropriated \$193,356, of which \$84,400 already has been used to provide immediate relief following Hurricane Allen in the Caribbean islands and flooding in Bangladesh.

Of the total appropriation, some \$124,400 will supply food and repair homes, churches and a school in the Caribbean. Another \$40,000 will aid flood victims in Bangladesh.

Other appropriations were made for relief in the wake of war in Zimbabwe, unrest in El Salvador and a fire in the Philippines. Small appropriations were made for nutrition education materials for Haiti and for two disaster medical kits to be used by volunteer disaster teams.

Directors also approved another \$75,000 for Haiti, one of the countries hardest hit by the

Abich's organization, based in Washington, D.C., sought to arouse public support on behalf of the prisoners through a letter writing campaign. Abich has definite views on how the sudden release came about: "I think first of all that this is an answer to prayer—the release was achieved because of God's intervention and the positive response of both Christian and secular publications and organizations."

Abich also believes that the Cuban government had a specific reason for announcing the release at this time. "Castro is interested in the coming presidential election and trade with the U.S.," he said. "The situation in Cuba is desperate—the country is in economic chaos. He (Castro) is in dire need of economic and technical assistance."

Despite the optimism he feels about the release of the Americans, Abich is concerned for approximately 12 of the 45 prisoners who are not to be released. These 12 are "dual-citizens"—Cubans who have renounced their citizenship, fled Communism, and acquired American citizenship. Cuba refuses to recognize the dozen prisoners as US citizens, and will not allow State Department officials to visit them. According to Abich, the Cuban government is setting a precedent whereby they are actually telling the American government who are and who are not citizens. Any other government could do the same thing whenever it would help their particular position at the time. At the moment, the future of these twelve prisoners is very uncertain.

storm, and another \$5,000 for replacing the roof on the boys' dormitory at the theological college.

For Haiti, where Allen left 1,200 families homeless, the board appropriated 65,000 to rebuild housing for 600 Baptist families whose homes were seriously damaged. Because 95 percent of the bananas and livestock were destroyed in the area hit by the storm, the board appropriated \$10,000 to provide goats and chickens for 600 families who lost their livestock.

Immediately after Hurricane Allen hit, the Foreign Mission Board responded with \$10,000 in emergency food relief for Haiti and St. Lucia and \$34,400 for repair of chapels and churches in Martinique, Barbados and Jamaica and the Baptist Theological College in Barbados.

Before Hurricane Allen hit, the Foreign Mission Board contacted most missions in its path, alerting them to its resources to respond, such as John R. Cheyne, relief ministries consultant for the board.

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WANTED Distinctive Christians

WINSTON-SALEM (BP)—“The people of God, if they are really the people of God, are on the side of the poor,” said the educator Ron Sider, who addressed a Baptist conference on Developing a Responsible Christian Lifestyle.

Speakers at the three-day meeting, sponsored by the Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, repeatedly called for simplified lifestyles and closer identification with the poor and hungry. The 200 conference participants also took part in workshops on issues such as housing for the poor, hunger, energy use and preaching on Christian lifestyles.

Sider, author of “Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger,” warned against adopting legalistic definitions of “simple lifestyle,” but said Christians must confront the Bible’s “clear teaching” about responsibility toward the poor and hungry in the world.

Sider said the “desperate poverty of hundreds of millions” coupled with “billions who have never heard of Jesus Christ, are two compelling reasons for American Christians—the ‘rich minority’—to live more simply.

Though conference participants declined, after long discussions, to recommend a series of “simple lifestyle guidelines,” Sider listed six thoughts Christians should keep in mind as they “study the Bible hand in hand with the newspaper.” These include: a move toward a lifestyle that could be maintained by everyone in the world; distinguishing between luxury and need; avoiding the hype of “keeping up with the Joneses;” distinguishing between individual’s gifts and things that are needed for everyone; distinguishing between occasional celebration and routine living, learning there is no necessary connection between wealth and Christians earn and their lifestyle.

World evangelization, he said, will never be possible until Christians live more simply in order to channel more financial resources into global missions. At the same time, Sider added, Christians must work for “economic justice” in the world.

Sider and other conference speakers emphasized that individual lifestyle commitments should find support and corporate expression in the local church.

Glen Hinson, professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, pointed out that “history shows that mainline churches, like people, choose a lifestyle they can afford or would like to maintain.” He said throughout history, churches have had a tendency to “drift the way of culture.” He urged churches to reexamine their budgets in

light of scriptural teachings about priorities.

Sider said churches and individuals should consider lifestyle questions from the perspective of “our poor brothers and sisters in the body of Christ,” particularly those of the Third World. “Think how your family’s discussion about a vacation would be affected if it were done in the context of a poor family from Brazil,” he said. He urged churches to match building funds with funds for Third World justice and evangelism.

Speakers also challenged seminar participants to ground their lifestyle commitments in prayer and Bible study. “Our starting point and modifying corporate lifestyles rest not in external considerations, but in internal considerations,” said Hinson. “We need to see the world through God’s eyes.”

Cecil Ray, general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, noted that Christians are “under relentless pressure” to adopt society’s materialistic standards. He said more effective leadership is needed to help resist this pressure.

“Baptist people have in their very beings a capacity to respond to lifestyle commitments,” he said. “But we have not been asked to be much. There are people in the pews of every one of our churches who want to be challenged to live a life that is noble, joyous and distinctively Christian.”

Church Enrichment Conference

A Church Work Enrichment Conference will be conducted by the General Baptist State Convention and the Department of Christian Education at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, Saturday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. The cost of registration is \$15 per person, which will include study materials, badges, certificates, and a full course meal. Each church will receive credit for registration fees paid by its members.

The purpose of the conference is to assist church officers and personnel in understanding their duties, structuring the church organization, programming and scheduling facilities and events, improving relationships of different areas of church work, church budgeting and financial record keeping.

Deacons, clerks, trustees, secretaries, treasurers, finance committee personnel, budget committee personnel, and program committee personnel are invited and urged to attend this very important effort.

The instructors and their areas of concentration are: Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary, church organization and church budgeting; Joe N. Norman, certified public accountant and convention auditor, church financial record keeping; Rev. Leo

Young—Gifted—Bold

BY CURETON JOHNSON

RALEIGH—Judge Karen B. Galloway isn’t one to forget her black roots nor the God from whom all blessings flow.

One of the youngest judges in North Carolina, this 31-year-old black woman presides over the 14th District Court in Durham. Behind her soft and shimmering Afro hairstyle and copper colored complexion lies a committed Christian.

“The greatest politician was Jesus,” proclaimed Judge Galloway while addressing a Woman’s Day crowd of more than 700 gathered in the Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh last month.

“Jesus confronted the establishment, taking sides with the oppressed of the land. Black theology by its very nature is a political theology,” she said.

Judge Galloway has also had occasion to face the establishment as one of the attorneys who defended Joanne Little in Raleigh. While other defense lawyers were yelling and turning flips in the courtroom, Galloway calmly finessed her points across to those sitting in judgment.

Her tact and smooth demeanor under tremendous pressure and national television spotlights earned her credit as bench material. But her attainments haven’t gone to her head.



Judge
Karen
Galloway

“I remember after I had gotten my law degree (Duke University) and had won my first case. I was feeling pretty good,” she told her attentive listeners. “As I drove from the court, I stopped at a stoplight and a white man pulled up beside me and said, ‘Goodbye, nigger,’ as he pulled off.”

“I said to myself, ‘I needed that!’

“I think every black person needs that a couple of times per week to let us know we haven’t overcome racism and prejudice.”

“The one that scares me most is this fellow from California. Thurgood Marshall will be stepping down from the Supreme Court soon and Reagan will pick justices for that court. Black people will be set back 20 years.”

“We as black church people should help those who are deprived of their human rights. On the whole, we’ve become very comfortable and apathetic. We don’t know the dangers we face in the next 20 years.”

“But there is hope for black people. Our hope lies right here (in the church). It’s necessary for black people to come together and not be caught up on degrees, titles and on materialistic values.”

She said the black church must resume a policy adopted in the 60s of developing strategies to deal with problems that affect blacks.

“The slave church was dedicated to the liberation of black people and the modern black church must be committed to the progress of black people also.”

Church Music Conf.

Saturday, December 6, 1986, 10 a.m.
J. J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY
Laurel Hill, N. C.

The purpose of this conference is to allow church music leaders such as choir members, church music committees, organists, pianists, directors, and interested persons an opportunity to fellowship, worship and share experiences together.

GENERAL INFORMATION

*Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

*Registration fee will be \$15 per person which will include programs, badges, materials, coffee break and luncheon.

*Please pre-register by sending all monies and names to: Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr., Director of Church Music, General Baptist State Convention, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601. Phone (919) 821-7466 or 821-7467. Make checks and money orders payable to: General Baptist State Convention.

*Deadline for pre-registration will be Nov. 28 at 12 noon.

9:30 a.m. Registration and Enrollment

10:00 a.m. Worship

10:15 a.m. Greetings and Directives

10:30 a.m. “Making Music Viable in Your Church Through”

1. Witnessing

2. Education

3. Application

4. Ministry

11:30 a.m. Committee Appointments

Coffee Break

Greetings from General Baptist State Convention

12:00 p.m. Trouble Shooting

This time is allotted to allow persons the opportunity to ask questions about problems in their church music work to our experienced and qualified workshop leaders. The intent is not to kill your snakes but to give you a gamut of suggestions to work with.

1:00 p.m. Music Conference Banquet

2:00 p.m. Organization and Business Meeting

3:00 p.m. Closing

Camps Closing

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)—A government order condemning two Florida refugee camps for “deplorable” living conditions emphasizes the need for America to sponsor refugees.

Speaking after Florida health authorities shut down two camps housing 25,000 to 30,000 Cuban and Haitian refugees, Hubert Hurt said, “Some people claim we’ve taken in too many refugees already—that we ought to push these newcomers back into the sea. We have no excuse for this kind of mentality in a so-called Christian nation.”

Hurt also noted that some 20,000 Haitian refugees currently live in south Florida. Most have been herded into Krome South, the other condemned camp.

Victim Sings From The Crypt: "To God Be The Glory"

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—Lionel Patton came alive in a New Orleans mortuary.

Thought dead, Patton was sent to the mortuary after an accident in which his car had hit a concrete abutment. The lower part of his face was severed from his skull, clinging only by some skin and muscle. Because doctors could find no trace of pulse, he was declared dead on arrival.

When he woke up in the mortuary crypt, Patton thought he was in heaven. He tried to pray and sing hymns. 'inally, an attendant heard him and had him sent back to the hospital.

"When I came to in the morgue," Patton recalls, "I was sort of singing. I thought I was going to a better place, but I was still stuck in this miserable world. Since I was here, I felt like I had to turn it (his life) around and make it a positive motion instead of a negative one. I had been spending my life on the road making a pile of money, but it didn't mean anything to me."

The incident became the catalyst that turned Patton's life around, leading him to study for the ministry at Boyce Bible School, a division of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

BY STEVEN L. HIGDON

Patton had won honors at a high school vocalist in Hawaii, but he lost his desire to sing after moving to Alabama at age 19. He felt unaccepted in Alabama and became an introvert.

He was a driver for a large bus and trucking firm when he had the accident in April. Patton spent four weeks in the hospital and upon reflection, was disappointed in everything he had been involved with before—his singing, driving, Golden Gloves boxing and karate.

"I wanted my life to count for something and the only way I

could was to do that was to improve a skill I thought I lost," he says.

That skill was his singing, which he wanted to use in ministry. Since he hadn't graduated from college, and because his father, Ernest L. Patton, had graduated from Southern Seminary, Boyce Bible School was his choice for training.

"Right now I'm singing for any church that asks me," Patton says. "It seems like this testimony is getting across to some people in church who just don't listen unless something different happens."

Comparing his current life to that before April, Patton

declared that it takes "more guts to get up in front of a congregation and tell a testimony and sing than it does to walk into a bar room and take on two or three guys. It's a lot more frightening to me."

Patton wants to make sure people know the source of his new life.

"When I sing, at the end, I say 'unto only God be the glory' because people have a way of sometimes praising you when it's not you, I wouldn't be here, I wouldn't be talking, much less singing if it were just me."



Dr. J. B. Humphrey and Mrs. Humphrey served as official host and hostess for the session.

Liberian Baptists Working

BY MARY JANE WELCH

MONROVIA, Liberia (BP)—With government permission to hold their first public meeting in months, Liberian Baptists met Aug. 23 and elected a Baptist school principal as interim convention president.

Jeremiah Hall, principal of the Lost Carey Mission School in Brewerville, was elected to fill the vacancy left when William R. Tolbert, Jr., former president of the convention and of the country, was assassinated in a political coup April 12.

The group also elected Samuel Hill, a deacon at Providence Baptist Church, Monrovia, where the meeting was held as interim general secretary of the Liberian Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Inc.

The government's permission to hold the convention is a sign of openness which will give Baptists a "big opportunity" in the future if they stay out of politics. Because Baptist polity requires that certain decisions be made by a representative body, Baptist leaders had tried to call a convention in May and June, but failed to get permission until late July.

More than half of about 300 at the meeting were under age 35.

Many were students at the Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary, Paynesward City. Walker has been chairman of the seminary trustees since it was founded in 1976.

Financial matters left hanging by cancellation of the regular convention the week after Tolbert's death were a major consideration for the convention. Because most of the convention's operating funds are received at the annual meeting, Baptist institutions such as Ricks Institute and Kwenden Vocational Training Institute were having problems securing funds for teachers' salaries, utility bills, student food and other expenses.

Besides hearing recommendations on the future directions of Baptist programs, Baptists were able to talk with members of other churches—in many cases for the first time since the coup left the convention with many leaders dead, imprisoned or in another country.

There was a feeling of isolation and of uncertainty during the period when the convention was not allowed to meet. But the result was "an increased emphasis on prayer and a renewed faith in the power of prayer."



Oratorical Winner

TARBORO—Jacqueline H. Eason, a sixth-grader and a member of the Morning Star Baptist Church in Pinetops, representing the Edgecombe County Woman's General Baptist Missionary Circle, won first place in the Oratorical Contest held at the Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, July 29. Her topic was "Have a Heart for Missions." Her parents are William and Helen Eason of Route 3, Tarboro, and her pastor is Elder George Cooper, Jr.

Hunger Makes Food Stamp Program Necessary

The House of Delegates of the North Carolina Council of Churches declares its support for measures which would strengthen the Food Stamp Program, particularly the recommendation that the state assume all of the non-federal administrative costs of the program. We call upon the North Carolina General Assembly to enact this measure, and we call upon churches and Christians in the state to join in the advocacy of this policy in order that food assistance might reach more persons who are in need.

The God of the Bible calls all people to be compassionate, just, and generous toward those who are hungry. This theme appears over and over again in the books of the Old Testament: "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo every yoke, to let the oppressed to free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry..." (Isaiah 58). The theme is continued in

the New Testament as Christ equated feeding the hungry with service to himself (Matthew 25:35). The epistle of James makes clear that authentic faith requires giving material assistance to persons in need: "If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?" (James 2:15).

Following this line of teaching, many church bodies in our nation and in our state have in recent years declared their concern about hunger and malnutrition, both overseas and in the United States. Christians have given generously to food relief and to other kinds of programs designed to diminish hunger.

In modern society, concern to alleviate hunger and malnutrition must find expression in governmental programs. Christians who desire to serve Christ by responding to the

needs of the poor will advocate more effective, adequate, and generous public programs. There will always be a need for deeds of charity, for direct personal assistance, and for the services of private agencies. But most of the hungry will find assistance, if they find it at all, through social programs established by the entire community. Caring Christians, therefore, must, and will push for the strengthening of those mechanisms which offer food and nourishment to the deprived.

The federal Food Stamp Program is one such mechanism. It was designed to assist hungry people in the United States. This program has been functioning since 1965, and has had some success. Yet too many citizens of North Carolina are eligible, who are not participating. Today there are still hungry people in our state; indeed, in our own communities. While there is food on the shelf, the means to purchase that food are lacking.

Records show that during the month of November, 1979, the participation in the Food Stamp Program in North Carolina was 51.6 percent, with 540,387 receiving food stamps while 1,011,000 were eligible. The highest county in participation was Vance with 84.9 percent participating, with the lowest county of 19.6 percent. There are various reasons why eligible people do not participate in the Food Stamp Program. One reason must be the lack of administrative help in the Social Services offices in the counties. Lines waiting and travel all discourage people from seeking the help they need and for which they are eligible.

All of the Food Stamp Program is paid for by the federal government, except for administrative and matching government pays 50 percent of the administrative costs. The remaining 50 percent is left to the state and county governments. Many counties do not provide enough funds to

assure adequate staff to process food stamp applications, or to do outreach, or accessible locations for food stamp applicants in remote parts of the county. Some counties are unable to generate sufficient funds to adequately administer the Food Stamp Program. Other counties are reluctant or unwilling to allocate sufficient funds to meet this need.

North Carolina needs to assure that all individuals who are eligible for food stamps have them available and that there is adequate staff in each county to assure this. This goal would be served if the state would pay all of the non-federal costs to administer the

Food Stamp Program. This seems fair. It would also be cost-effective, providing local merchants and farmers with income from increased food sales and assuring that North Carolina citizens are more adequately fed.

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"When they saw the star, they rejoiced

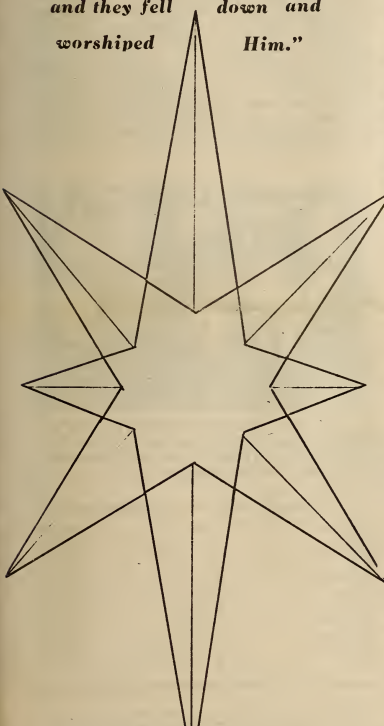
exceedingly with great joy;

and going into the house

they saw the child...

and they fell down and

worshipped Him."



M. L. King

The General Baptist State Convention's annual banquet, in memory of the late Martin L. King, Jr., will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday evening, Jan. 16, at the Civic Center in Raleigh.

We are counting on you as usual to help make this annual event a success. The activities for this event will be centered around the theme, "The Spirit of Martin L. King, Jr."

Dr. Noel Taylor, pastor of the High Street Baptist Church and Mayor of Roanoke, Va., will be the featured speaker.

Banquet

Tickets for this banquet can be purchased from the Baptist Headquarters for a donation of \$15 each.

Please make check payable to the General Baptist State Convention for M.L.K. Banquet. The final date for all reports is Jan. 7.

Each church, association and union will be given credit for the donation which will be a part of your total contribution for the year.

Thank you for the support that I know you will give.

Wishing All A Joyous, Spirit-Filled Christmas



From the staff of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.

CHRISTMAS: A Sign God Cares!

BY DR. C.C. CRAIG,
Executive Secretary

"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." Luke 2:11-12.

Christmas is a reminder, it is a sign that God in Jesus Christ cares, that He is concerned with our total welfare. There comes a time in all of our lives when we need to know that someone cares. Some people may say that it doesn't matter if no one cares about them, but there are times when it does matter. To know that someone cares when we need help most can make all the difference in the world. When a person feels that nobody cares, he becomes careless and reckless in life. We need to know that someone

I read a story a few days ago that was filled with both sadness and joy. It was about a 10-year-old boy whose family was very poor. Since the father of the family was unable to find work, the family supported itself in the city of New York by renting rooms to boarders. Among those who boarded in the house was an aunt, whose name was Kate.

Aunt Kate was a person who was eccentric, selfish and hard

to get along with. But to the boy, she was kind and considerate. She would always buy books and tickets for the movie and at Christmas she would always buy the Christmas tree and presents for the boy. To the young boy, Aunt Kate was all right. But to others she was not.

The time came when Aunt Kate became impossible to get along with. She crossed the young boy's father once too many times. The boy's father became very angry at Aunt Kate and told her to pack her clothes and leave the home immediately.

Aunt Kate's leaving the home left the boy very unhappy. In his mind, the question was, how could his father do such a thing? For the boy it meant no more books, no more tickets for the movie, and no more presents for Christmas. The boy was very unhappy. The days and months of his unhappiness passed on and finally Christmas Eve came and nothing had been said about a gift.

As the boy and his father ate together on Christmas Eve, first there was silence and finally the father said to his son, we will take a walk downtown after we finish eating. The boy's heart leaped for joy for he realized that he

was going to get something for Christmas. This was a high moment in the life of the young boy. When supper was over, the boy and his father walked down the streets with their heads bent against the cold winter wind. To the boy, the lights were brighter than ever because of the happiness in his heart.

When they arrived at the store downtown, there were many, many toys. They looked at one thing and then another. As they looked, the father would ask about the prices of the toys that his son seemed to like. They kept on looking and walking through the store. The boy saw a chemistry set and a printing press and said, father, look at that chemistry set and look at that printing press. The father stopped and priced the sets and then he looked at his son and walked on.

The chemistry set or the printing press was what the boy wanted. As they reached the end of the toy line, the father stopped and looked at the last toys and he began to jingle some money in his pocket and then looked down at his son in disappointment.

In a flash of a moment, the boy realized that his father had only about 75 cents to buy a

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FROM PRESIDENT MANLEY

BY DR. J. R. MANLEY

The Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, held Oct. 29 with the First Baptist Church in Charlotte, the Rev. J. B. Humphrey, pastor, will go down in history as a watershed session. For not only did the work of the Convention reach a height in giving, it also forecast, I believe, the shape of things to come in the decade of the 80s.

The theme of the Convention for 1980, "A New Fellowship Folly Joined Together," has served us well, for not only was the substance of the theme in evidence at our All Baptist Assembly in July at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem, it was also in evidence at our Annual Session in Charlotte.

And what is of even greater significance is that I have found this same theme in evidence in both word and deed in the many associations and churches that I have been privileged to visit across the state. This makes me feel that

we are recognizing that even though we have the right to disagree, it is much better when we can agree. And by so doing walk and work together for the common good of us all. For how can two walk together except they be agreed?

And this is the challenge of the 80s, to both walk and work together in order to meet the demanding and challenging issues of our time. The challenge to provide a good education for our people by providing even greater support for Shaw University in Raleigh. I'm glad to report that in addition to our regular giving to Shaw, the Convention will soon launch a program for an endowment fund for Shaw, which will assure a certain amount of support in the future.

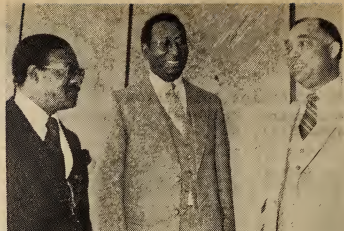
The challenge to provide for the orphans among us is as real today as it was when the Central Orphanage in Oxford was established. We can take pride in the part we played in helping the Central Orphanage both financially and politically

when that institution was facing heavy pressure even to the point of extinction. We are grateful for the support the Convention gave in helping to meet the challenge. But our support should be so strong that there should never be any question about that institution continuing to serve the mission of its birth.

We also have the challenge of foreign missions, and we have a longstanding history for the support of such through the Lott Carey Convention. With the state of affairs as they are in the world today, we can do no less than our best to insure a meaningful mission emphasis and the hope for a better world.

In 1981, we will have an additional challenge, namely to make a meaningful Christian witness together with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina as we look forward to a joint session in Greensboro in 1981. We must be sure that every member of the General Baptist family has

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Dr. J. Ray Butler, left, led the Shiloh Baptist Church of Winston-Salem in giving to the Convention and Dr. C. R. Edwards, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville, led his church. Both are congratulated by GBSC President Dr. J. R. Manley.

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GBSC CHURCH WORK CONFERENCE—LAUREL HILL—NOV. 22
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Nazarene Puts Tools In Order

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"A New Fellowship Folly Joined Together" (Ephesians 4:16-24)

"For We Are Laborers Together With God" (1 Corinthians 3:9)

One morning long before the carpenter was to appear in his shop, the carpenter's tools decided that they needed to have a conference to settle some of the problems which were steadily arising in their work.

The first tool called to take the chair was Brother Hammer. The meeting informed him that he was to leave because he was so noisy with his work. "But," he said, "If I am to leave the carpenter shop, Brother Gimlet must go too. He is so insignificant that he makes very little impression."

Brother Gimlet rose to his feet and said, "All right, but Brother Screw must go also. You have to turn him around and around again and again to get him anywhere."

Brother Screw then said, "If you wish, I will go, but Brother Plane must leave as well, all his work is on the surface and

LETTER

To The Editor,

I have been a shut-in since March, 1980 and I always look forward with eagerness for my issue of the Informer. I have read and re-read them at times. Your coverage of the All Baptist Assembly, One Day Sessions, workshops, and all of the activities of the General Baptist State and Woman's Conventions have been informative as well as interesting. I also enjoy reading the various messages and other articles.

Enclosed is an article in keeping with the theme of the All Baptist Assembly that I would like to share with others.

Mrs. Annie N. Sadler
Gastonia

there is no depth to it." To this, Brother Plane replied, "Well, Brother Rule will have to withdraw, if I do, for he is always measuring other folks as though he were the only one who is right!" Brother Rule then complained against Brother Sandpaper and said, "I

just don't care. He is rougher than he ought to be, and he is always rubbing people the wrong way!"

In the midst of this discussion, the Carpenter of Nazareth walked in, earlier than expected. He had come to perform his day's work. He first put on his apron and then went over to the bench to make a pulpit. He employed the screw, the gimlet, the sandpaper, the saw, the hammer, the plane and all the other tools. After the day's work was done and the pulpit was finished, Brother Saw arose and said, "Brethren, I perceive that all of us are laborers with God!"

If a selfish judgment was made against one of God's necessary tools and that tool was removed from His work, who would be the one causing God's work to be delayed?

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?... For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers... nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God..." (Romans 8:35-39).

—From Streams in the Desert



Dr. C. C. Craig was congratulated on leading the Convention to a Unified Program height of \$12.5 million during the 1979-80 fiscal year. Dr. C. R. Edwards is pictured to the left while Dr. Manley joins in encouragement for the current campaign.

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Association	Moderator	Amount
Rowan	E. L. Kirby	\$173,295.12
Mecklenburg General	J. B. Humphrey	67,879.88
Union	A. C. Jones	62,038.93
Neuse River	F. L. Bullock	52,945.25
Ebenezer	R. E. Devoe	51,253.09
Mt. Peace	R. M. Young	41,392.21
Old Eastern	J. R. Person	41,218.78
New Hope	C. R. Tyner	40,615.24
Mud Creek	H. B. Ferguson	33,565.54
Wake	G. A. Jones	30,800.11

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

Cureton Johnson, Editor

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Christmas Thrives In Modern Holy Land

BY REV. ROBERT LINDSEY JERUSALEM—My first Christmas in Jerusalem was in 1939. I had just graduated from the University of Oklahoma in January of that year and come to Palestine, as Israel was called in those days, to learn a bit of Hebrew in preparation for study at a theological seminary.

December 25 rolled around and on the 24th a good friend hired a couple of taxis and quite a group of us young people took the high ridge road out to Bethlehem. Only six miles, actually.

Little did I know at the time that I was to pass many happy Christmas seasons in Jerusalem.

The year 1941 was filled with getting settled in the pastorate of the little West Jerusalem Baptist Church. This was two years before Israel declared herself an independent Jewish state.

The church was and still is

located in the heart of the newer Jewish section of Jerusalem. As Christmas approached in 1946 our Jewish neighbors would meet me in the street and say, "Soon it will be Christmas for you, won't it?" My wife Margaret and I had decided early in October that we would not need to make much of the celebrations since we were one of the few Christian families living in the neighborhood.

But this was not to be. Again and again our Jewish friends said, "Will you invite me to your Christmas celebrations?" What could we say? We had to make quite a bit of Christmas. Our Jewish neighbors demanded it!

Soon afterward, Jerusalem was divided. Since we lived on the west side, getting to Bethlehem meant going to the Old City and taking a circuitous route of some fifteen miles to visit the Church of the Nativity. Most of our church members

and participants at services could not get Jordanian permission to cross the lines to make that trip.

So we began a little tradition that lasted nearly twenty years—during the period when Israeli soldiers stood with rifles on hand on the opposite side of no-man's-land. We started filling up our car and a taxi or two and taking our church people out to Kibbutz Ramat Rachel, just four miles from Bethlehem, and there we would stand on Christmas Eve looking across the fields at the little lights of Bethlehem, wondering when we would ever again be able to go freely to Bethlehem at Christmastime. Often our liturgical group sang Christmas carols as we stood cupping our ears to hear the church bells clanging in Jerusalem so far away.

After the Six Day War in 1967, Jerusalem was reunified and remains one city today. All

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Christmas in Bethlehem

CHURCH CIRCUIT

Durham Revival

Dr. Charles G. Adams, of Detroit, Mich., will serve as preacher at the 1981 City-Wide Revival to be held at the White Rock Baptist Church Jan. 5 through 9 at 7:30 p.m. each evening. These spiritual celebrations will be sponsored by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham, Dr. Percy High, president.

Rev. Brown Honored

BY MRS. DORETHA S. CHANCE

HASSELL—The three churches pastored by Dr. G. E. Brown all came together Nov. 23 to honor him for 40 years in the ministry.

The honorary service was held at the Weeping Mary Baptist Church in Hassell.

Rev. Brown pastored Weeping Mary, Batts Baptist Church in Tarboro and the Willow Chapel Baptist Church in Gold Point.

Remarks were given by the following people: Deacon Seamere Staton, the Rev. J. H. Hyman, Deacons Charlie Dixon and Marvis Gray, Sis. Doretha S. Chance and the Rev. Walter Cherry. A song of dedication was sung by the three choirs—"Never Alone."

The Rev. William I. Price delivered the sermon, taken from Joshua 23:8-10, on the subject, "If You Want to Make It Stay With the Lord." His sermon was food for the soul.

After the sermon, Dr. Brown said that in his 40 years he had had his ups and downs, troubles and joys, but he would stay in the field until the Lord calls him home.

He received many gifts.

Greenville's Cornerstone Baptist Installs Rev. Arlee Griffin

BY DR. E. C. LAND

During a most reverent and impressive service, the Rev. Arlee Griffin, Jr. was recently installed as the pastor of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville.

Serving as master of ceremonies was the Rev. Kenneth Hammond, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Williamston. The installation sermon was delivered by the Rev. Milton L. Lewis of Durham. The installation prayer was given by the Rev. David Hammond; the charge to the minister by the Rev. Clarence Gray; the charge to the church by the Rev. J. H. Hyman. Also appearing on the program were the Rev. Anton Wesley, Deacons Lemuel Clemons and James Vines, Brothers Roderick Phillips and Joseph Hill, and Sis. Rosa M. Bell. Special music was furnished by the Bread of Life Fellowship Choir, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Rev. Arlee Griffin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlee Griffin, Jr. of Elizabeth City, is an honor



Rev. Griffin

graduate of Northeastern High School in Elizabeth City where he was a member of the National Honor Society and numerous other organizations. Rev. Griffin matriculated at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in zoology and chemistry.

Rev. Griffin holds the State Farmer and American Farmer degree and was vice president of the North Carolina Future Farmers of America. At UNC, he served as chairman of the Bread of Life Ministry and United Christian Fellowship. He also served as vice president of the Black Campus Cabinet, chairman of the UNC Student Task Force for the Retention of Black Faculty, campus minister, and assistant director of the Beulah Christian Retreat and Conference Center in Siler City.

He is married to the former Angela Farr of Rocky Mount, he is also a graduate of the University of North Carolina. She is currently employed as a physical therapist at the Caswell Center in Kinston.

Under the leadership of Rev. Griffin, the Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church is making a greater impact on the community its serves.

Bazzel Creek Homecoming

BY MRS. D. S. HICKS

FUQUAY-VARINA—The past, officials, and members of the Bazzel Creek Baptist Church always look forward to this time of year, which serves a twofold purpose. First, they get to see family and friends who have been terribly visitors from far and near. Secondly, the climaxing of the fall drive.

The first Sunday in November was no exception. One could actually feel the growing anticipation as plans

were being formulated for this occasion.

Pastor, Rev. N. T. Davis, began the morning worship with an inspiring message that set the trend for the day's activities, with a sermon entitled, "Let A Man Examine Himself."

The ladies served a delicious buffet lunch following morning service.

Rev. Davis gave the call to worship at the 3 p.m. service. Dr. Grady Davis, the male chorus and ushers of the Union

Baptist Church of Durham rendered the afternoon program. Dr. Davis captivated the attention of the congregation with his dynamic sermon on "Home and Church."

During his remarks, Rev. N. T. Davis praised the members and homecoming captains for having gone over the sum of \$11,000. He also encouraged all to continue working to obtain higher heights, so that projected long range goals might become a reality.



Rev. Wesley

Wesley Installed

BY R. B. JOHNSON

FALKLAND—The Rev. Anton T. Wesley, a native of Newport News, Va., was officially installed as pastor of the St. John Missionary Baptist Church of Falkland on Sunday, Oct. 19. The installation message was delivered by his father, the Rev. Royal C. Wesley, Sr., pastor of Gray's Missionary Baptist Church, Hampton, Va.

Rev. Wesley received his education in the city schools of Newport News and the bachelor of science degree from Elizabeth City State University. He is presently employed in the Pitt County School System as a public school music teacher.

He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Royal C. Wesley, Sr. of Newport News, Va., and is married to Ingrid Jones Wesley. They have a daughter, Daria Antonelle, and are presently living at 1612 Lincoln Drive, Greenville.

Rev. Wesley also holds a pastorate at the Weeping Mary Missionary Baptist Church of Jamesville.

Woman's Page

BY EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY BRODIE

Seemingly, the year has passed swiftly, for here we are in the last month of 1980. This month brings a season which is most dear to our hearts as Christians, that of Christmas. Christmas reminds us of God's redemptive love and concern for His creatures who had and have been entangled in the web of sin in that He is the greatest giver.

That first Christmas, however, is far removed from us in this present era, and perhaps there may be those of us who are inclined to compare this Christmas to the first one because of wondering and desiring to ascertain if Christmas still has the same effect, the same power, the same blessing inasmuch as we live in uncertain and beguiling times. Is God the same? Is He really in charge? Are there not still Herods among us who seek to destroy the King and His Kingdom? Are there not still among us Caesars who tax people without representation? What of the peace which the Advent was to bring?

But then in the midst of this inquiry, Habakkuk speaks, "The just shall live by his

faith." Also when we under the guidance of the Spirit enter a prayerful meditation with thoughts as in the following



DR. PRISCILLA A. BRODIE

prayer, our minds, souls, and being are brought back into proper perspective of and submission to our Savior—Wonderful, Counselor, Prince of Peace, and we realize that we truly have the blessed assurance of Christmas, Immanuel (God with us).

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

"We adore Thee, O God, because Thou hast revealed thyself unto us through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. We worship Thee, O Christ, because Thou hast revealed the

wisdom and the love of God. We open our minds to Thee, O Holy Spirit, because Thou dost apply the thoughts of Christ unto our minds and hearts.

"We bow, with the shepherds of old and all humble men, before the Child of Bethlehem. We worship the Wise Men of ancient story and all the wise men of the ages who have followed the star. We look with wonder in our eyes and see the halos which rest above the heads of little children, which encircle the brows of the true mothers of the world, which lend radiance to the lives of all who toil.

"Though Christ has come to Bethlehem and many of her villages of the world, though His name is known in the farthest corners of the earth, we still wait for His coming into these areas of human life which do not give Him room. Move the nations to give Him place in their councils. Break down all barriers which prevent men

from laying their treasures at His feet. Come, O Christ, into all factories and shops; be present in all legislative halls and forums; become the Lord of all those who seek for wisdom in schools and colleges.

"Come to the hearts of men, O Christ. Bring miracles to pass within them, that the depraved may become holy, that the sinful may experience the ecstasy of forgiveness, that the hopeless may see a shining star, that the suffering may feel beneath them the everlasting arms, that the bereaved may know the comfort of the Spirit.

"Be present, too, O Christ, with those whom we love and from whom we are separated, and grant unto them the blessings of Thy hands. May the true joy of Christmas abide with us; in Thine Own name we pray. Amen."

We, the Woman's Convention and Staff, wish for each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Tate Honored By Women's Group

DREXEL—Frances Tate of Drexel was honored along with other minority women by the North Carolina Council on the Status of Women in Raleigh last November.

Mrs. Tate was nominated for the honor, the first "Tribute to Minority Women," by the

Burke County Council on the Status of Women. Selection was made on the basis of community involvement.

Mrs. Tate is a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church and serves as a musician, assistant church clerk, director of the gospel group The Realities, and

Gives Trial Sermon

BALTIMORE, Md.—The Sunday of Sept. 21 was a beautiful occasion at the Fulton Baptist Church in Baltimore, Md., as people came from far and near to hear Mrs. Florence McBane Alcorn preach her trial sermon. Those who came were praying with and for her.

Rev. Alcorn is the daughter of the late Rev. John A. and Mrs. Henrietta A. McBane. She is a native of Tarboro but now resides in Baltimore. She received her early education in the public schools of Tarboro and Greensboro. Rev. Alcorn graduated from Shaw University and earned a master's degree from Coppin State College in special education.

She has studied at the Baltimore School of the Bible and is the wife of a dedicated musician, Milton L. Alcorn. They have one son.

is a Sunday School teacher.

Mrs. Tate is also secretary of the Baptist Training Union Congress and is a member of the Christian Education committee of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Liberian Mission: "I've Seen!"

BY DR. BERTHENA D.
HORNE

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him (I Corinthians 2:9).

On Dec. 4, 1979, accompanied by Dr. John D. Bussey, former president of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention and Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, executive secretary and treasurer of the Woman's Convention of North Carolina, we left for our mission station in Brewerville, West Coast Africa (Liberia).

We departed at Monrovia at Roberts Field Dec. 5 at 9 a.m. To God Be The Glory!

We were greeted by Superintendent Jeremiah Walker, Miss Pearl Lewis, ten students and the bus driver of our Lott Carey Mission. This was just the initial step of the genuine hospitality received. We were taken to our living quarters—the new modern Hotel Africa, near the Lott Carey Mission Campus.

As we viewed the campus which resembles a small junior college, we were amazed, happy and grateful to God, Dr. Somerville, Superintendent Walker, teachers, students, staff, natives and supporters of our work.

The campus is well kept with named streets (Minnie C. Lyon, W. H. Thomas, Randolph, etc.), new and renovated buildings, smiling faces and handshakes.

Sunday, Dec. 6, was baccalaureate service, commencement exercises and dedication of the library. Eight students graduated from high school at our mission. The students plan to enter college if scholarships

are available. Yours truly presented the diplomas, Dr. Brodie presented the awards and Dr. Bussey gave the invocation.

In the late afternoon, the new library, a project of the women of North Carolina, was dedicated to the glory of God. They were there—the campus could not be seen because of the people. The ribbon was cut by yours truly as we entered the library. My! My! What a beautiful interior, well built with good material, modern in every respect. It is beyond further description! This marks the second building erected on our campus by the women of North Carolina, supported by our pastors.

In 1972, I was privileged to participate in the dedicatory services of the Guest House (Teachers' Cottage). In 1976, I participated in ground breaking for the library and returned in 1979 for dedicatory services and cutting of the ribbon for the new library. To God Be The Glory.

Follow me if you will. On our Lott Carey campus are the following well built and modern buildings: Kitchen and Dining Hall; Teachers' Cottage; Two small Homes for Teachers; Chapel for Worship; Library; Girls' Dormitory; Boys' Dormitory; Matron's Cottage; Classroom Building; Science Lab; Superintendent's Home; Workshop; Postally Building; an Agricultural Area (hot vegetables, etc.) directed by Mr. Bernard Benson from A&T State University, Greensboro, and a native of Liberia.

Our teachers are prepared with college degrees. This has been updated by the present superintendent. Teachers all

from India, Liberia, Hampton, Va. and other areas. Cooperation and respect can be seen and felt among the students, principal, faculty and natives.

The outstanding needs are:

An incubator (\$2,500)—Over 600 chickens on the farm. This need has been met through the generous gift of the Missionary and Educational Union of Winston-Salem, Dr. Warnie C. Hay, president.

A Cottage for Teachers—Some of the teachers will soon live in the present Superintendent's Home. The Lott Carey Convention has purchased a home near the campus for Superintendent Walker and family.

A Much Needed Clinic Equipment for the Library—The Women of North Carolina have accepted this project and it is well on the way to completion.

Equipment of Science Building

The Bopulu Mission Needs: A kitchen—cook stove—30 chairs—12 benches—ice box (Lott Carey Mission Laymen League project). The Bopulu Mission grows its rice, prunes and most of its meat, cultivates its vegetables, and will soon deal in rubber on its land. The rubber will become a great financial income for the Lott Carey—there.

In 1964—there was no running water. Nine women slept and lived in two small rooms, no modern conveniences.

In 1979—running water, modern buildings, a prepared and selected faculty, a dedicated superintendent, disciplined students, no



Church



The Lott Carey School Library

begging, no cheating, no drugs and no smoking.

Our own Dr. Wendell C. Somerville has given and is still giving his best to the foreign field. May we be grateful for his leadership, integrity and dedication. "I would rather see a sermon than hear one any day." Through Dr. Somerville and my Lord Jesus, my childhood dream has come true.

Without supporting pastors, women, laymen and youth of the Lott Carey Convention, I could not say, "I have seen." To God Be The Glory.

"Right On Lott Carey Supporters. The battle has not been won. Continue to support the work. "Go Ye Therefore and Teach All Nations... Matthew 28:19-20."

P. S. If there are doubters we have 1979 slides, pictures and movies of our buildings, students and campus.

Dr. Horne is the immediate past president and executive secretary of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina and is the current Chairperson of the Lott Carey Women's Auxiliary.

Wayne Co. Youth

Having been inspired at the All Baptist Assembly last July, the Wayne County Youth Supervisor, Sis. Pauline Reid, led the youth of the Missionary Union into a study course.

This course met each Saturday in October for two hours daily. The book, "Youth Questions: God Answers," by Alice Dawson Cheevers, was used, along with the Bible, and Bible stories.

Approximately 40 youth from Wayne County enrolled in this

course. The youth were grouped according to grade classification and were taught by Sisters Frances Goodman, Pauline Reid, and Mabel Isler.

At the end of the course, each group shared what was learned in a culmination activity. The youth thoroughly enjoyed the course, and many expressed a desire to continue longer. We plan to have at least one study course a year.

Mrs. Thelma C. Horton is consultant for the group.

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gather around our tree on Christmas:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

The staff at the Baptist Headquarters, Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Mrs. Margarie Dunn, Mrs. Capola Latta, Ms. Bettie Chisolm, Mrs. Mary Washington, Ms. Shirley Williams, Mrs. Gladys Watlington, Ms. Ivory Williamson, Dr. Leo Williams, Rev. Archie Logan, Waverly Camp and Rev. Cureton Johnson join me in wishing for you and all those near and dear to you a joyous Christmas season, and a new year of deepened devotion, of enlarged Christmas service, and of genuine happiness in your work for the Master.

C. C. Craig and Staff

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Therefore, let us work while it is day, for when night cometh no man can work.

One sad note, however, has crossed our Convention and that is the announcement that the Rev. R. D. Lucas of Shelby has gone home to meet his Maker. Our sympathies are extended to the family and our concern to keep the Baptist flag waving high goes to the constituency of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

As we approach the Christmas season and look forward to the Martin Luther King Banquet, Jan. 16 in Raleigh, let us resolve that the WORD that was made flesh in Jesus will be alive in us.

Season's greetings for a joyous and prosperous Christmas.



Dr. James Z. Alexander, dean of the Shaw Divinity School, and the Rev. Rudolph Tripp, president of the student body, stand alongside the Divinity School float which appeared in the Shaw University homecoming parade recently.

January 10, 1981

The Mid-Year Session: A Day For Missions

Come And Learn More About Missions!
Come And Renew Your Mind For Missions!
Come And Review The Meaning, The Doing,
The Being Of Missions!
Come And Rededicate Yourselves To Missions!
Come And Bring A Sacrificial Offering For State Missions!

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Manley Reports

done all he or she can to make this a moving experience. We are aware of the problems involved, but at this time in world history and the climate being what it is in North Carolina, we of all people should make every effort to realize our goal for the brotherhood of man and for recognizing the Fatherhood of God.

In order for us to meet these goals and challenges along with others such as witnessing to the economic, political and the criminal justice system in our state, we will need a strong base to operate from. And that's the need to assure that our state missions receipts will increase. We have a great staff at the Baptist Headquarters, great moderators, and members across the state. And no one will doubt but that we have a Great God.

Religious Issue

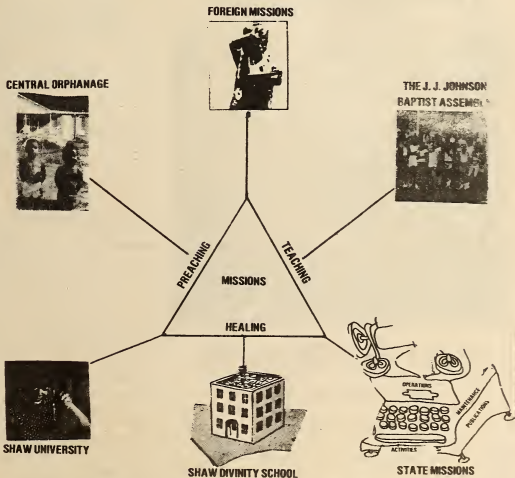
WASHINGTON, D.C. (BP)—Public schools may continue to observe religious holidays, including Christmas, after the Supreme Court declined to review whether the practice violates the Constitution.

By refusing to review the complaint of a group of Sioux Falls, S. D., parents, the high court put to rest a controversy that began more than two years ago and threatened to result in a landmark legal test of the traditional practice of observing religious holidays in schools.

The Sioux Falls parents who brought the suit against the local school board for permitting the observances argued throughout the lengthy appeals process that presentation of religious music, drama, literature and symbols violates the "no establishment of religion" clause of the First Amendment.

They argued further that the school board guidelines favored religion over non-religion and favored Christianity over other religions.

By declining to review the lower decisions, the Supreme Court technically stopped short of announcing its approval of the practice.



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Christmas Thrives

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Christians have been able to freely celebrate Christmas in Bethlehem's Manger Square and thousands do, including the many choirs which flock to Israel every Christmas to fill the square with the sound of carols.

The church is more bustling now than it was in 1946, so there is a lot of work involved in preparing for Christmas. Last year, a night or two before Christmas, our expanded chapel filled with nearly two hundred people. Afterwards, they wandered joyfully through the streets of West Jerusalem and into the Old City for services in the traditional churches, some not till midnight. Many non-Christians and Israelis joined them, for Israelis love music.

About a thousand European and American Christians live in Jerusalem nowadays and there are nearly seven thousand Arab Christians. For Christmas 1980, several thousand visiting Christian tourists will swell the number of Christians at celebrations. It should be exciting.



Bethlehem, Nativity Square

A&T Profs Predict Hardships Under Reagan

BY RICHARD MOORE GREENSBORO Last month's landslide win of the U.S. presidency by Ronald Reagan could result in an extremely dismal future for blacks, according to sociologists and political scientists at A&T State University.

"The election was devastating," said Dr. Frances

Logan, chairperson of the sociology and social service department. "It makes me concerned about what will happen to the poor and working class people," said Dr. Frank Bell, a professor of history.

"I think that things look extremely poor for minorities," he said. "Mr. Reagan has not promised us

anything in the area of employment and we can look for nothing. He is also not committed to education, and so he is not going to push for additional funds for education."

Dr. Logan predicted that all disadvantaged persons could be in for a rough time under Reagan and the conservative

Republicans. "Jesse Helms is already talking about rethinking the food stamp program if he becomes chairman of the Agriculture Committee," she said. "There is a prevailing viewpoint that all persons who are receiving these and other benefits are a bunch of freeloaders, but studies never show that this is true."

Logan said she believes that there is not going to be a cutback in the nation's defense budget, but the cutbacks will be in social and educational programs."

Robinson, Logan, and Bell each suggested that blacks may have to come up with new strategies to cope with the Reagan administration.

"Blacks are going to have to get themselves a different form of leadership," said Robinson, "and the next four years are going to have to be more of a planning stage, rather than one of action. There is not too much we can do about the coming

administration, because we have not developed plans to deal with it. We can plan what approaches we can take at the end of these four years."

Robinson said blacks are in no position to make political demands. "We are victims of this thing," he said, "because we don't really have anyone in the highest echelon of the Republican Party who can speak for us."

"Things have changed, but nothing has changed for us. We need new faces, new individuals and new plans," he added.

Logan said blacks will have to team with other disadvantaged groups for survival. "I think that we need to form a coalition of all persons who will probably be affected by this administration. That includes Hispanics, the fastest growing minority, and whites. We must do this, because people are tired of hearing just about the black problem."

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BWA Head Says Youth "Are Future"

BY BETH SAYERS WILDES
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—Kerstin Ruden, president of one of the world's largest women's organizations—the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance—says one of the major obstacles women must overcome is their own inferiority complex.

"I think women need to be encouraged to accept more responsibility and leadership. I would also like to see women not close themselves up in their church organizations, but become politically and socially active as well," said Ruden, leader of 14 million women around the world.

through Christian men and women. And women need to be a part of this," she added.

Ruden, from Stockholm, Sweden, was elected to a five-year term last July in Toronto, Canada, during the Baptist World Congress.

Although Ruden's primary work is with women, she says her main concern is "the situation among young people." They are rootless, searching for something to build their lives on. "We are losing our children, even children from Christian homes," she said. She feels young people are rejecting parental values largely because of the influence of the media, especially films and television, and adds they

"have lost hope for the future. They see all the nations preparing for World War III, so they say, 'We will take the day as it comes.'"

"But young people must be reached. They are the future of the nations."

Ruden, who describes her own family as close knit, is the mother of four, and the grandmother of 11. Her husband, Erik, a former associate secretary of the BWA, is now retired.

Ruden says she speaks from experience. When she became active in the European Baptist Women's Union and the Women's Department of the BWA, she was so surprised and comforted to learn there were "thousands of Baptists."

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composed of 1700 member churches in North Carolina. Its membership of 450,000 represents 40 percent of the black population in the state.

The program will enable churches to more effectively carry out their role as helpers to citizens in their communities during periods of illness, stress and crisis.

During the first phase of operation, the program will identify and train approximately 300 church lay persons as health and human service advisors. Two or three persons in each participating church will be given instructions in health care and human services issues of special importance to their communities.

The participants will learn about health problems such as hypertension and diabetes. The potential for managing these problems, how to secure needed services, and the things the individual, the family, the church and community can do to prevent or better manage these problems will be explored in evening sessions staffed by local health and human service providers.

CHURCHES TO AID IN CRISES

Too often pastors and other community leaders learn of preventable and manageable situations when it is too late to undertake effective action. We know too that persons sometimes suffer because those nearest to them are unaware of existing resources that might have been used toward better management of a crisis situation.

After the family, the church is the resource most frequently looked to during periods of crisis. This is as it should be. And it is our belief that the type of program outlined below will enable us to better perform our role as advisors and helpers to individuals and families in communities served by the Convention.

Medical Association, County Medical Societies, the School of Public Health at UNC-Chapel Hill, and a number of private health care providers.

This program is well within the tradition of the Convention and is a major step toward our commitment toward improving the quality of life for North Carolinians during this decade. The Z. Smith Reynolds grant will be matched by \$100,000 of in-kind contributions from the Convention and associated churches.

The Supervising Agent for the Convention will be the Social Concern and Political Action Committee chaired by the Rev. Jerry Drayton of Winston-Salem.

The Social and Political Action Committee is concerned with the total welfare of people in areas such as bipartisan politics, voter registration, convalescent homes, housing for the elderly, health, services for black youth, drug abuse, child abuse, mental health and unemployment.

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The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation was established in 1936 as a memorial to the younger son of the founder of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. In that year the brother and two sisters of Z. Smith Reynolds provided that their inheritance from the estate would go to the establishment of a trust for the benefit of the people of North Carolina. One of the initial trustees of the foundation was Z. Smith Reynolds' uncle, William Neal Reynolds, who at his death in 1951 created a trust which now provides the major portion of the foundation's annual income.

The foundation, drawing on the income from the Zachary Smith Reynolds Trust and the W. N. Reynolds Trust, has now made grants totaling more than \$95 million to recipients in



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almost all of North Carolina's 100 counties. Major attention has been given to education and health care, with increased interest in recent years in recreational services, cultural activities, rural life, the handicapped, and some 20 other fields of concern.

TWO JOIN STAFF

Two persons have been added to the GBSC staff to put into action the objectives of the new program. Curtis Jackson of Chapel Hill has been named Health and Human Services Project Director and Barbara Baylor will be administrative assistant. They joined the staff January 1 with an office in the Baptist Headquarters on Wilmington Street in Raleigh.

New Year Depends On Willing Heart

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, the Unified Program's goal for 1981 is \$1,302,214.19.

Happy New Year if you want it. Happy New Year depends on what you are willing to do to make it a happy or good year.

What can you do to make 1981 a good year?

Convention than what you have done in the past.

2) You can make up your mind to do all the good in your corner of the world that you can do—there is plenty of good that needs to be done.

3) You can smile more and criticize less, love more and hate less.

4) You can forgive old grudges and forget about them.

5) You can give someone each day a word of encouragement.

If you want to get something out of the new year, you had

BY DR. C.C. CRAIG,
Executive Secretary

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better put something into it—"give to the world, give to the General Baptist State Convention, the best you have and the best will come back to you."

A Merry Heart Is Good Medicine
Dr. Herbert Spaugh, Everyday Counselor, states: "Attitude determines altitude in life, and outlook often determines happiness and health." He shares an interesting letter in which the writer answers her own question before she asks it:

"I know of an 85-year-old grandmother who has never been in the hospital except to visit nor has ever been seriously ill. Her four children are happily married. They and their children are all in good health and are happy. They do not seem to worry. They think it is wonderful just to be living and thank God everyday for the privilege. They live like they are actors and actresses putting on a show with God as the director. Each day is a new performance to which they give

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From The Editor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARTIN

"We must never be bitter. If we indulge in hate, the new order will only be the old order.... We must meet hate with love, physical force with soul force."

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
On a pleasant day in December, 1955, as blacks and whites were rushing home from work on the busy buses of Montgomery, Ala., a woman named Rosa Parks stood up for her rights by sitting down. Tired and worn, fed hurting from a day's work, the always well-tempered woman refused to relinquish her seat for a white patron.

Little did Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. realize that this single black woman's tired feet would cause his feet to walk the streets of America during the next decade in the struggle to achieve equal rights for blacks in "the land of the free and the brave."

Dr. King had settled down and was adjusting to the task of pastoring his first church in Montgomery, the Dexter Avenue Baptist. He and his family were enjoying the sunlight experience of a young and dynamic ministry. But the Montgomery bus boycott and the formation of the Montgomery Improvement Association would transform the quiet life of Dr. King's family almost in the twinkling of an eye.

For just as God came looking for Adam in the garden, so

came God after Martin down in Montgomery. "Where are you Martin?" My child Rosa Parks has born her cross and is assigned to a jail cell. And I don't want my children riding those buses."

Martin responded to the people's call to serve on the battlefield of civil rights. With him he took the philosophy of non-violence. Behind this philosophy were the ideas of Hegel, Gandhi, Tillich, and many, many more great thinkers who had been a part of his studies at Morehouse College, at Seminary and at Boston University where he earned his doctorate in systematic theology. But the heart of his philosophy came right out of the Bible in the form of the love taught by Jesus Christ.

Martin carried the breastplate of righteousness into battle against the evil and racist forces of Alabama and Mississippi. And about a year later, right before Christmas, Martin's plea to the masses to "be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good," led to victory in the boycott. This event catapulted him into the national and international arena.

Certainly, Dr. King was "not conformed to this world," but was transformed by the renouncing of his mind. And he most certainly proved "what is the good, and acceptable, and

perfect, will of God." A transformation means having the will and the power to do God's will, and the intelligence to discern it.

Wearing the helmet of salvation, Dr. King pressed on "toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." For he himself said that when fear had gripped his soul, and he felt at the end of his powers, with nothing left to draw upon, and he couldn't face the enormous odds alone, a voice came to him and said: "Stand up for righteousness, stand up for truth; and God will be at your side forever."

Surely God was at his side as he challenged the Southern politicians whom he had said talked with the words of "Interposition and nullification" dripping from their lips in blood. Surely God was with him through the protest in Birmingham in 1963 when a racist sheriff named Bull Connor took pride in keeping "niggers" in their places. And the same God met him on the highway in Mississippi in 1966 after James Meredith had been shot by an assassin's bullet.

And God must have been with him when Sheriff Jim Clark and a host of rednecks challenged him in Selma in 1965.

For as the American Revolution patriarch Thomas Payne said, "These are the times that try men's souls." Dr. King knew the same monologue and found strength growing within his veins through the help of God.

And much like the Apostle Paul, Dr. King didn't mind a struggle. Because Dr. King had a dream. A dream that someday the children of slaves and slaveowners in Georgia would be able to work and play

together. Today a graduate of the North Carolina Central Law School is mayor of Atlanta.

He had a dream that one day Mississippi would be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. And while it may be just a puzzle of freedom today, black men and white men do go to school together and play NCAA football together on national television.

He had a dream that people would one day be judged not on the basis of the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

He had a dream that one day every valley would be exalted, and every mountain made low; the rough places would be made smooth and the crooked places straight. And that the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together."

This was the hope of the civil rights movement, the sit-ins and the wage-ins. This spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. was the fuel that fed the fires of songs like "This Little Light of Mine," "We Shall Not Be Moved" and "We Shall Overcome."

And just as the Apostle Paul was not afraid of struggle, neither was he ashamed of the gospel. For Paul wanted Rome to know, in his epistle to the Romans, that "I'm not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..." As Paul was warned not to return to Jerusalem for he would probably be arrested, so was Dr. King warned not to go to Memphis, Tenn., to lead a garbage workers' strike. And on April 3, 1968, in a crowded church, Dr. King spoke words of prophecy that even he probably didn't realize were so immediate. For the next day

death would greet him on a motel balcony. He wasn't ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ and he made it known to his listeners:

"Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountain top. And I don't mind. I like anybody. I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the promised land. And I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

For Martin Luther King, Jr. knew that he represented an extraordinary people, a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation. He represented a people who "should show forth the praises of their God who hath called them out of darkness and into His marvelous light."

And as we celebrate the birthday of this great man, let us use this annual occasion, with all its symbolic riches, to be transformed from apathy and lethargy to commitment and action. Let us press on toward the mark of Christ calling and get involved in a struggle for mankind. Let us not be ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is power. And let us fittingly use the force of love to direct and guide our efforts for the New Year.

For surely the spirit of Jesus Christ, as exemplified in Dr. King, will live on!

BAPTIST CALENDAR

January	Event
16	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
17	Laymen's Study Commission, Shaw University, Raleigh
19-23	National Baptist Convention, USA Mid-Year Session, Hot Springs, Arkansas
19-23	Progressive National Baptist Convention, Mid-Year Session, Tampa, Fla.
19-23	National Baptist Convention of America Mid-Year Session, Little Rock, Arkansas
25	Baptist Laymen's Day

February	Event
2-3	Statewide Evangelism Conference, Thomas Wolfe Auditorium, Asheville
14	State Sunday School and BTU Congress, First Calvary Baptist Church, Sanford
21	State Ushers' Convention, First Baptist Church, Raleigh

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Blacks Must Improve

Millions of dollars have been spent in every section of the country to lift minorities, especially blacks, out of the grips of poverty. However, after a decade of social and economic engineering, the picture for the future of blacks in this country remains a bit bleak.

A recent survey found that out of four heads of black households is unemployed. Many firms that have subscribed to the affirmative action program to upgrade and employ minorities have been found to be more hollow than substantive in reality. Segregation and discrimination against blacks are still the order of the day, but these two brothers of man's inhumanity to man have merely changed clothes. It is more subtle now, but it is effective in limiting the economic growth of a large segment of the population.

What can we do?
First, we need to combine our economic resources and become producers of jobs

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rather than seekers of jobs from those who have and are exploiting us. Beggars can never be truly free, and we need to stop putting far too much of our money in big cars, TVs, hi-fis, big parties, and liquor stores.

Second, we need to stop complaining about what is not being done for us and do a few things for ourselves—like registering and voting. In the City of Charlotte, it is estimated that less than half of the eligible blacks are registered to vote; and many of those who are registered do not vote.

Third, in Charlotte, we contribute next to nothing to the social agencies from which we receive so much. Also, we have not learned to support any candidate for office, black or white, with our monetary contributions. The days of a big mouth and a closed purse to organizations and agencies

that seek to improve the lot of the oppressed and depressed are over.

Fourth, there are too many high school dropouts among our people. In this highly technical age, everyone ought to prepare himself to do one or two things well. I have heard too many of our young people not prepared for some jobs they sought—some of whom are college graduates. There is no market for uninformed talk that comes from an untrained mind.

Fifth, this matter of rioting and burning down our own neighborhoods constitutes the epitome of stupidity. Ignorance is always destructive because it has not the wisdom to be constructive. Let us cease being social and economic pimps, and get on with the task of helping ourselves and others in this struggle for freedom, love, and justice for all.

By Pastor Leon C. Riddick
Mount Carmel Baptist Church
Charlotte, N.C.

After 37 Years At Martin Street Baptist Church

Dr. Paul H. Johnson Tells Flock Of Retirement

BY CURETON L. JOHNSON

The New Year's service at Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh became a deeply moving spiritual experience Jan. 4 as Dr. Paul H. Johnson announced his retirement plans after 37 years as pastor of the congregation.

More than 600 worshippers sat in disbelief as Dr. Johnson, one of the state's senior pastors and a well-known supporter of the General Baptist State Convention, broke the news during the 11 a.m. service.

"For 37 years, I have worked with you to carry out the assignment given to me by God and requested by you. I have striven to maintain the Christian respect of this congregation, this city, this state, and this nation."

After reviewing the growth of the 111-year-old church, Dr. Johnson said, "In 1962, a year or a little better from this date, I plan to step aside as pastor of this church." He also instructed the congregation to wait until he steps aside to begin the process of calling another pastor.

Dr. Johnson came to Martin Street in 1933.

"I was young and not really sure

what direction to take," he recalled. "But those men and women put their arms around me and assured me that with the help of Almighty God Martin Street would be a force for good in King's building."

With Dr. Johnson as under-shepherd to Christ at Martin Street, the flock has grown from less than 400 members to approximately 1200. The annual church budget has increased from less than \$5,000 to nearly \$150,000 with \$5,000 having been sent to the Convention during the last fiscal year. Church property value has risen from around \$20,000 to the million-dollar mark.

"If I were to make a start again, I would ask God to send me to Martin Street," he said. "Martin Street is one of the great churches of our day. This is the way I wanted it to be and this is the way I want to leave it."

A native of Oxford and the son of a minister, Lee Henderson Johnson, Dr. Johnson is married to the former Miss Susie Cureton of Wallhalla, S.C. They have been blessed with four children.

The holder of AB and BD degrees from Shaw University and the Shaw Divinity School, Dr. Johnson was

honored by Shaw in 1961 when the school conferred upon him the Doctor of Divinity degree for outstanding services in the field of religious education and for civic activities.

Dr. Johnson ended his announcement and reflections by quoting the Apostle Paul: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

"Rome, I want you to know that I'm coming with the Gospel in my hand and in my heart," Dr. Johnson portrayed the mind of Paul. "I know there are great powers around Rome, but I want you to know that I'm not ashamed of the gospel..."

"And when I get home to the other side, I just want to hear the Master say well done," Dr. Johnson said of himself. "And then I want to say, I want to see my Jesus. I know he's been there a long time. He's been there so long that he must look like Abraham, Isaac or Jacob. He's been there so long, he must look like some of the prophets—Isaiah, Hosea, Amos or Ezekiel. He's been there so long and he loved His disciples



DR. PAUL H. JOHNSON

that he must look like Peter, James and John.

"But when I get there I want to see Him. I want to stand by His side.

"For redeemed by his side I shall stand, I shall know Him. I shall know Him... I shall know Him by the prints of the nails in His hand. And I want to walk on up there and say thank you Jesus. I just want to thank the Lord for being so good to me."

After the message, the choir sang "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place" in celebrating Dr. Johnson's 48 years in the gospel ministry for Jesus Christ.

CHURCH CIRCUIT

Mt. Carmel Retires Debt; Proctor To Speak Jan. 25

Sunday, Jan. 25, is a date to remember for it is an important one in the history of Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Charlotte. Traditionally, a Sunday in January has been designated as a time of rededication and commitment by the Mount Carmel family to

the total outreach of the church's ministries.

This year, the fourth Sunday will have an added feature—the thanksgiving and celebration of the elimination of the more than \$300,000 debt incurred when the membership moved to its present facility in 1977.

Pastor Leon Riddick, in speaking of the celebration, said, "The fourth Sunday in January will be a time of rejoicing, for little did we know three years ago that we would be blessed to retire this debt so soon."

Dr. Samuel D. Proctor will

deliver the message of rededication and commitment at the 11 a.m. worship service. Dr. Proctor is professor of education, Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University, in Brunswick, N.J.

Dr. Proctor is a noted minister, educator and author. He served as president of A&T State University in Greensboro in the early sixties and as president of Virginia Union University from 1955-60. He has held, among others, administrative positions with the

Peace Corps in Nigeria and Washington, the National Council of Churches and the Office of Economic Opportunity. Dr. Proctor is the author of "The Young Negro in America, 1960-80," and is the recipient of numerous awards, citations and honorary degrees.

Pastor Riddick said dinner will be served following the morning worship service. Persons who wish to participate in this activity are to make reservations along with a \$2 per person donation on or before Jan. 18.

Elm Grove Baptist Installs The Rev. Clarence Johnson

REIDSVILLE—The Rev. Clarence Johnson recently became the pastor of Elm Grove Baptist Church in Reidsville. He was installed Nov. 9, 1980 at 3 p.m. His pastor, the Rev. George H. Brooks of East White Oak Baptist Church in Greensboro, was the speaker.



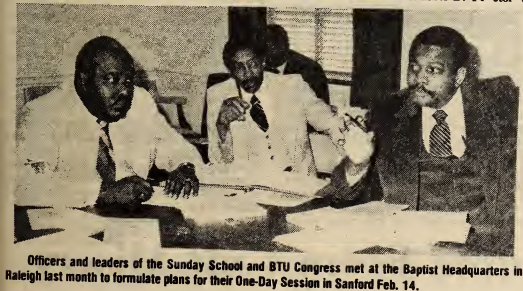
REV. JOHNSON

Rev. Johnson, 42, is a former member of the Central Baptist Church of Roanoke, Va., where he grew up as a boy. Twelve years ago, he moved to Greensboro and became a member of East White Oak

Baptist Church. For the past five years, he has served as an associate minister at East White Oak. He has also served as field worker for the Guilford Educational and Missionary Baptist Association for the past three years.

His educational background includes an AAS degree from Virginia Western Community College in Roanoke, a BS degree from A&T State University in Greensboro, and a M.Div. degree from Shaw Divinity School in Raleigh.

Rev. Johnson is married to the former Betty Jane Baker of Roanoke and they have four children, daughters Kim, Delores, Gail, and a son, Timothy. They live in Greensboro.



Officers and leaders of the Sunday School and BTU Congress met at the Baptist Headquarters in Raleigh last month to formulate plans for their One-Day Session in Sanford Feb. 14.

Sunday School And BTU Congress To Meet February

The State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, an auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention, will meet in its one-day session with the First Calvar, Baptist Church, Sanford, Saturday, Feb. 14. The Rev. J. L. Morgan is church minister.

Registration begins at 9 a.m., the opening assembly begins at 9:30 a.m., the meeting closes at 12:50 p.m., and lunch will be served at 1 p.m. The theme is "Strengthening Our Integrity In National Crisis Through Christian Education."

Four workshops will be presented, emphasizing Baptist doctrine in the areas of Beliefs, Preparation, Practices, and Services. Each church in the General Baptist State Convention is asked to send at least one messenger and each church is asked to be represented with \$25, which will be credited to the church's quota for the year.

Mr. Althornton Canada is president of the Sunday School Congress and Richmond Turner is president of the Baptist Training Union Congress.

In 1809 the Black Baptist church in the U.S. began with the dismissal of 13 Black members of a white Baptist church in Philadelphia.

Woman's Page

BY EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY BRODIE
Ministers' Wives' Retreat

Come May 2, 1981, the Ministers' Wives' Fellowship of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, chaired by Mrs. Omega F. Johnson, will sponsor its first Ministers' Wives' Retreat at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, during the hours of possibly 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. We hope that ministers' wives from across the state of North Carolina will make plans to attend this first retreat.

The retreat will relate to some of the diversified roles of a minister's wife. This will give our ministers' wives the opportunity to share their inspiration, frustrations, skills, and understanding concerning their role, and to glean other benefits concerning such an important role.

Registration fee is \$15.00 per person, including funds for lunch. Please pre-register and mail your check or money order to the Woman's Convention beginning March 9 and no later than April 17. Please indicate on your check or money order that the funds are for the retreat.

Mrs. William Diggs will serve as consultant and Mrs. Omega Johnson as coordinator for the event.



DR. PRISCILLA A. BRODIE

Lott Carey Convention
The Sheraton, Charlotte, will serve as headquarters for the Woman's Auxiliary of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention. Housing forms for reservations may be secured from our office. Begin writing now for your forms. The dates for this convention are Aug. 31-Sept. 4, 1981.

We share with President Turner in extending to each of you a Happy New Year and in expressing our gratitude to God and you for what you have done concerning missions during 1980. We would hope, however, that in spite of a national economic crisis, that you will do greater work in His name this New Year.

YOUR PRESIDENT

BY PRESIDENT TURNER

Greetings and best wishes as we leave the known old year and enter the uncertainty of the New Year. We can be sure of the presence of the Lord Jesus with us. We have just passed the season of the celebration of His coming. May we keep this spirit of love, giving, receiving, fellowship, and prayer with us throughout the year. The sound of angels' voices should not only be heard during the Advent season but all year long. We need to attune, not only our ears, but our hearts and minds to whatever He says to us.

Let us look to this year as "The Year of Missionary Involvement," dedicating our service to God. We must seek ways to help others see Him daily in what we do in His name.

As we begin this year, may we see many changes as the time progresses, but God's word remains the same—dependable, everlasting.

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever," Isaiah 40:8.

Thank you, missionaries, for allowing God to use you in His service. You have received many blessings. God has many more in store for all of us.

May God keep you in His care.

Love and peace,
President Turner

HOMECOMING

"An House Not Made Of Hands, Eternal In The Heavens"

Editor's Note: Sherry Brown is a member of the Mt. Calary Baptist Church in Bahama, Dr. O. L. Sherrill, pastor. She delivered this address during the church's Homecoming celebration in November. An active church member, Miss Brown is a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"AS WE GO HOME"

BY SHERRY BROWN
Student, UNC-Chapel Hill

Each year on the second Sunday in this month, we celebrate what has come to be known as our annual Homecoming. We place great significance on every aspect of this annual event. We exercise much time, patience, and enthusiasm in its preparation. Because we know so well how to plan for this earthly homecoming, I feel inclined to speak about an even greater homecoming and preparation for it. I have therefore chosen as a topic of my speech: "As We Go Home."

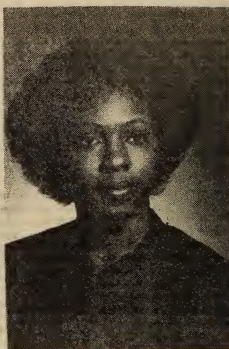
Home. What is home? One dictionary defines "home" as a place where a person or a family lives; one's dwelling place. In this modern world, one of the aspirations of an industrious man is to own his home or at least have the kind of dwelling that adequately shelters his family. Just as we long for an earthly home, we must somehow realize that an eternal home supersedes all other homes. Paul said, "If our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." (II Corinthians 5:1).

This earthly house is called a tabernacle and it is vulnerable, transitory, and can be demolished. As we go home, we need to be fully assured that our home is founded on a solid rock and built strong enough to endure the tests of time. Our home is to be everlasting.

But we can't attempt to go home unprepared. As we go home, we need to know what is required of us in order that our traveling will not be in vain. Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." This is step number one. Recognizing our home as part of the kingdom of God, unless we accept Christ as our personal Savior, getting there will be an impossible task.

After being born again, we must learn to love one another as we go home. Matthew 22:37 says, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." But we can't stop there, we must love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Admittedly, there are times when it appears that folk just don't love themselves. With this in the case, we cannot expect true love to be shared. For these people, we must pray. As we go home, if we expect to get home, I suggest that we love one another.

In this life there has always been and I suspect there will always be misunderstandings from time to time and because this is true, as we go home, there ought to be forgiveness in the heart of all Christians. Jesus was able to say on His



MISS SHERRY BROWN

dying cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." If our Lord and Savior could forgive under those circumstances, surely we can forgive our neighbor when daily misunderstandings occur.

We sing the song sometimes—"When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, we will sing and shout the victory." The intended power and message at the root of this song should be inspiration enough for us to strive to be ready to go home. Yet the Lord has provided us with something else to help pave the way.

There is faith to help us make it home. We are told that faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. This means that additional proof to substantiate God's glory is unnecessary, for He has said to us in John 14:2-3: "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

This biblical quote clearly emphasizes that God's promise is sufficient for us to depend on, by faith. Faith in God is our key to getting home.

As we go home, let us learn to love God and our fellow man; let us learn to forgive; most of all, let us keep the faith. Even with these key ingredients, there are many things that we must do to make our struggle worthwhile. First Corinthians, Chapter 13, emphasizes that we ought to exercise patience, kindness, and truth rather than jealousy, injustices and envy. When we have added to our lives Faith, Hope, Patience, Kindness, Forgiveness, Truth, and Love, we can sing with the patriots of old, "Lord, I'm coming home!"

Have a nice Homecoming!

Christ Draws Couple From Cult Misery

BY BONITA SPARROW

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP)—For Hazel and Tommy Whitfield, the road from fanaticism to faith led through a landscape dotted with despair, disillusionment and dashed dreams.

They were caught up in a cult whose members follow a self-appointed messiah and believe they are the chosen people of the "promised land."

At first they were committed to their leader, Rabbi Ben Ammi Carter, as the members of the Guyana cult were committed to Jim Jones. They left their homes in Chicago for Israel where they expected to take over the land. They believed without question when they were told Ben Ammi was the messiah.

"Even when my mother died in Israel, I always felt someday Rabbi Ben Ammi would bring her back to life," Mrs. Whitfield says. "But when

two of my children died, and I saw other people dying, I began to doubt."

Tommy, a musician who had played with B. B. King, James Brown, the Pharaohs, and with musicians who later formed Earth, Wind and Fire, went with Hazel to Israel in 1971. They joined members of the black Hebrew cult in a commune in Dimona, a city near the Negev Desert. In the next several years they renounced their American citizenship to keep the Israelis from deporting them, saw one of their children starve to death and another die of inadequate medical treatment, and themselves suffered great mental and physical harassment.

By renouncing their citizenship, the Whitfields lost their passports and their right to return to the United States. Disillusioned and "eaten up with bitter-

ness" toward cult leaders, who they said were not living the sacrificial life they demanded of their followers, Whitfield was determined to show them he could make it on his own. On a friend's credit card, he ran up a tab of nearly \$28,000 for travel, clothes, food for the cult children, and to rent flashy automobiles.

The spending spree landed him in jail without bond on charges of conspiracy, forgery and criminal fraud. If convicted, he faced years in prison. With a prison record, he could not hope to return to the United States.

Mrs. Whitfield, six months pregnant, was left alone on the streets of Tel Aviv with no money for her or her children. She begged for help and found none. Then a lawyer told her that missionaries at the Baptist Village might help.

"All I could do was stand there and cry," she says. "Here we had been living with the flesh and blood members of our family in a group that preached love and wouldn't lift a finger to keep us from starving. And these people who didn't even know us were helping. I had never in my life seen anything like that."

Whitfield, out of jail, was convinced it was all real when he and his wife saw their three-year-old son, who had been subjected to so much mistreatment in the cult that he had never talked, wrap his arms around a missionary's knees and announce, "I love you."

"We wanted to be Christians, to be a part of that love," Whitfield said. And it means a great deal to them that they were baptized in the Jordan River.

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themselves with zest and enthusiasm.

These people were all reared in poor circumstances. To them a gas stove, electricity, milk and paper on the front porch every morning make living wonderful.

I am a friend of one of the great-granddaughters of this old lady. She is always bubbling over with something exciting which many of us who grew up with plenty take for granted. It's a pleasure to be with her and her mother, who is also a grandmother. From childhood, I have been accustomed to having too much. My father was not without employment during the Depression. I have never known the joy and thrill of having to work for something

or having to wait for that pretty dress in the store window. What I asked for from my parents I usually got. I had a car of my own at 16. Now I see that my parents were too good to me. I am now a woman of matured years and unmarried. I tell you frankly that I do not find life interesting or exciting. It gets duller every day, and I don't even feel well all of the time. My work is routine. Do I need medicine or a change of scene and outlook? Signed, A Reader.

Proverbs says, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine, but a broken spirit drieth the bones."

This reader, on her own admission, has been receiving all her life. If she wants health and happiness she

needs to reverse the process and get on the giving end—begin to invest her life in service to others which always brings joy satisfaction. She has discovered that investing in material things does not bring pleasure, but investing in people does. The happiest person in the world is a person who spends his life for others.

The Unified Dollar For The Unified Program
We continue to emphasize the "Unified Dollar for the Unified Program." We seek to keep before us the objectives of the Convention, which are to give financial support, on a percentage basis, to Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions, the Central Orphanage and other causes.

We would like for all of our churches to send monthly contributions to the Baptist Headquarters for the "Unified Program." The General Baptist State Convention is a Baptist affiliate. It takes all of us working together to make it go.

It is rewarding to know that many of our churches each year are accepting tithing as the most excellent way for God's people to financially support His work. In the Christian church, we are beginning to learn that if we want to get something out of life, we had better put something into it. "But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully." (II

Corinthians 9:6)

Our financial goal for the fiscal year 1980-81 is \$1,302,214.19. As we seek to accomplish this challenging goal, our plan as usual is to ask each pastor to do one of three things: 1) Lead your church to give 10 percent of its budget to the Unified Program; 2) Lead your church to give an increase of 20 percent above the amount that it gave last year, or 3) Accept the suggested quota from the Baptist Headquarters. Your favorable response to one of these suggestions will make it possible for the Convention to reach its financial goal for the fiscal year 1980-81.

The following quotas have been suggested to the churches for the fiscal year 1980-81:

ALEXANDER UNION—G. A. Dula, Moderator

Jerusalem, Mooresville	\$ 100.00
Liberty Grove, Taylorsville, G. A. Dula	600.00
Macedonia, Taylorsville	250.00
Mt. Nebo, Harmony	200.00
Mt. Zion, Hickory, Alfred Wright	550.00
St. Peter, Statesville, A. L. Young	100.00

BEAR CREEK—E. L. Daniels, Moderator

Atkinson, Goldsboro, W. V. Fritchett	600.00
Augustus Chapel, Goldsboro, S. L. Wall	450.00
Barnes Chapel, Rosewood, E. L. Daniels	550.00
Best Grove, Goldsboro, W. C. Horton	1,500.00
Ebenezer, LaGrange, C. H. Brown	650.00
First, Dover, Ezekiel Sutton	200.00
First, Fremont, B. J. Daniels	200.00
First, Kinston, W. K. Raynor	1,800.00
Greater Mt. Zion, Kinston, R. B. Sykes	300.00
Holly Grove, Goldsboro	350.00
Holly Hill, Kinston, J. E. Williams	350.00
Hooks Grove, Pikeville, J. C. Sherrod	1,600.00
Mt. Calvary, Goldsboro, Spencer Williams, Jr.	3,500.00
Mt. Pleasant, Goldsboro, J. A. Mumford	450.00
Patterson Grove, Kinston	200.00
Piney Grove, Saratoga, B. J. Daniels	150.00
St. Delight, Walstonburg, Roosevelt Taylor	1,100.00
St. Stephen, Goldsboro, C. W. Pate	350.00
Shady Grove, LaGrange, J. A. Mumford	350.00
Union Grove, Fremont	100.00
Winn Chapel, Mt. Olive, J. K. Clarida	700.00

BRUNSWICK-WACCAW—L. F. Boone, Moderator

Bristol-Creek, Whiteville, J. E. Keel	150.00
Central, Whiteville, David Flowers	800.00
Cherry Grove, Whiteville	450.00
Diamond Branch, Whiteville, Rufus Davis	150.00
First Avenue, Wilmington	150.00
First St. Paul, Whiteville, W. J. Boykin	150.00
Friendship, Whiteville, J. E. Prince, Jr.	800.00
Green Chapel, Bolton	250.00
Iron Hill, Taber City, N. B. Benjamin	400.00
Little Wheel of Hope, Lake Waccamaw	400.00
Mill Branch, Whiteville	250.00
Mt. Hermon, Whiteville	100.00
Mt. Nebo, Wilmington, L. F. Boone	100.00
Mt. Olive, Whiteville	250.00
Mt. Pilgrim, Whiteville	250.00
Mt. Zion, Chadbourne, John Beese, Jr.	350.00
New Light, Hallsboro, N. B. Boykin	750.00
Piney Grove, Fair Bluff	100.00
St. Bethel, Whiteville, W. D. Frink	250.00
Sandy Plains, Clarkton, Thurman Chestnut	150.00
Second St. Paul, Hallsboro, J. W. Vereen	200.00
Spring Hill, Whiteville, Paul Ford	150.00
Welches Creek, Whiteville, Thurman Chestnut	250.00
Zion Plains, Nakina	350.00

CEDAR CREEK—N. P. Brodie, Moderator

Greater First, Cedar Creek, N. P. Brodie	1,500.00
Mt. Carmel, Fayetteville, A. D. McMillan	100.00

CEDAR GROVE—E. L. Kirby, Moderator

Blackwell, Yanceyville, G. H. Baggett	100.00
Bluestone, Ruffin, J. B. Doe	100.00
First, Roxboro, J. W. Barnes	500.00
Greater Brandon Chapel, Milton	100.00
Hamer, Blanch, Cephus Lea	100.00
Kimes Chapel, Mebane, A. A. Crum	150.00
McLeansville First, Sedalia, J. W. Sidde	200.00
Martins Chapel, Mebane	450.00

COUNTY LINE—U. R. Booker, Moderator

Mill Hill, Roxboro, J. W. Sidde	100.00
Morning Star, Eden, J. J. Sims	400.00
Mt. Herman, Ruffin, Joseph Evans	400.00
Red Hill, Pelham, E. L. Kirby	300.00
Rocky Ridge, Lawsonville, P. J. Woods	750.00
St. James, Leasburg, T. R. Sidde	150.00
Shady Grove, Pelham, J. Milton	100.00
Blue Wing, Granville Co., J. E. Hall	300.00
Davis Chapel, Stovall	150.00
First, Stovall, Hugene Fields	100.00
Hardie Grove, Oxford	150.00
Huntsville, Oxford, R. N. Holloway	250.00
Michael Creek, Stovall, Hugene Fields	150.00
Morning Star, Oxford, W. M. Roberts	300.00
New Corinth, Oxford	100.00
New Grassie Creek, Oxford, U. R. Booker	300.00
New Jonathan Creek, Virginia, Va., R. L. Page	300.00
New Light, Oxford, H. L. Timberlake	150.00
Oak Grove, Oxford	300.00
Penn Avenue, Oxford	300.00
Raleigh Road, Oxford, A. Peace	150.00
St. Matthew, Virginia, Va., Moses Hardy	450.00
Whetstone, Oxford, G. A. Gilchrist	650.00
White Rock, Granville Co.	100.00

DEEP RIVER—M. P. McCleave, Moderator

Bethlehem, Carthage	100.00
Black River Grove, Angier	100.00
Butlers Chapel	100.00
Edward's Grove, Liberty, M. P. McCleave	1,700.00
First, Pittsboro, Larry Siler	100.00
First Calvary, Sanford, J. L. Morgan	1,800.00
Harris Grove, Snow Camp	250.00
Lamberts Chapel, Siler City, L. B. Cameron	350.00
Mt. Olive, Moncure, L. B. Cameron	300.00
New Bensalem, Robbins, T. O. Davis	300.00
New Zion, Sanford, E. N. Hooker	550.00
Oakland, Ramseur, George Donahue	150.00
Pine Ridge, Sanford, T. O. Davis	100.00
Red Hill, Cameron, E. N. Hooker	300.00
Robert's Chapel, Goldsboro, Sampson Buie, Jr.	500.00
Rocky River, Siler City, James Watkins	500.00
St. John, Cunn, A. B. Bass	450.00
St. John, Dix, W. L. Coachmon	100.00
Sixth Avenue First, Siler City, E. J. Brown	1,200.00
Taylor's Chapel, Sanford	350.00
White Oak, Lillington, David Jones	550.00

EAST CAROLINA PROGRESSIVE—V. A. White, Moderator

First, Belgrade	200.00
Pilgrim Chapel 1st, James City, W. E. Sinclair	1,200.00
Star of Zion, New Bern, Cleveland Parks	200.00
EAST CEDAR GROVE—W. T. Bigelow, Moderator	
Calvary, Durham, W. L. Butler	250.00
Cameron Grove, Durham	100.00
Cedar Grove, Roxboro, C. H. Cobb	350.00
Cleggs Chapel, Hurdle-Mills, G. Allison	100.00
Community, Durham, Percy Chase	300.00
Ebenezer, Durham	300.00
First, Creedmoor, M. T. Timberlake	400.00
First Calvary, Durham, Vernon Thompson	1,250.00
Greater St. Paul, Durham, W. T. Bigelow	3,000.00
Henderson Grove, Durham, G. C. Ragland	100.00
Lattisville Grove, Hurdle-Mills, E. C. Chavis	350.00
Lawson Chapel, Roxboro, Allandus Wright, Jr.	350.00
Ledge Rock, Granville Co., B. V. Alston	250.00
Mt. Bright, Hillsborough, William Richardson	300.00

Mt. Calvary, Bahama, O. L. Sherrill	1,500.00
Mt. Level, Durham, C. L. Dunston	1,000.00
Mt. Vernon, Creedmoor, W. R. McNeal	150.00
Mt. Zoar, Durham, A. H. Parker	300.00
New Hope, Oxford, H. L. Timberlake	350.00
New St. James, Timberlake, J. A. Raye	150.00
Olive Grove, Oxford, M. T. Timberlake	800.00
Pine Grove, Creedmoor, Preston Green	300.00
Red Mountain, Rougemont, C. L. Johnson	150.00
Rock Spring, Creedmoor	150.00
St. John, Durham	400.00
Sandy Branch, Roxboro	150.00
Shady Hill, Roxboro, H. O. Edwards	300.00
Siloam, Person Co., H. L. Bridges	100.00
Synagra Grove, Stem, S. A. Manning	100.00
Tally Ho, Stem, N. M. Harvey	100.00
Union, Durham, G. D. Davis	1,500.00
Union Chapel, Butler, E. W. Chavis	250.00
Union Grove, Hurdle Mills	100.00
West Durham, H. J. Cobb	1,500.00

EBENEZER—R. E. Devoc, Moderator

Ebenezer, Kings Mountain, D. C. Wilson	450.00
Edward's Chapel, Lenoire, Clinton N. Davis	150.00
Exskridge Grove, Shelby, J. C. Robinson	1,800.00
Fairview, Cherryville, Marion Connely	2,000.00
First, Earl, R. F. Kilgore	2,200.00
First, Lawndale	900.00
Green Bethel, Boiling Springs, R. B. Blanton	750.00
Hopewell, Shelby, J. L. Moore	1,900.00
Hoppers Chapel, Shelby, Wade Wallace	2,000.00
Light Oak, Shelby, J. H. Littlejohn	1,600.00
Little Mt. Pisgah, Bessemer City, J. W. Watts	300.00
Macedonia No. 2, Shelby, Howard H. Shipp	600.00
Macedonia, Waco, B. W. Glover	400.00
Maiden Chapel, Maiden, Robert Abbott	400.00
Maple Spring, Shelby, Robert Dover	650.00
Mt. Calvary, Shelby, S. A. Raper	Tithe
Mt. Olive, Kings Mountain, W. A. Maddox, Sr.	2,000.00
Mt. Pisgah, Bessemer City, C. A. Turner	1,300.00
Mt. Pleasant, Bessemer City, L. W. Jackson	700.00
New Zion, Kings Mountain, D. W. Whittenburg	650.00
New Ellis Chapel, Shelby, A. A. Ponder	Tithe
New Zion, Henrietta	500.00
Old Ellis Chapel, Patterson Springs, W. B. Ellis	1,850.00
Palmer Grove, Polkville, J. L. Smith	400.00
Providence, Lincolnton, Clement Morris	1,100.00
Ramsey, Shelby, R. L. Garvin	150.00
St. James, Bessemer City, Eugene Early	1,800.00
St. Peter, Grover, D. A. Costner	2,200.00
Second, Lincolnton, Johnny Browner	1,500.00
Shady Grove, Kings Mountain, R. F. Kilgore	450.00
Shiloh, Shelby, R. E. Devoc	5,800.00
Shoal Creek, Shelby, J. M. Alexander	800.00
Washington, Waco, H. L. Rhedrick	2,500.00
Zion Hill, Cherryville, Timothy Gode	500.00

GASTON COUNTY—H. J. Campbell, Moderator

Center, Gastonia	450.00
Emmanuel, Gastonia, S. H. Barber, Jr.	4,800.00
Fancy Hill, Gastonia	100.00
First, Dallas	350.00
Friday Memorial, Dallas	200.00
Friendship, Gastonia, T. M. Walker	2,500.00
Gold Hill, Stanley, E. E. Harris	400.00
Greater Mt. Zion, Gastonia	200.00
Macedonia, Lucia, I. G. Johnson	800.00
Mt. Calvary, Lowell	1,000.00
Mt. Hebron, Gastonia, B. Antrum	400.00
Mt. Moriah, Belmont, A. S. Davis	500.00
Mt. Pisgah, Gastonia, P. Lowry	1,850.00

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Mt. Pleasant, Belmont, R. A. May	3,500.00
New Canaan, Gastonia	200.00
New High Spring, C. E. Mack	100.00
St. John, Gastonia	250.00
St. Paul, Gastonia, H. J. Campbell	4,000.00
Springfield Memorial, Stanley, J. F. Wingate	500.00
Tabernacle, Gastonia, V. M. Worby	1,200.00

GOLD HILL—R. Logan Carson, Moderator

Gold Hill, Shelby, H. L. Spears	600.00
Friendship, Ellenboro, J. T. Hill	100.00
Gwen Creek, Tryon, J. E. Smith	350.00
Jerusalem, Forest City, Garvin Ross	100.00
Mt. Nebo, Lake Lure, H. Bailey	450.00
Mt. Vernon, Bostic, R. C. Carpenter	150.00
New Zion, Spindale, J. H. Bailey	500.00
Oak Grove, Forest City, H. L. Dodd	550.00
Webbs First, Ellenboro, R. L. Carson	350.00
White Oak Spring, Harris, Gene Pryor	100.00

GUIDING LIGHT—Levie Reid, Moderator

Bethel, Kannapolis, Levi Reid	200.00
Friendship, Cooleemee, J. R. Samuel	200.00
Henderson Grove, Salisbury, W. A. Davis	200.00
Mt. Zion, Salisbury, David Houston	200.00
St. Joseph, Statesville, J. H. Hooper	200.00
Shady Grove, Bear Poplar, Victor McCluney	200.00
Shiloh, Concord, Wesley Harding	200.00
Wheat's Creek, Folk County, Spencer Wilkens	200.00

GUILDFORD—W. M. Harris, Moderator

Antioch, Winston-Salem, R. C. Williams	100.00
Bethlehem, Winston-Salem, E. L. Clark	750.00
E. White Oak, Greensboro, G. H. Brooks	400.00
Elm Grove, Reidsville	100.00
Friendship, High Point, J. W. Flake	100.00
Gethsemane, Winston-Salem, W. M. Harris	300.00
Locust Grove, Brown Summit	350.00
Mt. Glory, Winston-Salem	100.00
New Calvary	300.00
New Hope, Greensboro, Walter Richmond	350.00
New Light, Greensboro, C. H. Brown	1,000.00
St. Matthew, Winston-Salem, C. H. Gill, Jr.	200.00
Second Calvary, Winston-Salem, D. Stowe	200.00
White Oak Grove, Greensboro, Albert Graves	150.00

HAMMONDS CREEK—C. T. Bowen, Moderator

Baldwin Branch, Elizabethtown, B. L. Smith	100.00
First, Abbottsburg	100.00
First, Elizabethtown, W. H. D. Flowers	300.00
Jerusalem, Council, C. T. Bowen	100.00
Kitchen Branch, Council	100.00
New Hope, Council	100.00
Pilgrim Hill, Clarkston, J. Godfrey	100.00
Piney Grove, Council, B. L. Smith	150.00
Pleasant Hill, Clarkston, C. T. Bowen	450.00
Pleasant Union, Riegelwood, A. H. Murphy	650.00
Sandhills, Bladenboro, P. R. Gerald	250.00
Whites Creek, Lisbon, J. R. Godfrey	400.00

HIGH POINT—W. L. Wilson, Moderator

First Calvary, Winston-Salem, W. L. Wilson	650.00
Gethsemane, Greensboro, J. W. Reed	650.00
Morning Star, Winston-Salem, D. B. Sally	350.00
New Jerusalem, Winston-Salem	1,000.00
Oak Ridge First, Oak Ridge, K. R. Martin	400.00
St. James, Greensboro, P. G. Graves	500.00

HYDE COUNTY—Henderson Harris, Moderator

Faithful Hannah, Engelhard, E. D. Alexander	100.00
Job's Chapel, Swangquarter, John Chance	100.00
Mt. Pilgrim, Engelhard, J. C. Chance	100.00
Mt. Sinai, Engelhard, C. R. Anthony	100.00
Mt. Zion, Engelhard, C. R. Anthony	100.00
Old Rimond, Swangquarter, Jesse Harvey	150.00
Pleasant Grove, Engelhard, C. R. Anthony	150.00
St. John, Scranton, E. D. Alexander	250.00
St. Mahalia, Scranton, Henderson Harris	100.00
St. Miller, Belhaven, N. L. Barrow	100.00
Snow Hill, Fairfield, Jesse Harvey	200.00
Terra Ceia, Creswell, E. D. Alexander	100.00

JOHNSTON DISTRICT—A. A. Crum, Moderator

First, Clayton, L. E. Simpson	500.00
First, Selma, L. E. Simpson	500.00
First, Smithfield, N. C. McNair	600.00
First, Wilson Mills	150.00
Forestville Road, Wake Forest, J. R. Robinson	400.00
Galilee, Smithfield, W. H. Lucas	200.00
Good Samaritan, Garner, R. J. Penny	200.00
Halifax, Raleigh, Sterling Buttrick	400.00
Johnston Piney Grove, Clayton, L. Coppedge	1,500.00
Lee's Cross Road	300.00
Mitchner Memorial, Smithfield, W. Y. Davis	450.00
New Bethel, Clayton, A. M. Wiggins	200.00
New Hill, Selma, W. M. Gilles	200.00
New Vester, Sims, S. L. Bullentine	200.00
Oakey Grove, Clayton, Roger Brodie	450.00

St. Amanda, Clayton	100.00
Spring Hill, Middlesex, E. J. Neal	200.00
Strickland Road, Four Oaks, W. H. Lucas	550.00
Union, Raleigh, Leonard Williams	150.00
Watts Chapel, Raleigh, F. W. Weaver	2,200.00
White Oak Hill, Middlesex	150.00

KENANSVILLE-EASTERN—Hosea Murray, Moderator

Central, Wilmington, Hosea Murray	450.00
Eastern Chapel, Goldsboro, David Howell	450.00
First, Calypso	150.00
First, Chingquian, R. L. Lassiter, Sr.	450.00
First, Magnolia	100.00
First, Warsaw, R. A. Morris	1,100.00
First, Wilmington, J. L. Windley	1,800.00
Friendship, Rocky Point, J. D. Morrissey	150.00
Hill's Chapel, Burgaw, Preston Grimes	300.00
Mt. Gilead, Mt. Olive, C. W. Wright	850.00
Peter's Tabernacle, Wallace, Louis Wright	550.00
Pilgrim Rest, Tomahawk	300.00
Rowerley, Willard, H. D. Jones, Sr.	1,600.00
St. John, Rocky Point, L. R. James	400.00
St. Luke, Mt. Olive, P. L. Daniels	100.00
Six Ruins, Turkey, Isaac Johnson	350.00
Union Chapel, Burgaw, C. A. Leach	500.00
William Lane Grove, Hampstead, W. T. Boney	100.00
Willard Chapel, Willard, J. D. Morrissey	100.00
Wilson Chapel, Turkey, Isaac Johnson	300.00

LANE CREEK—L. D. Parker, Moderator

Antioch, Charlotte, Preston Pendergrass	3,500.00
Belmont, Monroe, D. P. Miller	200.00
Bethany, Charlotte	200.00
Chapel Hill, Huntersville	200.00
Elizabeth, Marshville, H. L. Nicholson	1,300.00
First, Kannapolis	1,000.00
Gethsemane, Davidson	750.00
Grace Memorial, Charlotte, Felix Bailey, Jr.	300.00
Liberty Hill, Waxhaw, David Cook, Jr.	1,000.00
Mt. Moriah, Wintake, J. N. Coble	600.00
Mt. Pisgah, Waxhaw, W. T. Richardson	2,000.00
Mt. Zion, L. R. Feely	600.00
Red Level, Monroe	200.00
St. David, Wintake, J. B. Crowder	200.00
St. Luke, Charlotte, L. D. Parker	5,000.00
Watts Grove, Monroe, Nathaniel Workman	500.00
West Macedonia, Midland, H. L. Nicholson	850.00

LUMBER RIVER—Daniel Lee, Moderator

Aaron Swamp	550.00
Antioch, Preckorville, G. Cromwell	600.00
Bryant Swamp, Bladenboro, C. Johnson	900.00
Cedar Grove, St. Pauls, J. A. Raye	450.00
Ebenezer, Marietta, C. Hurst	650.00
First, Bladenboro, A. C. Jones	1,500.00
First, Chadbourne, J. E. Barber, Jr.	800.00
First, Fairmont, J. J. Johnson	7,000.00
First, Lumberton, E. B. Turner	8,000.00
First, McDonald, T. W. Bether	150.00
First, Orrum	200.00
Greenview, Lumberton, T. A. Tarti	450.00
Hester Chapel, Lumberton, J. P. LeSane	150.00
Hilly Branch, Lumberton, J. M. Dunham	3,500.00
Holy Swamp, Lumberton, S. McDonald	350.00
Horse Grove, Boardman, Rev. Hall	350.00
Mt. Branch, Fairmont, Marvin Ford	400.00
Mt. Taber, Cerro Gordo, Daniel Lee	300.00
New Bethel, Rest, Olive Miller	300.00
New Hope, Clarkston, D. Killens	250.00
Oak Grove, Robeson Co., C. C. Baxter	250.00
Piney Grove, Evergreen, A. Nicholas	300.00
Poplar Creek	250.00
Rose Hill, Roseboro, C. C. Baxter	250.00
Sandy Grove, Lumberton, Sidney Locks	1,200.00
St. Mary, Evergreen, Paul Ford	250.00
Spring Branch, Orrum	150.00
St. Hope, Clarkston, C. McDowell	550.00
Stone Grove, Lumberton, J. A. Thompson	300.00
Thompson Chapel, Lumberton	100.00

MECKLENBURG GENERAL—J. B. Humphrey, Moderator

Ambassador for Christ, Charlotte, V. W. Jackson, Sr.	200.00
Beatitudes Road Trinity, Charlotte, Robert Miller	50.00
Bible, Charlotte, I. Milledge	250.00
Chappel Memorial, Charlotte, W. Mitchell	600.00
Corinthians, Charlotte	200.00
Ebenezer, Charlotte, A. B. Sutton	450.00
First, Charlotte, J. B. Humphrey	13,000.00
First Mt. Calvary, Charlotte	300.00
First Mayfield, Charlotte	300.00
First Mt. Zion, Charlotte, C. S. Owens	4,000.00
Friendship, Charlotte, C. W. Kerry	14,000.00
Greater Mt. Sinai, Charlotte, N. E. Kerry	4,000.00
Greater Providence, Charlotte, J. W. Wallace, Jr.	400.00

Macedonia, Concord, Sampson Long, Jr.	1,000.00
Morning Star, Charlotte	400.00
Mt. Carmel, Charlotte, L. C. Riddick	Tithe
New St. John, Newell, R. H. Leak	300.00
Rose Hill, Kannapolis, J. W. Wallace, Sr.	1,400.00
Second Calvary, Charlotte, Lenar Fuester	2,200.00
Silver Mount, Pineville, William Lee, Jr.	3,000.00
Temple, Charlotte, J. M. Kennedy	1,200.00

MIDDLE BAPTIST—J. G. McKnight, Moderator

Allen Chapel, Louisburg, N. E. Spruill	750.00
Big Run Creek, Dabney, Jeffrey Davis	150.00
Bunn's Chapel, Bunn, Wayne Hines	350.00
Concord, Kittrell, S. E. Bullock	600.00
Davis Chapel, Henderson, C. V. Harris	200.00
First, Louisburg, W. D. Johnson	550.00
Flat Creek, Williamsboro, O'Clie Lewis	550.00
Gethsemane, Bunn	650.00
Hawkins Chapel, Franklin, W. S. Taylor	750.00
Little Zion, Louisburg	150.00
Maneseth, Franklinton, O. H. Brodie	350.00
Nelson Chapel, Louisburg, E. L. Brodie	100.00
New Bethel, Henderson, J. H. Bryant	300.00
Nutbush, Henderson, O'Clie Lewis	200.00
Red Bud, Henderson, J. E. Hall	950.00
Shady Grove, Louisburg, James Melton	400.00
Shiloh, Kittrell	100.00
South Main Street, Louisburg, J. G. McKnight	1,500.00
Spring Street, Henderson, R. M. Burnett	600.00
Welcome Chapel, Henderson, W. J. Gibson	100.00

MIDDLE DISTRICT—B. L. Rich, Moderator

Adoram, Wallace, J. L. Ezzell	500.00
Andrews Chapel, Clinton	500.00
Antioch, Goldsboro	500.00
Bethlehem, Wintake, Ervin Pelham	600.00
Canetuck, Currie, G. P. House	700.00
Christian Chapel No. 2, Wilmington, E. H. Stevenson	150.00
Ebenezer, Wilmington, R. L. Wright	4,000.00
Falling Run, Fayetteville, J. D. McDonald	1,800.00
First, Armour, L. B. Boykin	100.00
First, Charity	700.00
First, Clarkston, Samuel McDonald	1,600.00
First, Rose Hill, W. K. Raynor	1,200.00
First, Southport, H. O. Johnson	100.00
First, Steadman	300.00
First, Teachey	150.00
Friendship, Fayetteville, B. L. Rich	500.00
Haves Chapel, Atkinson	400.00
Hayes Chapel, Leland	150.00
Hoppers Chapel, Leland	100.00
Keathern Chapel, Harrells, D. A. Howard	400.00
Lakes Chapel, Atkinson, C. W. Pate	950.00
Lee's Chapel, Maple Hill, G. P. House	550.00
Macedonia, Wilmington, A. A. McRae	1,200.00
Manhollow, Hampstead	150.00
Moore's Creek, Currie, John Keel	150.00
Mt. Calvary, Wilmington, F. R. Devane	2,000.00
Mt. Pisgah, Burgaw, A. A. McRae	200.00
Mt. Zion, Rose Hill	300.00
New Christian Chapel, Rose Hill, W. E. Beamon	600.00
Newkirk Chapel, Willard, Marion Avery	300.00
Pilgrim Rest, Wilmington	200.00
Pleasant Hill, Kelly, C. C. Johnson	300.00
Royal Chapel, Harrells, S. M. White	250.00
St. John, Maple Hill	200.00
St. Louis, Charlotte, W. E. Martin	900.00
St. Mary, Wintake, Raymond Smith	100.00
Second, Fayetteville, W. E. Beamon	1,600.00
Shiloh, Wilmington	2,500.00
Shoulders Branch, Castle Haynes, G. P. House	350.00
Spring Green, Riegelwood	100.00
Wilson Chapel	100.00

MIDDLE GROUND—G. E. Brown, Moderator

Antioch, Everett, H. H. Moore	150.00
Belmont, Robersonville, Jesse Williams	300.00
Cedar Hill, Williamson, E. L. Powell	600.00
Chapel Hill, Williamson, T. R. Vines	250.00
Christ's Temple, H. Hammond	300.00
Crocker Chapel, Plymouth	100.00
Lilly of the Valley, Plymouth, E. L. Powell	200.00
Long Ridge, Plymouth, H. Hammond	200.00
Macedonia, Williamson, H. H. Moore	150.00
Mayo's Chapel, Tarboro, Walter Cherry	350.00
Olive Branch, Parnoke, John Williams	350.00
Pine Chapel, Pinetops, E. L. Howell	1,050.00
Poplar Point, Williamson, H. Hammond	200.00
Reid Church, Fountain, Walter Adkins	150.00
Rock Hill, Williamson, H. H. Moore	100.00
St. James, Williamson	100.00
St. John, Stokes, J. H. Chance	250.00
St. Matthew, Rocky Mount, Walter Cherry	150.00
St. Paul, Oak City, William Price	250.00
Sandy Point, Williamson, R. L. Cumming	300.00
Second Zion Grove, Plymouth, W. V. Pritchett	600.00
Sycamore Hill, Hamilton, K. P. Fisher	450.00

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Weeping Mary, Hassell, G. E. Brown 250.00
Willow Chapel, Gold Point, G. E. Brown 350.00
Wynn Chapel, Robersonville, J. H. Chance 450.00

MT. PEACE—R. M. Young, Moderator

Faith Memorial, Charlotte, W. H. Caldwell 1,500.00
Gethsemane, Charlotte, C. E. Dewberry 5,000.00
Greater Galilee, Charlotte, Warren McKissick 4,000.00
Mayfield Memorial, Charlotte, H. S. Diggs 7,500.00
Mt. Olive, Huntersville, M. B. McIlwaine 600.00
Mt. Vernon, Iron Station 400.00
Mt. Zion, Charlotte, U. Elder 750.00
Nazarene, Charlotte 100.00
New Hope, Charlotte 950.00
New Pleasant Valley, Charlotte, D. L. Gray 350.00
New Providence, Mt. Holly, J. D. Ponder 1,500.00
Mt. Zion, Charlotte, B. R. Robinson 3,200.00
Pleasant Hill, Charlotte, J. A. Cuthbertson 3,500.00
St. Mark, Charlotte, A. G. Coley 450.00
St. Paul, Charlotte, Paul Drummond 8,000.00
St. Paul Community, Charlotte, T. G. Davis 1,200.00
Tabernacle, Charlotte, W. A. Rorie 850.00

MOUNTAIN AND CATAWBA—D. U. Cooper, Moderator

Antioch, Troutman 200.00
Chestnut Grove, Statesville, J. L. Coleman 1,500.00
Clark's Chapel, Claremont, U. S. Thompson 550.00
Community 100.00
Davidson, Statesville, L. McKaskill 100.00
Dula Chapel, Lenoir, A. Harshaw 150.00
First, Harmony, W. J. LeGrant 550.00
Friendship, Hickory, D. U. Cooper 3,500.00
Grove Memorial 300.00
Jones Chapel, Mooresville, M. E. Walker 250.00
Knox Grove 250.00
Liberty Hill, Claremont, M. E. Walker 1,000.00
Liberty Grove, Taylorsville 550.00
Love Lady, Lenoir, W. L. Connor 200.00
Maiden Chapel, Maiden 200.00
Moore's Chapel, Lincolnton, J. Norwood 200.00
Morning Star First, Hickory, W. E. Lytle 5,000.00
Mt. Carmel, Taylorsville, J. E. Turner 900.00
Mt. Moriah, Marion, L. P. Gamble 500.00
Mt. Olive, Newton, B. F. Corpening 200.00
Mt. Pilgrim, Lenoir, K. F. Gamble 1,600.00
Mt. Sinai, Catawba, Rosie Kimber 400.00
Mt. Zion, Drexel, Ervin Millsap 350.00
Mt. Zion, Hickory 350.00
New Light, Lenoir, R. L. Ferguson 150.00
New Prospect, Sherrills Ford, C. E. Rowe 1,800.00
New Zion, Taylorsville 300.00
Pleasant Grove, Canton, U. C. Wynn 750.00
St. James First, Troutman, Leroy Wilson 750.00
St. John, Statesville, Wilson Lee 1,000.00
St. Peter, Statesville 100.00
Table Rock 100.00
Third Creek, Stony Point, J. H. Thomas 2,000.00
University Park, Charlotte, J. E. Palmer 2,000.00

MUD CREEK—H. B. Ferguson, Moderator

Bethel, Brevard 500.00
Bethel "A", Brevard, F. H. Goldsmith 800.00
Blue Ridge, Edenville 150.00
Catawba View, Old Fort, J. H. Sullivan 2,500.00
Fairmount, Asheville, J. E. Roberts 300.00
First Nazareth, Asheville, C. R. Mosley 3,000.00
Glade Creek, Pisgah Forest, R. J. Young 200.00
Greater New Zion, Fletcher, L. C. Ray 1,000.00
Hill Street, Asheville, N. M. Avery 7,000.00
Hill Chapel, Black Mt., F. L. Gordon 1,000.00
Mt. Carmel, Ardren, J. H. Sullivan 150.00
Mt. Olive, Mars Hill, J. H. Smith 100.00
Mt. Pleasant 100.00
Mt. Zion, Asheville, J. W. White 8,000.00
New Bethel, A. L. Smith 400.00
New French Broad, Pisgah Forest, R. J. Young 200.00
New Mt. Olive, Asheville, O. T. Tomes 5,000.00
New Salem, Swannanoa, W. E. Simpson 250.00
Rock Hill, Swannanoa, W. E. Simpson 250.00
St. John "A", Asheville, J. H. Sullivan 150.00
St. Paul, Asheville, J. E. Peden 150.00
Star of Bethel, Hendersonville, L. J. Westbrook 2,500.00
Tabernacle, Asheville, C. Johnson 300.00
Union Grove, Hendersonville, Q. O. Owens 1,500.00
Worldwide Tabernacle, Asheville, W. Grant 3,000.00

NEUSE RIVER—F. L. Bullock, Moderator

Allen Grove, Halifax, James Barham 200.00
Bethlehem, Seaboard, E. L. Fleming 1,000.00
Bethlehem, Tarboro, Wayne Hines 100.00
Carters Chapel, Roanoke Rapids 100.00
Cedar Grove, Henrico, F. C. Mitchell 900.00
Cedar Grove, Rocky Mount, J. O. Thorne 750.00
Chapel Grove, Garysburg 100.00
Cool Spring, Garysburg, F. L. Bullock 400.00
Crowell, Halifax, McKinley Nicholson 450.00
East End, Rocky Mount 150.00

Eastern Star, Tarboro, L. J. Morris 1,200.00
Ebenzer, Rocky Mount, T. L. Walker 3,000.00
First, Bathurst, N. M. Johnson 500.00
First, Enfield, Lonnie M. Braswell 750.00
First, Halifax, Wayne I. Welch, Sr. 350.00
First, Roanoke Rapids, R. H. Kidd 200.00
First, Weldon, J. B. Moore 4,000.00
First African, Goldsboro, I. B. Horton 3,000.00
Foster Memorial, Rocky Mount 1,800.00
Jeremiah Webb 1,000.00
Friendship, Rocky Mount, D. D. Williams 300.00
Galilee, Tillery, N. M. Johnson 1,000.00
Hart's Chapel, Tarboro, J. H. Staton 1,000.00
Hickory Grove, Rocky Mount 650.00
Lebanon, Halifax, J. B. Barton 500.00
Leggett Chapel, Leggett, Willie Taylor, Jr. 500.00
London, Littleton, G. A. Gilchrist 350.00
Long's Chapel, Hogwood 150.00
Mark's Chapel, Battleboro 150.00
Metropolitan, Rocky Mount, J. E. Arnette 150.00
Morning Star, Battleboro, T. R. Vines 150.00
Morning Star, Pinetops, George Cooper, Jr. 550.00
Mt. Carmel, Rocky Mount, W. E. Battle 650.00
Mt. Olive, Rocky Mount, George E. Battle 450.00
Mt. Zion, Seaboard, F. L. Bullock 400.00
New Bethel, Enfield, A. Walton 400.00
New Hope, Battleboro, Wilton Byrd 1,000.00
North End, Rocky Mount, Elbert Lee 1,000.00
Oak Grove, Garysburg, George A. Smith 500.00
Olive Chapel, Sharpburg, Ernest Barnes 100.00
Parker's Chapel, Jackson, McKinley Nicholson 200.00
Piney Grove, Littleton, C. E. Calloway 550.00
Piney Grove, Jackson, McKinley Nicholson 500.00
Pleasant Hill, Enfield, E. C. Watson 500.00
Quankie, Roanoke Rapids, R. H. Kidd 100.00
Red Hill, Rocky Mount, J. O. Thorne 300.00
Righteous Grove, Enfield, R. L. Knight 1,200.00
Roanoke Salem, Garysburg, E. L. Fleming 300.00
St. Chapel, Enfield, W. A. Barnes 300.00
St. James, Rocky Mount, C. T. Bullock 150.00
St. John, Red Oak, J. B. Woodhouse 1,500.00
St. Paul, Enfield, F. L. Bullock 200.00
St. Paul, Rocky Mount 200.00
St. Paul, Tarboro 200.00
St. Peter's, Weldon, G. A. Gilchrist 300.00
St. Stephen, Tarboro 450.00
Salem Chapel, Tarboro 400.00
Shiloh, Rocky Mount, R. L. Battle 650.00
Shiloh, Seaside, N. W. Waymon Walden 800.00
Simmons Grove, Roanoke Rapids, G. E. Battle 800.00
Smith Chapel, Halifax, Richard B. Battle 550.00
Thorne Chapel, Rocky Mount, J. E. Thorne 200.00
Tillery Chapel, Tillery, E. L. Fleming, Sr. 600.00
Twilight, Weldon, G. A. Gilchrist 600.00
Washington Branch, Maclefield, 350.00
W. R. Burston 350.00
White Oak, Enfield, E. R. Dymun 400.00
Zion Hill, Littleton, C. H. Whitaker 300.00
Zion Hill, Seaboard, McKinley Nicholson 400.00

NEW BERN—EASTERN—W. L. Griffin, Moderator

Bethel, Edwards, Langford Love 350.00
Bethel, New Bern, I. M. Jordan 250.00
Bethel, Riverdale 150.00
Clay Bottom, Blounts Creek 300.00
Green Hill, Bayboro 300.00
Maple Grove, Chocowinity, Leroy Adams 250.00
Memorial, New Bern, W. L. Griffin 1,200.00
Mt. Olive, Messic, W. C. Horton 1,200.00
Mt. Pilgrim, Newport, J. A. James 350.00
Mt. Shiloh, Idalia, W. L. Griffin 250.00
Mt. Sinai, Stonewall, W. M. McDavid 150.00
Mt. Zion, Arapahoe, J. B. Crandall 650.00
Pilgrim Chapel, Oriental, C. D. Bell 250.00
St. Anna, Blounts Creek, Rev. Brodie 150.00
St. Francis, Blounts Creek, A. J. White 150.00
St. Galilee, Maribel, L. A. Dillham 150.00
St. Hooker, Aurora, J. H. Parker 150.00
St. John, Aurora 350.00
St. John, New Bern, J. S. Moore 300.00
St. Luke, Edward, J. H. Parker 800.00
St. Luke, Morehead City, Clario Dickens 350.00
St. Monica, Grimesland, A. J. White 350.00
St. Peter, Aurora, Billy Smith 100.00
St. Stephen, Aurora, L. A. Gibbs 100.00
St. Stephen, Oriental, L. D. Bizzell 150.00
Spring Garden, New Bern, W. M. McDavid 150.00
Tabernacle, New Bern, P. D. Midgett 150.00

NEW ERA—Samuel Stanley, Moderator

Center, Bladenboro, Vaughan Cherry 200.00
Cherry Grove, Samuel Stanley 200.00
First, Tabor City, J. T. McCray 100.00
Mt. Olive, White Oak, J. B. Manning 200.00
Olive Grove, Cerro Cordo, J. B. Manning 150.00
St. John, Chadbourn, Raymond Smith 350.00

Sandy Grove, Fair Bluff, C. A. Leach 500.00
Spring Green, Riegelwood, W. E. Martin 200.00
Union, Tabor City 100.00

NEW HOME AND DURHAM—Enoch Rainey, Moderator

Hatchet Grove, Morrisville, R. L. Fuller 300.00
Jones Grove, Hillsborough, T. C. Nicholson 100.00
Lakeview, Durham, Clifton Bullock 300.00
Northside, Durham, C. R. Mitchell 300.00
Orange Cross Road, Hillsborough, Enoch Rainey 200.00
Orange Grove, Durham 200.00

NEW HOPE—C. R. Tyner, Moderator

Barber's Chapel, Chapel Hill 3,000.00
Bazell Creek, Fuquay-Varina, N. T. Davis 5,000.00
Bethesda, Mebane, E. U. Chavis 250.00
Cedar Rock, Apex, Elmo Thorne 200.00
Cedar Rock, New Hill, D. O. Parrish 100.00
Community, Durham, Percy Chase 500.00
Feltton Grove, Apex, L. W. Leake 1,000.00
First, Apex, J. E. Perkins 150.00
First, Chapel Hill, J. R. Manley 100.00
First, Mebane, J. E. Davis 300.00
Gethsemane, Durham, V. E. Brown 200.00
Haw River, Chatham Co., R. D. James 950.00
Hickory Grove, Carrboro, J. R. Manley 1,500.00
Lea's Chapel, Cedar Grove 200.00
First, Lillington, J. A. Raye 100.00
Lincoln, Durham, McArthur Clemmons 200.00
Markham Chapel, Durham 200.00
Morehead Avenue, Durham, B. A. Mack 1,000.00
Mt. Gilead, Durham, A. D. Moseley 4,500.00
Mt. Moriah, Mebane, W. W. Jones 100.00
Mt. Sinai, Durham, A. T. Alston 100.00
Mt. Vernon, Durham, Percy High 750.00
Mt. Zion, Apex, Lafayette Maxwell 100.00
Mt. Zion, Chatham Co., J. R. Burt 2,800.00
Mt. Zion, Durham, D. T. Fozard, Sr. 1,800.00
New Bethel, Durham, L. W. Reid 500.00
New Hill, New Hill 1,000.00
New Hope, Apex, M. V. Ingram 600.00
North East, Durham, David Massey 1,000.00
Peace, Durham, W. E. Daye 1,000.00
Pilgrim Chapel, Durham 1,000.00
Piney Grove, Durham, L. W. Reid 150.00
Second, Chapel Hill, J. A. Brown 300.00
Shiloh, Morrisville, Johnny Leek 1,500.00
Terrell's Chapel, Chapel Hill, T. J. Foster 1,000.00
White Oak, Apex, C. R. Tyner 1,600.00
White Rock, Durham, L. A. Lynch 1,000.00

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY—S. W. Edwards, Moderator

Antioch, Jackson, R. L. Knight 650.00
Branches Chapel, Rich Square, 1,000.00
Jeremiah Webb 1,000.00
Cedar Grove, Henrico 200.00
Conway First, Conway, R. L. Lassiter, Sr. 150.00
Creeksville Second, Conway 150.00
Cumbo Chapel, Rich Square, F. Lee 350.00
Faithful Band, Pleasant Hill, W. R. Burston 350.00
First, Rich Square, C. E. Hatcher 500.00
First, Severn, E. C. Watson 500.00
Jerusalem, Woodland, A. C. Robinson, Jr. 200.00
Neb, Marfreesboro, C. M. Creecy 1,600.00
Patillo Chapel, Henrico, E. L. Fleming 1,600.00
Revelle Hill, Conway 300.00
Second, Potocasi, S. W. Edwards 500.00
Second, Creeksville, Frank Lee 350.00
Zoar, Pendleton, C. M. Creecy 1,000.00

OCEAN VIEW—Freeman Gause, Moderator

Cedar Grove, Supply, W. H. D. Flowers 3,000.00
Cedar Grove, Whiteville 450.00
Friendship, Southport 550.00
Hickory Grove, Fair Bluff, Rufus Davis 350.00
Little Macdonald, Supply, W. D. Frink 450.00
Lettie Prong, Ash 300.00
Mt. Zion, Longwood, M. C. Herring 1,800.00
Piney Grove, Nicholas, S. C., R. L. Blue 1,000.00
Pleasant Grove, Thomas, J. B. Crandall 1,000.00
Pleasant Hill, Shallotte, G. H. Buck 800.00
Pleasant Meadows, Myrtle Beach, S. C., H. M. Daniel 150.00
Pleasant View, Shallotte, Henry D. Jones 750.00
St. James, Bolivia, Raymond Smith 450.00
St. John, Bolivia, Freeman Gause 600.00
Union, Tabor City, Julius Frink 100.00
Zion Hill, Bolivia 400.00

OLD EASTERN—J. R. Person, Moderator

Batts Chapel, Tarboro, G. E. Brown 650.00
Cedar Grove, Greenville, Joseph E. Suggs 1,600.00
Cherry's Chapel, Hogwood, S. J. Jones 5,000.00
Cornerstone, Greenville, Arliee Griffin 5,000.00
Cornerstone, Williamston, J. B. Crandall 150.00
Craven Corner, Havelock, J. R. Person 3,000.00

The Unified Dollar For The Unified Program

Davis Chapel, Washington, C. B. Gray 650.00
 Eastern Star, Tarboro 150.00
 First New Bern, J. F. Kelly 1,500.00
 Free Union, Lawrence, F. Leathers 250.00
 Guilford, New Bern, J. Moore 1,100.00
 Hayes Chapel, Patolus, J. B. Crandall 250.00
 James Mt. Pilgrim, Oak City, C. H. Brown 250.00
 Jones Chapel, Palmyra, Jesse Williams 350.00
 Kehukie, Scotland Neck, W. T. Taylor 550.00
 Macedonia, Farmville, F. R. Peterson 1,500.00
 Mary's Chapel, Scotland Neck, E. R. King 400.00
 Mildred, Tarboro, Walter Cherry 250.00
 Moore's Chapel, Aurora, J. B. Crandall 300.00
 Moore's Chapel, Newport, C. E. Parker 300.00
 Mt. Calvary, New Bern 500.00
 Mt. Olive, Ayden, F. R. Peterson 650.00
 Mt. Shiloh, Williamston, K. R. Hammond 2,500.00
 Mt. Tabor, Beaufort, W. V. Pritchett 650.00
 Mt. Zion, Beaufort, J. M. Moore, Jr. 3,500.00
 Phillips, Simpson, D. S. Hammond 2,900.00
 Providence, Robersonville, W. T. Taylor 550.00
 Reddick Chapel, Bethel, J. L. Farmer 200.00
 Roanoke, Zion, P. M. A. Battle 350.00
 St. James Temple, Tarboro, L. L. Lloyd 450.00
 St. John, Falkland, A. T. Wesley 1,600.00
 St. Luke, Rocky Mount, Lee Beal 250.00
 St. Mary, Greenville 350.00
 St. Paul, Oak City 350.00
 St. Peter, Greenville, Hugh Walston 150.00

Spring Garden, Washington, E. R. McNair 1,500.00
 Sycamore Hill, Greenville 2,000.00
 Tabernacle, Vanceboro, J. W. Harris 150.00
 Triumph, Washington, C. B. Gray 1,500.00
 Union, Tarboro, R. A. Morris 2,500.00
 Ware Creek, Blounts Creek, George Smith 700.00
 White Oak, Grimsley, J. H. H. Taylor 600.00
 White's Chapel, Speed, Robert Ricks 600.00

ORIGINAL SHILOH—P. G. Davis, Moderator

Antioch, Oxford, F. C. Moody 200.00
 Belton Creek, Oxford, P. G. Davis 1,500.00
 Brookston, Henderson 250.00
 Coley Spring, Warrenton, L. G. Brown 350.00
 Dickies Grove, Henderson, A. Bass 250.00
 First, Kittrell 150.00
 First, Oxford, T. L. Steele 500.00
 Haywood, Louisburg, L. Coppedge 1,500.00
 Ilong, Oxford 1,200.00
 Jones Chapel, Louisburg, Roger Brodie 350.00
 Jones Chapel, Norma, J. R. Fogg 350.00
 Jordan Chapel, James Barham 150.00
 Mitchell, Louisburg, E. L. Brodie 1,800.00
 Olive Grove, Oxford, M. T. Timberlake 300.00
 Ridgeway, Norlina, W. T. Ramsey, III 450.00
 St. John, Henderson, A. A. Brown 300.00
 Sandy Grove, Henderson, J. R. Fogg 800.00
 Seropita 100.00
 Shiloh, Henderson, R. W. Perry 4,000.00
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 Snow Hill, Warrenton, Al Horton 100.00
 Spring Green, Warrenton, C. H. Brown 300.00
 Swift Creek, Whitakers, W. A. Barnes 400.00
 Union Grove, Warrenton, P. G. Davis 950.00
 Warrenton, Warrenton, Walter Yarbrough 1,000.00
 Woodworth, Townsville, O'Lee Lewis 150.00

PEE DEE—J. H. Ferguson, Moderator

Bethlehem, Laurinburg, R. L. Milhouse 1,800.00
 Bright Hopewell, Laurinburg, A. L. Byrd 500.00
 Center Grove, Red Springs, T. M. McDonald 150.00
 Covington, Troy, J. D. Bratton 150.00
 Clarks Grove, Mt. Gilead, John Bratton 150.00
 Ebenezer, Rockingham, Hatten Floyd 150.00
 Fairley Chapel 150.00
 Faith, Southern Pines, T. E. Flowers 200.00
 First, Southern Pines, W. J. Haire 1,500.00
 Friendship, Hamlet, D. M. Ferguson 800.00
 Galilee, Pinehurst, John Daniels 1,000.00
 Holly Grove, Rockingham, Howard McClaurin 500.00
 Jones Chapel, Laurinburg, G. W. Ware 300.00
 Levinston Chapel, Ohio, J. J. Covington 150.00
 Mt. Tabor, Rowlet, Jesse Everett 300.00
 Mt. Zion, Candor, M. Isaac 450.00
 Nashville, Napoleon Worley 100.00
 New Hope, Hamlet, W. H. Gatewood 800.00
 Poplar Springs, Addor, T. M. McDonald 250.00
 Poplar Springs, Rockingham, J. H. Ferguson 1,500.00
 Providence, Rockingham, R. T. Gilchrist 2,800.00
 Rock Hill, Lilesville, G. T. Thomas 200.00
 Rockingham, Rockingham, K. L. Harrell, Sr. 100.00
 Sandy Grove, Maxton, J. Foster, Jr. 800.00
 St. John, Aberdeen, J. L. Gilchrist 300.00
 St. Luke, Scotland County 100.00
 St. Paul, Pinehurst, W. M. Taylor 400.00
 St. Stephen, Rockingham, S. J. Ratcliff 650.00
 Sandy Grove, Rockingham 100.00
 Shiloh, Maxton, H. E. Edwards 1,000.00

Spring Branch, Wagram, J. W. Swindell 1,000.00
 Spring Hill, Red Springs, W. M. Gay 350.00
 Union, Hamlet, Howard McClaurin 150.00

PEE DEE UNION—A. Simpson, Moderator

Belford, Jackson Springs, M. Isaac 250.00
 Cedar Grove, Chester Lewis 100.00
 Pleasant Grove, Mt. Gilead, A. L. Evans 200.00
 Saron, Ellerbe, A. Simpson 350.00
 Sidney Grove, Ellerbe, A. Simpson 350.00
 Thomas Chapel, Mt. Gilead, Elijah Jones 100.00

PROGRESSIVE TAR RIVER—G. W. Dudley, Moderator

Greater Mt. Hermon, Rocky Mount, J. O. Thorne 200.00
 Mt. Zion First, Rocky Mount, G. W. Dudley 4,000.00
 St. Stephen, Spring Hope, A. D. Logan 1,200.00

REEDY CREEK—Lawrence Edwards, Moderator

Ashley Grove, Vaughan, Wayne Welch 350.00
 Chapel Hill, Norlina, J. E. Hall 1,200.00
 Enon, Littleton, W. C. Tabron 100.00
 Greater Lovely Hill, Macon, M. R. Hedgepeth 400.00
 Ivory Hill, Enfield, J. J. Copeland 400.00
 Lee's Chapel, Littleton, G. E. Battle 500.00
 Little Zion, Halifax Co. 100.00
 Locust Grove, Wise, A. L. Daye 1,200.00
 Mt. Olive, Littleton, J. S. Spruill 150.00
 Mt. Vernon, Nashville, Lawrence Edwards 350.00
 Mt. Zion, Macon, W. C. Tabron 150.00
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 Oak Grove, Littleton, C. E. McCollum 1,800.00
 Pine Hill, Holm, K. C. Richardson 200.00
 Piney Grove, Littleton, C. E. McCollum 200.00
 Roanoke Chapel, Littleton 100.00
 Rocky Chapel, Louisburg, J. M. Boone 1,200.00
 St. Luke, Littleton, W. C. Tabron 250.00
 St. Paul, Warrenton, Norman Richardson 350.00
 St. Stephen, Warrenton 150.00
 St. Zion, Warrenton, S. A. Manning 200.00
 Shiloh, Warrenton, W. C. Tabron 200.00
 Shocco, Warrenton, Roger Brodie 300.00
 South Street, Littleton, G. E. Battle 450.00
 Union Hill, Nashville 200.00
 Walnut Grove, Louisburg 750.00

RIISING STAR—J. G. Gaston, Moderator

Antioch, Granite Quarry, R. T. Wyatt 550.00
 Beulah, Winston-Salem, John I. Miller 150.00
 Boxwood, Mocksville, K. E. Alexander 100.00
 Brown New Calvary, Thomasville 1,200.00
 Emmanuel, Thomasville, S. McLendon 850.00
 Fairview Heights, Salisbury, R. N. Lockhart 2,600.00
 First, Southmont, J. G. Gaston 1,200.00
 Friendship, Thomasville 500.00
 New Zion, Linwood, Moses Caldwell 200.00
 Old Smith Grove, Linwood, L. O. Hammond 100.00
 St. John, Winston-Salem, W. M. Adams 150.00
 St. Matthew, Rockwell 250.00
 Shiloh, Albemarle, W. C. Wilkerson 250.00
 Union, Thomasville, W. Culp 250.00

ROANOKE—W. H. Davis, Moderator

Bagley Chapel, Hertford, W. B. Moore 100.00
 Blanchard Grove, Hobbsville, C. N. Moore 100.00
 Chapel Hill, Columbia, A. R. Winborne 350.00
 Christian Advocate, Poplar Branch, A. Winborne 100.00
 Christian Home, Myock, G. W. Powell 250.00
 Cornerstone, Elizabeth City, J. R. R. McRay 500.00
 Corinth, Calvin A. Moore 500.00
 First Zion, Winston-Salem, G. G. Campbell, Jr. 100.00
 First, Hertford, J. H. London 800.00
 First Zion Grove, Plymouth, Hoyt Hammond 200.00
 Galatia, Hertford, George W. Powell 150.00
 Gale Street, Edenton, O. C. Welch 150.00
 Galilee, Elizabeth City, J. M. Etheridge 150.00
 Hall Creek, Manteo 150.00
 Joppa, Hobbsville, C. A. Proctor 150.00
 Galilee, Elizabeth City 150.00
 Lebanon Grove, Gatesville, C. A. Hart 150.00
 Memorial, Elizabeth City, James Dunston 300.00
 Mt. Carmel, Elizabeth City, W. H. Davis 150.00
 Mt. Ebrew, Roper, D. W. Lamb 200.00
 Mt. Pleasant, Columbia 200.00
 New Bethel, Hertford, S. L. Lawrence 450.00
 New Chapel, Plymouth, A. R. Winborne 250.00
 New Hope, Gatesville, H. L. Mitchell 1,200.00
 New Middle Swamp, Corapeake, A. J. Cherry 400.00
 New Oak Grove, Va. Beach, Va., L. O. Cromwell 300.00
 New Piney Grove, Gates, Richard Smallwood 100.00
 New Piney Wood, Gates 150.00
 New Providence, Shawboro, S. L. Lawrence 150.00
 New Ramoth Gilad, Elizabeth City, 150.00
 F. J. Owens 150.00
 New Salem, Elizabeth City, R. E. Williams 100.00
 New Savoyers Creek, Camden, J. M. Etheridge 100.00
 New Shiloh, Shiloh, Jesse Smith 150.00
 Oak Grove, Va. Beach, Va., A. L. Cromwell 100.00
 Olive Branch, Elizabeth City, E. A. Bolling 100.00

Philadelphia, Shiloh, W. A. Davis 250.00
 Pleasant Branch, Powell Point, F. J. Owens 150.00
 Pleasant Grove, Belhaven, David Saunders 100.00
 Pool's Grove, Hertford, J. L. Willis 250.00
 Providence, Edenton, F. L. Fenner 800.00
 Riddick's Grove, Belvidere, W. A. Moore 250.00
 Salem, Columbia, B. P. Heckstall 250.00
 Saunders Grove, Hertford, C. A. Proctor 200.00
 St. James, Elizabeth City, Butler Sharpe, Jr. 100.00
 St. John, Columbia, George Smith 150.00
 St. John, Creswell, D. W. Lamb 600.00
 St. John, Edenton, J. E. Griffin 100.00
 St. Paul, Sunbury, C. N. Moore 100.00
 St. Reddick, Belhaven, James H. Harris 300.00
 St. Stephen, Elizabeth City 400.00
 Stoney Branch, Gates, W. A. Cotton 100.00
 Union Branch, Corapeake, H. L. Mitchell 250.00
 Union Chapel, Elizabeth City, J. E. Barnes 300.00
 Warren Grove, Edenton, Wilbert Mills 100.00
 Weeping Mary, Jamesville, D. W. Lamb 200.00

ROWAN—E. L. Kirby, Moderator

Anderson Grove, Greensboro, E. S. Anderson 800.00
 Bethlehem, Winston-Salem 100.00
 Beulah, Concord 100.00
 Beulah, Madison, E. C. Carter 650.00
 Beulah, Winston-Salem, J. T. Miller 100.00
 Buncombe, Lexington, S. W. Mack 750.00
 Calvary, High Point 100.00
 Cedar Grove, Mocksville, K. O. P. Goodwin 300.00
 Clifton Grove, High Point, D. W. Kindle 100.00
 Dreamland Park, Winston-Salem, E. C. Austin 900.00
 Ebenezer, Greensboro, W. S. Glawie 100.00
 Emmanuel, Winston-Salem, S. W. Mack 7,000.00
 Fairfield, Mocksville, F. D. Betts 200.00
 Files Chapel, Lexington, F. D. Betts 250.00
 First, Badin, L. R. Crawford 100.00
 First, Burlington, R. W. Styles 2,000.00
 First, Concord, Gregg Moss 1,000.00
 First, Graham, C. R. Trotter 100.00
 First, Lexington, B. F. Daniels 1,500.00
 First, Reidsville, O'Kelly Lawson 2,500.00
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1. Salary	\$1,200.00
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TOTAL	\$3,485.00

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2. Housing	2,500.00
3. Utilities	800.00
4. Fringe Benefits	
a. Insurance	140.00
b. Retirement	1,050.00
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e. Car Expenses	600.00
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1. Salary	\$20,000.00
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a. Insurance	140.00
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e. Car Expenses	750.00
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4. Fringe Benefits	
a. Insurance	140.00
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e. Car Expenses	500.00
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2. Housing	3,000.00
3. Utilities	1,000.00
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3. Utilities	2,250.00
4. Fringe Benefits	
a. Insurance	140.00
b. Retirement	2,150.00
c. Local Association Expenses	225.00
d. State & National Conv. Expenses	350.00
e. Car Expenses	800.00
TOTAL	\$34,415.00

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3. Utilities	500.00
4. Fringe Benefits	
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b. Retirement	360.00
c. Local Association Expenses	225.00
d. State & National Conv. Expenses	350.00
e. Car Expenses	550.00
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1. Salary	\$15,000.00
2. Housing	4,000.00
3. Utilities	1,500.00
4. Fringe Benefits	
a. Insurance	140.00
b. Retirement	1,500.00
c. Local Association Expenses	225.00
d. State & National Conv. Expenses	350.00
e. Car Expenses	700.00
TOTAL	\$23,415.00

Churches With 2000-3000 Membership Suggested Minimum Income For Full-Time Pastors	
1. Salary	\$22,500.00
2. Housing	8,000.00
3. Utilities	2,500.00
4. Fringe Benefits	
a. Insurance	140.00
b. Retirement	2,250.00
c. Local Association Expenses	225.00
d. State & National Conv. Expenses	350.00
e. Car Expenses	850.00
TOTAL	\$36,815.00

What God Wants A Church To Be

Editor's Note: The following is the first part in a series prepared by the Department of Christian Education of the General Baptist State Convention. Dr. Leo Williams, director.

WHAT GOD WANTS A CHURCH TO BE

The purpose of this discussion is to discover what God wants a church to be and do. It is vitally important for the members of a church to discover the answer to this question. We may be interested in what various church members want the church to be and do, but it is essential to know what God wants.

Just what does God want your church to be and do? We could spend much time discussing this among ourselves and perhaps never

find the answer. The Bible is the only source of information to properly answer this question.

No definition of a Baptist church will satisfy everyone; but the following is suggested, based upon the teachings of the New Testament:

"A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the two ordinances of Christ, committed to His teachings, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His word, and seeking to extend the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This church is an autonomous body, operating through democratic processes under the Lordship of Jesus

Christ. In such congregations, members are equally responsible. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons."

Many verses in the Bible tell what God wants a church to be. Some of these verses are listed below.

1. A fellowship of love (I John 4:14-21; Matthew 18:15-20).

2. A conquering, victorious body (Matthew 16:18; Romans 8:37-39; I John 5:4).

3. True to the Scripture (Ephesians 4:14-15).

4. Properly organized (Ephesians 4:11-13; I Corinthians 12:20-27).

THE FIVE FUNCTIONS OF A CHURCH

(1) To Worship (Romans 15:5-6; Acts 17:23; Psalms 95:18; John 4:23-24).

(2) To Witness (Acts 1:8;

Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 9:60; Acts 10:43; Romans 10:13-15; II Timothy 4:2).

(3) To Educate (I Corinthians 12:28-29; Ephesians 4:11-15; Hebrews 5:12-14; Matthew 11:28-30; John 8:31-32).

(4) To Minister (Matthew 20:26-28; Matthew 25:42-46).

(5) To Apply (James 1:22).

To worship is to be aware of and respond favorably to the presence of God. There are many ways in which a church may worship God. Simply reading the Scriptures provides a worship experience for many persons.

To witness is to share the gospel. This includes preaching, teaching, witnessing, and sending out missionaries. It encompasses everything that is done to

confront unbelievers with the fact that God has provided them with salvation through Jesus Christ.

To educate is to teach persons what God has done for them through Jesus Christ, and to train believers to fulfill all the functions of a church.

To minister is to follow the example of Jesus in caring for those who have physical and spiritual needs. This includes ministering to the sick, hungry, lonely, and disturbed.

To apply means the practical application of Christian principles in all the issues of everyday life. Such application of Christian truth determines one's vote for public officials, conduct in business, relationship to his family, and standards of public and private morality.

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Alcohol Plagues Baptists

BY TIM NICHOLAS
GULFSHORE, Miss. (BP)—
"We need to quit playing
ostrich" with alcohol abuse
among church members, a
New Orleans mission staffer
told participants in a tri-state
conference on the impact of
alcohol and other drugs on
contemporary life.

Statistics show one in 10
Baptists has a drinking
problem. With each problem
drinker estimated to directly
affect about 15 other persons, it
would be hard for any church to
claim it is unaffected by
alcoholism.

A keynote speaker said the
church must provide a
substitute for what alcohol does
for the drinker. Alcohol offers
instant fellowship, and circum-
stances that allow one to bare
one's soul and express hilarity.
These things are what are
supposed to be the experience
found in the local Baptist
church.

An anesthesiologist said that
he has treated two Baptist
preachers for alcoholism. One,
he said, traveled extensively,
sleeping in a new town most
nights and had trouble
sleeping. A deacon in a church
visited him and gave him some
valium which "worked
wonders." He grew into a
"slow, insidious dependency"
on the drug.

A workshop speaker, who
directs a Baptist mission in
New Orleans, spoke of the
church's task of reconciliation
with both God and man. "We

must provide a healing and
redemptive fellowship. We all
get excited when a wet-dry
issue comes up, but we fail to
recognize many people are in
our community and churches
who already have been affected
by the end result of alcohol."

In his workshop, he
advocates churches allowing
such groups as Alcoholics
Anonymous to use their
facilities. One woman said her
church won't allow AA to use
the building because "they
might smoke."

He enumerated several of the
"great myths" of alcoholism. A
person will say, "the problem
is out yonder on skid row." He
said only three percent of
alcoholics are on skid row. The
rest are functioning at various
levels of society. The other
myth is "There's not a problem
with alcohol in my congrega-
tion."

On a nationwide basis, of the
100-125 million drinkers, 9.5 to
14 million are alcoholics. In
1977, American industry
suffered \$19.64 billion in lost
production. There were more
than 28,000 auto deaths in 1979
directly attributable to
drinking drivers. The
American Medical Association
reports that 50 percent of all
fracture cases treated in
emergency rooms involve
drinking.

An estimated 48 percent of all
Baptists drink and 20 percent of
Baptists who drink have a
drinking problem.

GLOBAL CHANGE

Woman Rescued From Overseas Drug Set-Up

BY BONNIE SPARROW
FORT WORTH, TEX.
(BP)—A fast lifestyle, a good
job in Hong Kong and a wealthy
boyfriend who showered her
with expensive gifts and talked
about marriage should have
made Rita Nightingale very
happy. But it didn't.

It was only while in a
Bangkok prison, accused of
smuggling heroin, that she
learned real happiness is
spelled J-E-S-U-S.

"I should have been very
happy," the attractive young
Englishwoman said. "But I still
would go home from my job, or
from dinner at fine
restaurants, and cry. Something
was missing from
my life."

She learned what was
missing while reading the story
of Jesus' life in Robert
Laidlaw's "The Reason Why"
in prison.

"As I read, I stopped saying,
'God, why did this happen to
me?' and started saying, 'Lord,
what have I done for You?' and
right there, all by myself, I
gave my life to Him," she
recounted.

Nightingale tells of an early
marriage that failed, a life of

travel which took her over
much of Southeast Asia, and a
search for that "missing
element" in her life.

She did not know a great deal
about her boyfriend's private
life but she accepted his
invitation to accompany him on
a trip to Paris and London
because she could visit her
family in Lancashire. The day
they were to leave, he brought
the tickets by, told her he
couldn't go and insisted she use
her tickets. One of his friends
was traveling to Bangkok on
the same flight and they could
go that far together. Reluctant,
she finally consented.

In Bangkok, Nightingale's
hotel room was on the same
floor as her traveling
companion's. On the last day of
her stay, he suggested she
move her luggage to his room
and check out early to avoid
having to pay for an additional
day there.

"I did, and we went out to
dinner," she said. "When we
came back, I showered and
dressed and we went to the
airport." The customs agent
found heroin hidden in the
lining of her luggage. "I had no
idea the heroin was there,"

Miss Nightingale said. "I
couldn't believe it."

When she returned with the
police to the hotel, her
traveling companion denied
knowing her. The hotel
employees remembered the
two of them spending time
together and he, too, was
arrested. Their friend in Hong
Kong was also arrested.

A month later, Nightingale
went to court, accompanied by
a lawyer from the British
Embassy. The two men
arrested with her were not
there. "I learned later they had
paid off the police and were
released for lack of evidence.
After all, they still had me, and
there I was with this heroin
found in my luggage, pleading
'not guilty.'"

One week after turning her
life over to God, she was
sentenced to 20 years and
moved to the Bangkok
Women's Prison. There 30
women shared a small room
where a bucket of water was
used for bathing and toilet
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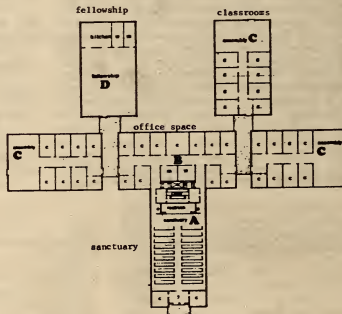
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Churches Called To Observe Criminal Justice Month

The North Carolina Council of Churches and the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. urge churches to observe Criminal Justice Month in February. Churches are asked to send for information on the observance and to pray, study and initiate action relative to criminal justice concerns. Information packets on these vital issues may be obtained by writing the North Carolina Council of Churches, Bryan Building, Suite 201A, Cameron Village, Raleigh, 27605. A bulletin insert and a speakers' list are also available for the asking.

Crime and the criminal justice system are major

concerns in North Carolina. The Governor's Crime Commission reports that crime increased by 12.4 percent in 1979 compared to only 2.9 percent from 1976 to 1978. Crime is not only an urban problem. Since 1975, crime has increased in rural areas 30 percent faster than in the state

as a whole. The magnitude of the problem is suggested by the fact that \$400 million will be spent through the criminal justice system this year. The most serious costs, however, are disrupted lives, distraught families, fear, alienation, and the weakening of the bonds of community.

One of the most striking features of our state's response to crime is the exceedingly high portion of the population confined to prison. Compared to other states, we do not have a high crime rate, but our incarceration rate is among the highest, over twice the national average. Overcrowding is one result. There are about 15,600 persons in prison units designed to house 14,500. The cost of incarceration is \$8,400 per year. Thousands more persons are required to stay in jails. Over half of these are awaiting trial, not yet proven guilty. Over 45,000 offenders are managed in a probation/parole system. More

than 2,000 youthful offenders under age 21 are sent to prison annually.

APPEAL FOR CHURCH EFFORTS

The solutions to these problems are not easy.

However, the Christian imperative provides clear direction. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, has demonstrated in His life, and commanded us in His teaching to be merciful (Matthew 5:7), to be loving (John 15:12), and to identify with and bring reconciliation to offenders (Matthew 25:39). "For inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto

me." And, in the parable of the Good Samaritan, Christ underscores loving concern for victims of crime (Luke 10:30).

The churches of North Carolina must exert a concerted effort to help bring restoration and reconciliation to those who are headed for destruction through a life of crime. We must work to bring about the criminal justice system. We must manifest concern for victims and potential victims of crime and for the fabric of community. And we must seek to identify and correct the injustices and deficiencies in our social order, which encourage criminal behavior.

Divinity School Trustees Report Progress

The Shaw Divinity School Board of Trustees met Nov. 13 during the University's Homecoming Week with 23 members of the body in attendance.

Items which were noted with approval included:

1) The fall enrollment in the Divinity School is 88 students, of whom 33 are working toward the Master of Divinity degree.

2) A strong, well-prepared and recognized faculty of 10 instructors is mobilized.

3) Contributions received during the past fiscal year amounted to \$71,333.

4) The Divinity School is sound financially, though contributions must be continually received to develop the library and advance toward accreditation.

5) Approval was given to an advance of \$30,000 to Shaw University.

A workshop for deacons, one for church secretaries and clerks, and one for music leaders, plus an in-service class for ministers, along with the Albert W. Pegues Pastors' Conference, are planned for the coming year. The Seminary Extension Classes will continue. They are already being conducted in 16 locations throughout the state.

The business agenda included reports from the Executive, Budget and Finance, By-Laws, Honorary Degrees and Awards, Student Affairs, Public Relations and Instruction Committees. Reports were also received from Vice President Robert E. Powell, from Dr. James Z. Alexander, dean of Academic Affairs, and from Dr. Nilous M. Avery, president of the Theological Alumni Association.

Consider Alternative Christmas

FOREST PARK, Ga. (BP)—A group opposed to America's \$12 billion Christmas "sellabration" says Christians bankrupt their most sacred celebrations when they participate in the annual American orgy of self-indulgence.

Alternatives, a Georgia-based organization dedicated to promoting alternate celebrations, is trying to "reclaim" spiritual holidays that commercializers have taken over.

As part of its campaign, Alternatives is sponsoring a "Best and Worst" Christmas gift contest. People are invited to send in descriptions of a gift they received last Christmas that was (1) meaningful, humane, personal, considerate of the earth and which reflected the deeper meaning of Christmas; or (2) that was particularly extravagant, tasteless, useless, dangerous or utterly crass.

Last year's winner for best gift was Jimmy Lee Gray, a death row prisoner at the Mississippi State Prison at Parchman, Miss. The gift was a Christmas card made from cardboard and pieces of colored tinfoil, handmade by a nine-year-old Indian child in Lawton, Okla. Runner-up was a woman whose sister gave her life in the form of a kidney transplant.

The worst gift was submitted by Jim Schneider of Salem, Mass. His daughter received a baby Mork doll which came in a egg, looking like Jesus in a manger, complete with a string to pull to hear a space age Christmas story in song. Runner-up was a man who received a case of champagne upon returning home from five weeks in an alcoholism treatment center.

The group's guidelines for gift giving point out that Christmas is the day of celebration for the birth of

Christ. Gifts, then are really to Him and givers should be careful to choose the gifts He wants. "He pointedly insists that in order to gift Him, we must find Him to be hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned." Alternatives' guidelines say.

They suggest: giving time for participation on a committee which ministers to "the least of these," such as senior adult lunch program, prison visiting, housing, etc.; giving skills to the same kind of organization; financially supporting the program of your denomination that minister to the least of these.

Alternatives seeks to reclaim all spiritual holidays and offers catalogues, newsletters and checklists for churches and individuals to help them rethink their methods of celebration.

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AFFIRMATION



The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina affirms its conviction that the family is the bed rock foundation upon which a stable and strong society is built.

The Conviction of the Convention is that every Christian should have a marriage performed by a minister, and have the blessing of God pronounced upon it by the Christian Church.

The strength of any nation is not found in its military might or its massive arsenal of weapons or its tremendous wealth but in its Family Structure where the true values of life are taught by precept and example.

Done this sixteenth day of January in the year of our Lord 1981.

C. C. Craig Jr.

Dr. C. C. Craig, Executive Secretary

J. R. Manley

Dr. J. R. Manley, President

The above AFFIRMATION certificate was read and distributed to each family attending the GBSC Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet in Raleigh last month. Its meaning is embodied in the following essay excerpt.

"...our most crucial analog to the sacred order is the family, that unique human matrix where persons may live out their very different lives, each to its full potential. In the family as evolved in the Judeo-Christian tradition we can rightly acknow-

ledge the sacredness of the human self in all its mystery... matrimony has to be "holy" or it is tragically unholy; only a sacred covenant can hold its career on a relatively steady course. Only when we live life in a sacred order are we compensated for the drudgeries of child rearing, the fearful hazards of growing up, the cruel traps of middle age, the appalling loneliness of old age."

—Albert C. Outler

Christianity Today, Jan. 23, 1981

Handling Church Money

LAUREL HILL—Persons attending the Church Work Enrichment Conference at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill last November were treated to an informative presentation on church financial record keeping by Joe N. Norman, a certified public accountant from Winston-Salem and GBSC auditor.

The conference was designed by the Convention to assist church officers and personnel in understanding their duties, structuring the church organization, programming and scheduling activities and events, improving relationships among various areas of church work, and in budgeting and keeping financial records.

"The thing that makes a budget is money," Norman told his audience. "People talk about a budget and they think about spending it; they never think about getting it first."

Norman said that the financial secretary's job is one of the biggest in the church and that trying to keep up with big and small amounts of money is time consuming.

"It's very important that records be kept in

more than one place," he said. "If you don't have records to show, you can't prove that you've collected a certain amount of money."

A Simplified Cash Receipts System For A Church

One of the major problems in a church organization is making certain that all cash receipts have been recorded. Numerous weekly contributions of relatively small amounts present a mass of data to be organized and recorded. Rendering periodic statements is a difficult task because of the large number of contributors. Another factor that often complicates accounting in a church organization is the use of volunteer or untrained clerical help, and failure to utilize the knowledge of a CPA to assist in cutting the workload to a minimum. The trend today is toward increasing financial accountability in non-profit organizations. Everyone who is exercising responsibility for the finances of religious institutions should become system-oriented at least.

System Design

The suggested system described herewith should not be relied upon to be adaptable to your church organization. An adequate system is

predicated upon factors applicable to each particular church organization. The only purpose of this paper is to act as a catalyst in reviewing your own financial activities and for discussion. The outline of the suggested system is followed with comments as needed.

Phase I—Data Gathering

- (a) pledge card
- (b) envelopes
- Phase II—Verifying the Data
- (a) cash count
- (b) summary sheet
- Phase III—Recording Data
- (a) chart of accounts
- (b) pledge card
- (c) summary sheet
- (d) deposit slips
- Phase IV—Reporting Data
- (a) statements
- (b) alternate



In order to make an effective budget the members have to turn in their pledge cards so the amount of money anticipated can be used to

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Pastors Meet March 16

**"The Pastor Views
Varieties Of
Theological
Perspectives"**

SHAW UNIV.

The Shaw Divinity School will hold its eighth annual Pastor's Conference from March 16-18 at Shaw University in Raleigh.

Registration for the conference will begin at 2 p.m. Monday, March 16, and the conference will end at noon Wednesday. Registration and all sessions of the conference will be held in the Shaw University Church. The cost of registration is \$25.

The theme of the 1981 conference is "The Pastor Views Varieties of Theological Perspectives." The services of three outstanding speakers have been secured.

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● Woman's Convention

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THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina:

Thank you again and again for the support that you are giving which makes it possible for the Convention to fulfill its financial obligation to Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions and the Central Orphanage.

Regional Workshops

The staff members at Baptist Headquarters are busy each day and many times at night promoting the plans and the objectives of the Convention. We are in the process of conducting our regional workshops in the ten regions in the state. We have conducted workshops already in the following places:

- Jan. 12-13 Memorial Baptist Church, New Bern
- January 14-15 Sandy Run Baptist Church, Jacksonville
- January 27 Foster Memorial, Rocky Mount
- January 28 First, Weldon
- January 29-30 First, Clinton

The attendance at these workshops has been unusual. In some places, the churches were filled to their capacity. Many thanks to the pastors and churches for their full support and cooperation.

The objective of these workshops is to interpret the work of the church and the work of the General Baptist State Convention under the Lordship of Christ.

The theme for these workshops is:

"How A Church Can Lead Its Officers, Auxiliaries and Personnel to be Effective Joins in the Body." The staff participants are: C. C. Craig, "How A Church Can Lead Its Officers and its Budget Committee to be Effective Joins in the Body;" Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, "How A Church Can Lead its Missionary Circle to be an Effective Join in the Body;" Leo Williams, "How a Church Can Lead its Sunday School and BTU to be Effective Joins in the Body;" A. D. Logan, Jr., "How A Church Can Lead its Clerk and Secretary to be Effective Joins in the Body;" Waverly Camp, Jr., "How A Church Can Lead its Laymen's League and its Music Department to be Effective Joins in the Body."

We solicit the support and cooperation of all pastors, officers and church members when these workshops are held in your section.

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BAPTIST CALENDAR

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| February | 16-21 | State Usher's Convention, One-Day Session, First Baptist Church, Raleigh |
| | 21 | Religious Emphasis Week, Shaw University |
| March | | |
| | 2-5 | Progressive National Baptist Convention, Southern Region, Jacksonville, Fla. |
| | 4 | Ash Wednesday |
| | 7 | Vacation Bible School Clinic I, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill |
| | 17 | St. Patrick's Day |
| | 21 | Vacation Bible School Clinic II, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill |
| | 16-18 | Pastor's Conference, Shaw University, Raleigh |

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

Cureton Johnson, Editor

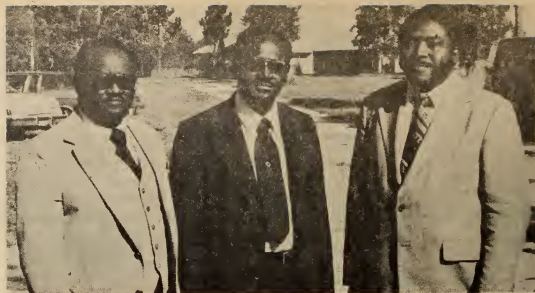
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Principal speakers at the recent Church Work Enrichment Conference included (L-R) Joe Nathan, Norman, GBSC Auditor, Dr. C. C. Craig, GBSC Executive Secretary, Dr. Leo Williams, director of GBSC Christian Education. The conference was held at the J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill.

THE CONVENTION PRESIDENT

By J.R. Manley

The brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God has been a well established and accepted tenet of Christian faith since its beginning. Bible oriented Christians look to such passages as Acts 2:16-17, in which an interpretation of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost is given as the sign of God's pouring out of His spirit on all flesh; and Acts 10:28 in which the Apostle Peter interprets his vision of the sheet of many different beast to mean that "no man is to be called common or unclean." And in Galatians 3:26-27 which says "for ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." And finally in Romans 2:11 where it says, "For there is no respect of persons with God."

All of these passages and indeed many more suggest that the Christian community should be one brotherhood under the fatherhood of God. The Christian church has maintained this tenet in principle across the years, however, from the very beginning, this principle has run into difficulty in practice as can be seen in Galatians 2:11-13 where it says, "But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation."

The great controversy over accepting the Gentiles into the Christian church without circumcision is a well known documented historical fact, and equally as well known is the controversy over the daily ministrations of the Grecian widows in Acts 6:1 and the very fact that the seven selected to supervise the administration were Greeks or at least had Greek names as he does in I Corinthians 3:5, "For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are

ye not carnal, and walk as men?" James declares that Lust causes our problem, for he says in James 4:1 "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?"

So the selfish interests of we Christians cause the brokenness, the divisiveness, the strife in the Body of Christ. But to place the blame for the divisions of the Body of Christ at the lust of the flesh and the carnal mind is not to adequately deal with the problem, for it is still the dilemma of what to do in the face of such divisiveness. The church has traditionally followed the advice of the Apostle Paul in II Corinthians 6:17-18, "Now then, O Lord God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David. But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee: how much less this house which I have built!"

Now a separate church need not be the same as a segregated church. For whereas a segregated church places emphasis upon exclusiveness, a separated church places emphasis on purity. The separated church recognizes that it is not segregation or integration for which Jesus died, but rather regeneration and sanctification or the creating of a community of believers that would have each others total interests at heart. In other words, where real brotherhood would take place and not just the hood. Whenever selfish interest has raised its ugly head in the ranks of the Christian church, whether it was based upon race or doctrine, the church has traditionally followed the pattern of separation, regardless of whether it was a separatist group in England, a Puritan group in Germany or the Negro or black church in America.

The history of the segregated church America is well known and the reasons are also well known. It is for those reasons that I contend that the Negro or black church in America is not a segregated church but rather a separated church and it is for that reason that as a church, blacks should always strive for brotherhood whenever and wherever the opportunity presents itself. But it should be a real community of faith. As someone has pointed out, the word community is pronounced comm-unity when the word is separated between the 'm' and the 'u'. So the black church should say comm- unity.

The content that I have had with some of the leaders of the GBSC of N.C. makes me believe there is a real sincere interest and desire for real brotherhood and to such I say comm- unity. Both conventions will need to come to grips with some real stumbling blocks that have developed along the way and not let them deter the efforts for brotherhood.

Piney Wood Burns Note

AHOSKIE—In 1974, a ground breaking service was held and followed by the construction of a new edifice under the leadership of our deceased pastor, Rev. W. H. Trotman, and his church officials.

The church took its place in history on the second Sunday afternoon in December, 1980, when a mortgage burning ceremony was held. The deceased pastor's son, Rev. J. E. Trotman, High Point, gave the message—"Gratefulness." The Peterson Chapel Choirs under the direction of Mrs.

The Piney Wood Chapel Baptist Church, Ahoskie, held its dedicational service in December, 1975. The debt since then has been retired and a Mortgage Burning Service was held recently (far right). Pictured (L-R) are Deacon Wade Sessoms, Deaconess Mary J. Riddick, Pastor W. R. Burston, Trustees Glenwood Mitchell and Littleton Askew.

Mable Wynn provided music for the occasion.

Ministers participating were the Rev. W. R. Burston, pastor; the Rev. Thomas Smith, former assistant pastor. Dr. J. Jasper Freeman gave the burning of the mortgage litany. Rev. D. L. Morris presented the speaker, Rev. J. E. Trotman, who delivered the message; Rev. J. S. Freeman and Rev. Robert Daniel prayed and read scripture.

Deacons and Trustees participating were Deacons Wade Sessoms, chairman of the board and treasurer; Willie Simons, J. W. Sessoms, who gave a brief history of the church; William Ward, Sr., Rudolph Wynn, Grannie Simons, John Riddick, William Ward, Jr.; Trustees Glenwood Mitchell, chairman and treasurer; Robert Wynn, Clarence Boone, Robert Askew, Boddy Wright and John W. Freeman.



Reverend W. R. Burston
Rev. W. R. Burston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Burston, was born in Rocky Mount. He is affiliated with Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Rocky Mount. His educational training was obtained in the public schools of Rocky Mount. He is a graduate of Shaw University Divinity School, Raleigh, and did further study at Hampton Institute in Virginia; Theological Seminary, Goldsboro; and Voice of Prophecy, Chicago, Ill.



CHURCH CIRCUIT

Religious Emphasis

The Rev. W. M. Freeman, pastor of the Union Baptist Church in Orange, N.J., will be the featured guest speaker for the annual Religious Emphasis Week activities at Shaw University Feb. 15-21.

A graduate of Shaw University and a member of the Shaw Divinity School Board of Trustees, Rev. Freeman will deliver four messages during the week including: 11 a.m. Sunday; 7:30 p.m. Monday; 11 a.m. Tuesday; and 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Monday evening, University Minister Ronald L. Swain invites all local churches and citizens to join in a community-wide worship service. The Ward-Ingram Gospel Choir from First Baptist Church in Raleigh will provide music. On Wednesday evening, students will present a drama, "Right or Left."

During the week, the Religious Life Committee, which advises Rev. Swain in planning and coordinating religious activities at Shaw, will make a special contribution to the University Library in memory of Mrs. Ura L. Jones. Mrs. Jones was a vital part of the religious life program at Shaw.

The schedule of activities follows.

SHAW UNIVERSITY RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 15-21

THEME: "The Spiritual Welfare of the Mind"
(Romans 7:19-25)
PLACE: The Shaw University Church
SPEAKER: The Reverend William McKinley Freeman
South Orange, New Jersey

Sunday, Feb. 15, 1981	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	7:30 p.m.	Alpha Eta Omega Christian Fellowship Program
Monday, Feb. 16, 1981	7:30 p.m.	Worship Service Music—Ward Ingram Gospel Choir, First Baptist, Raleigh
Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1981	11:00 a.m.	Convocation
	7:30 p.m.	Sunday School Program
Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1981	11:00 a.m.	Convocation
	12:00 p.m.	Faculty
		Faculty/Staff Lunch
	7:30 p.m.	Drama: "Right or Left"
Thursday, Feb. 19, 1981	8:00 p.m.	Theological Fraternity Worship Service
Saturday, Feb. 21, 1981	8:00 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast with the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship

Winston-Salem Ministers Initiate "Keep Warm" Plan

WINSTON-SALEM — The Baptist Ministers' Conference and Associates of Winston-Salem voted recently to promote "Keep Warm Sundays" in their area.

The ministers met in a session at 11 a.m. Jan. 14. January 18 and 25 were set aside as Sundays for pastors to raise money for fuel to help local citizens survive the cold winter months. The funds are to be generated for crisis control to the less fortunate.

The installation service promoted annually by the conference took place at St. Matthews Baptist Church on Wheeler Street, the Rev. C. Harold Gill, pastor, on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. Rev. Gill, the new president, provided a fellowship repast. Rev. Gill also delivered the installation address while the installation sermon was given by the Rev. S. L. Hodges, pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church.

Officers include: R. K. Hash, first vice president; T. L. Fox, second vice president; Jerry Drayton, third vice president; R. J. Gilliam, Sr., recording secretary; Julia Swindell, assistant recording secretary;

J. Ray Butler, reporter; J. R. Bridges, auditor; L. M. McCollum, chaplain; J. L. Coleman, assistant chaplain; W. M. Schley, pianist; S. D. Johnson, organist; K. O. P. Goodwin, parliamentarian.

N.C. Council Taps Assoc.

Sis. Evelyn Mattern, the Minister for Peace and Justice of the Raleigh Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church, joined the staff of the North Carolina Council of Churches in January as program associate. Sr. Mattern will be the first Roman Catholic to serve on the staff of the ecumenical organization. Her responsibilities will include management of the council's legislative program, social ministry, and communications.

The executive director of the council, Collins Kilburn, described the sister in glowing terms: "She is very talented as a writer, speaker, organizer, and interpreter of the gospel, with a strong sense of solidarity with the poor. We are excited about the gifts she will bring to the council, both from her personal experiences and from her tradition."

During the past five years in her work with the Raleigh Diocese, the Catholic sister has provided strong leadership around several areas of concern: migrant farm workers, criminal justice, economic justice, and peace. Previously, she taught English literature at St. Augustine's College, Marywood College, Immaculate College, and the University of Pennsylvania.



EVELYN MATTERN

Ebenezer, Wilmington Installs Rev. Wright

WILMINGTON—The Rev. Richard A. Wright was installed as the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Wilmington Jan. 18 at 4 p.m. The congregation recently moved into a new edifice and the historic church gave thanks for God's blessings.

A capacity crowd was on hand to hear the installation message delivered by Dr. W. B.

Lewis of the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church of Raleigh. Dr. Lewis is the former pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Wilmington.

Many ministers and deacons and friends from churches throughout the area joined in the service, including Dr. J. R. Manley, president of the General Baptist State Convention of N. C.

—IDOLATRY—

For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

Woman's Page

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

It is very difficult for us the officers of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention to find adequate words to express our appreciation for the kind of support each of you (pastors, moderators, presidents, sisters and brothers) manifested toward the Woman's Convention during the Mid-Year Session in terms of your prayers, attendance, fellowship, and funds.

Nevertheless, we shall rely on the usual words, "Many, Many Thanks."

You not only helped us reach our financial goal of \$15,000, but exceeded it. However, please be reminded of the balance needed for each objective in order to realize our budget of \$281,000 (a part of the 1.3 million dollar budget of GBSO) which was reported on the distributed financial sheets.



DR. BRODIE

Our fiscal year ends May 31, 1981.

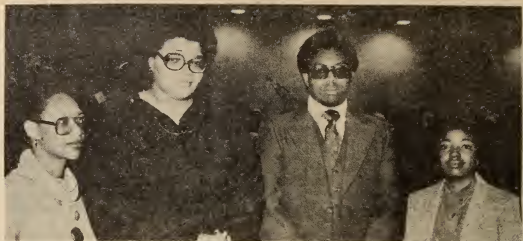
Certainly we can say that God has blessed us (you and our Convention) and will continue to bless us as we seek to glorify Him and not ourselves. Oh, yes! What great things can we people of God accomplish when we work together prayerfully and cooperatively and seek to do missions in His name. Thus, let us not be complacent nor discouraged, but rather strive for even greater missions in His name.

Reminders

Persons who desire self-denial envelopes may write to this office and request them.

The Pre-Convention Banquet tickets are now available. Please make checks or money orders payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention and indicate on the check or money order for tickets.

Also available are housing applications for the Lott Carey Convention in Charlotte this year.



The theme of the Mid-Year Session was discussed by Ms. Edith Shokes, past president of the Shaw Divinity School; Ms. Lucy Wilson, an alumna of the Central Orphanage; Maurice Brown, SGA president at Shaw University; Mrs. Geneva Patton, a Leadership Training Conference attendee; and by Michael Battle (not pictured), Junior Camp counselor.



Capacity Crowd Filled Raleigh Civic Center Jan. 10

2000 Revived At Missions Session

BY AUGUSTA A. WHITE

RALEIGH—Approximately two thousand men, women and youths from every corner of North Carolina crowded the Civic Center in Raleigh Saturday, Jan. 10, to participate in the 28th annual Mid-Year Session featuring the Senior, Young Adult and Youth Departments of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

After some inspiring devotional moments, our Convention President, Mrs. Georgia Turner, said that the Lord provided beautiful weather for the meeting and He brought each of us from short and long distances. She expressed thanks for the continued stewardship support of the Woman's Convention.

"We ask for finances but first we ask for someone to come to Christ," she said that the theme for the year is "Christian Stability—The Whole Armour of God."

"Be steadfast Christians. We are under one of God's 'Tents.' We might get rained out, but God is there to dry us out. Cooperate with our pastors and we will get good results. We must go along together."

Three of God's Promises

"As we enter 1981 with an uneasy outlook, economic crisis, energy crisis, and a new political regime, we must remember that God is still on the throne. Remember that God must be in our driver's seat. Look at 1981 as the year of the 'Lord's Blessings.'"

President Turner gave us three promises for 1981:

1. For in Him we live and move and have our being: this gives us the first promise, which is the PROMISE OF LIFE.

2. So will I be with thee. Be strong and of a good courage, for unto this present shall thou divide for an inheritance the land which I swore unto your fathers to give them. Be strong and of good courage. Be not afraid neither be,

thou dismayed. God is always with thee. He gave us the second promise, THE PROMISE OF LOVE.

3. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ. He promises peace. The third promise is THE PROMISE OF PEACE."

The president then presented Mrs. Horace E. McRae, first vice president of the Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina, for greetings. Mrs. McRae said that all we have is from God and that we must be willing to say, "Lord, I am available; please use me."

Dr. J. R. Manley, president of the General Baptist State Convention, said in his greetings that heaven is not built by a single round, but we add to it steps round by round. "The next step is to add from within as well as from the outside. In our Missionary meetings we meet, we eat, but do not keep a record of the number of persons we bring to Christ. The next step is for us to meet the challenge from within. I challenge you to reach out and find the brother or sister who needs Christ as personal Saviour. We must be willing to lift up Christ."

The Armour of God

Our souls were lifted as we listened to the sub-theme discussion—"How I See the Armour of God," as presented by representatives from the organizations supporting the Convention.

Ms. Edith Shokes, past president of the Shaw Divinity School, said, "As we start this new year, we find that people are clamoring for different things, for self-esteem. It puzzles me because we have our heavenly Father who owns everything and can supply our needs. Our work as a Christian is cut out for us. There is evil in the world but, if we are Christians, we have nothing to worry about because God is with us. Stop wasting time saying what we can do or must do. God can conquer all evils. Proceed in 1981 not as shaky

people but strong with God's help to sustain us."

Ms. Lucy Wilson, an alumna of the Central Orphanage and St. Augustine's College, said that she had many trials and tribulations to overcome. But with the help of the Central Orphanage and the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention it was possible to put it all together and to put on the whole armour of God. She also said that all things are possible with God. And in spite of inflation, the rising cost of living, and families breaking up, we can still make it with the help of God.

Maurice Brown, president of the Shaw University student body, said, "I believe when we think about armour we think about God. There are different kinds of armour and there are different kinds of Christians. We only want to put on those armours that fit our needs or wants. If we equip ourselves with the whole armour of God, we can conquer the enemy. If we give ourselves fully to God we can make it. This is being done at Shaw University. Let us study to show ourselves approved of God. If God be for us, who can be against us? Thank you for your investment in us at Shaw University."

Michael Battle, Junior Camp counselor, said, "I see the armour of God as being invisible and very tough. I see people worrying about how I am going to live or make it. I don't see many people wearing God's armour because if they did they would not have to worry. Christ came down to earth to give us the peace of protection. The Bible that you have on your lap is the most powerful book there is. Your clothes will wear out, this building will be destroyed or it will decay, but the Bible will never wear out. The people in the world are depending on you."

Mrs. Geneva Patton, a Leadership Training Conference attendee, remarked, "Let God be ruler and super ruler of your life. I need the whole

armour of God to travel on the highway for God. I view the armour of God as my package to take on my journey. If you have the whole armour of God, there is no way of being out of place. As you travel on the highway you must pray and take God with you. As you take the journey, you will be able to recognize the detours you will have to make and you will know the right highways to take. Take God with you and follow the road map designed for you as you do His work."

—Dr. H. O. Edwards

A unique Bible study was conducted by Dr. Herbert O. Edwards, visiting professor at the Shaw Divinity School. Dr. Edwards said some things that the Bible is not:

1. idol to worship.
2. a history of science.
3. the story of man's search for God, but is God's search for man.
4. the private property of one's roots.

5. a handbook of theological doctrines.

"It is a powerful and exciting book. We have done everything to make it unattractive and we even hide it among other books and dust catchers. We can find everything we need in the Bible for entertainment, including dramas similar to the soap operas. For example, 'All My Children' can be found in the story of Jacob and his life; 'Another World' is in the story of Joseph; 'Edge of Night,' the story of Sampson and David; 'General Hospital,' the story of Job. Whatever you want or need can be found in the 66 books of the Bible."

25-Year Certificates

The following persons were recognized for 25 or more years in attendance at the convention (see photo): Lila Gregory, Ola Sharp, O. Holmes, Elizabeth Wyldell, Mary C. Holman, Mary Bradshaw, Pearl Williamson, Naomi Watts, Mary E.

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GBSC King Banquet Inspires Nearly 1000

RALEIGH—Dr. Noel C. Taylor, mayor of Roanoke, Va., inspired and challenged almost 1000 persons in attendance at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet sponsored by the General Baptist State Convention last month at the Raleigh Civic Center.

Pastor of the High Street Baptist Church in Roanoke, Dr. Taylor said that 1981 will be a year of great testing for blacks and the nation.

"After 300 years, blacks are still climbing a slope called hope," said Taylor. "We find the deprived wherever we go. We must seek to understand them and we must help them help themselves."

He said that the spirit of Dr. King should be remembered, especially his gift of leading both common and middle class people. Nonviolent tactics can still work, he asserted, if carried out with dedication.

"Dr. King was tired of hatred, of war and violence. And Dr. King became a leading star in the drama of history.

"Martin had a hard time but he kept the faith. He was jailed in Birmingham, but he kept the faith. He was stabbed in New York City, but he kept the faith. He was despised by many, but he kept the faith. And he gave his life in Memphis keeping the faith. We must all have faith in a faithless age," Taylor proclaimed.

The task of blacks is not yet finished, he emphasized.

"It is imperative that we establish a new spirit of humanity and brotherhood. I see too many of us turned against one another. We need a national crusade for togetherness. For I assure you that we will either rise together or fall together."

"The conditions of the 60s still threaten our society in the 80s. Therefore, let us have a vision of what 'my church' would look like if we held Dr. King's torch high."

In closing, Dr. Taylor said that "Although America is in darkness, we know that the people have seen a great light.

That God is still there. And the last chapter won't be written by the blood-stained hands of Godless men," but by the same God who has gone with us all along the way.

Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary of the Convention, said that the purpose of the annual banquet is to "commit ourselves to keeping King's memory alive by carrying forth his dream...

"As long as there's hunger in the world, as long as people need housing, as long as people are gunned down in the streets, as long as there is apathy, then his business is unfinished."

The program featured music and a delicious meal. In closing, all present joined hands in singing the theme of the Civil Rights struggle, "We Shall Overcome."

Dr. John R. Manley, GBSC

president, presided.

Other head table guests included Ben Ruffin, special assistant to the governor; Dr. C. W. Ward, Dr. J. B. Humphrey, Dr. W. B. Lewis, Dr. J. Ray Butler, Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Mrs. Georgia Turner and Dr. E. B. Turner, and Dr. J. H. Ferguson.

Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

—Mark 9:24



Nearly 1000 gathered at Raleigh Civic Center for King Feast

Rev. Kerry Charges Women

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Grier, Maggie Daniels, Carrie Leach, Mary Haynes, Nina Harper, Lugenia Jones, Mary Switzer, Isabel Small, Maggie McCorkle, Adeline Hodge, Emma White, Annie Jackson, Ellen Wingate, Hannah Howard, Eva Ellis, Roxanna Pitts, Mary Arnold, Gladys Fleming, Sallie Savage, Emma Kirkpatrick, Ethel Stanfield, Rosa Holloway, Alice Wilson, Margaret Evans, Sallie Graham, Burma Dunnegan, Lucy McPherson, Hattie Crews, Annie Dunnegan, Eva Pratt, Rachel Nun, Anita Anthony, Daisy Foster, Estelle Gill, Kelly Lether, Vergie Cassidy, Marilyn Miles, Susie Walker, Rosabel Gilchrist, Gertrude Faison.

After the presentations, Executive Secretary Dr. Priscilla Brodie thanked the missionaries for getting up early to attend the meeting. She gave thanks to God for their safe journey to Raleigh and for a safe return home. She also thanked the participants representing the Convention's objectives.

"You can see that none of our funds has been wasted. We have come a long way, but we have a longer way to go. We are still standing on His Promises. Many things come into our pathway and we wonder why, but maybe we should say, 'THANK GOD.' We must stand on His Promises. 'Standing on the promises of Christ my King, Thro' eternal ages I will praise ring, Glory in the highest I will shout and sing, Standing on the promises of God. Standing on the promises that

cannot fail. When the howling storms of 'doubt and fear assail, By the living word of God I shall prevail, Standing on the Promises of God, Standing on the promises I cannot fail, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, Resting in my Saviour, as my all in all, Standing on the promises of God.'

"You have been here longer than I have, but let us continue to stand on His promises and we will make it because we are standing on His promises."

The appeal for State Missions was made by Rev. E. L. Kirby, moderator of the Rowan Association.

The joint session was opened at noon with reports from the Young Adult and Youth Departments. Mrs. Bronnie Daniels, director of the Young Adult Department, made the following report: "Over 350 Young Adults and Directors were in attendance at the session 137 first timers. The special feature was presented by the young adults from Lewis Chapel Baptist Church in Fayetteville. This special feature, entitled 'Church Crisis,' was written by Mrs. Carolyn Ennis of Philadelphia, Pa. The play focused its image of the problems many churches face with the different kinds of members who strive outwardly to show themselves rather than to strive inwardly to show Christ and His loving mercy. The final part of the play showed a church of faith giving God their never-ending determination to prove themselves faithful until death. The play encouraged us to do what we

can to live for the Lord that others may find Christ."

Mrs. Bronnie Mitchell, supervisor of the Youth Department, reported 318 youth and 48 supervisors were in attendance during their session. She said that the youths brought the necessary ingredients to encourage and inspire the youth department to higher heights. Mrs. Mitchell said that the young people challenged them to put on the whole armour of God.

"We have been inspired to live deeper spiritual lives by young Rev. Vincent Terry. His message was direct and relative to youth problems and situations where they need to put on the whole armour of God, not only in trouble but in times of peace," she said.

The following churches which gave more than one thousand dollars during 1980 received the Lydia Circle Certificate: Antioch, Charlotte; Ebenezer, Charlotte; Mt. Carmel, Charlotte; New Zion, Charlotte; University Park, Charlotte; Emmanuel, Winston-Salem; First Baptist, Winston-Salem; Mt. Sinai, Eden; First Baptist, Fayetteville; Friendship, Fayetteville; Mt. Sinai, Fayetteville; First Baptist, Lumberton; First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh; Mt. Vernon, Durham; Ebenezer, Rocky Mount; Gaston Baptist, Gaston; Friendship, Charlotte; Salem Baptist, Charlotte.

Jesus—Our Way Make
Dr. J. B. Humphrey, moderator of the Mecklenburg General Association, presented Reverend Norman Kerry, pastor of the Greater Mount Sinai Church, Charlotte, for the sermon. His subject was "Jesus Christ, Our Way Maker." Jesus Christ is our way maker. How many of us have started out in life and find out that the many tasks are beyond us and we need no real progress made, we either give up or find another way. Frustration and disgust confront people every day. Those who do not succumb to frustration and disgust come back a second time with more force.

No one can live a happy life without God. The meek shall inherit the earth and delight themselves in the abundance of things. God will not put any more on us than we can bear. Many of us think God must move a thing or

else, but only when He deems it right. Many times, He will bend us or hold us for awhile. Many times we pray and ask God to remove something and He will hold us for awhile. If He thinks we need the virtue of patience, He will hold us there.

God is still the way maker and He will come in His own time and way.

We who are Christians must sing loud and long that Christ is all we need. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" and all these other things will be added... When things go smooth many forget to pray. When the way is paved many forget the church; when some fly high they forget God and the church. When the charm of a person's personality causes people to worship their shrine, they tell God to move over and let them sit down. When troubles come, when the shifting sand of a place is washed away or a friend forsakes, when these things are shattered, it is the child of God that can say my God rules this world and He can make a way.



Reverends J. B. Humphrey and N. E. Kerry of Charlotte

It takes somebody who walks the floor and somebody who has had an encounter with God to say I know God is my way maker and that cattle on a thousand hills belong to Him. A small child said one day, "I want to hear Him preach and the folks got hungry and all I had was two fish and five loaves and I fed all and had some left." My God will make a way somehow.

"Like a ship that's tossed and driven, battered by an angry sea, when the storms of life are raging, and the fury falls on me, I wonder what I have done that makes this race so hard to run. Then I say to my soul take courage, The Lord will make a way somehow."

Musical was furnished by the Young Adult Choir from Greater Mount Sinai Church.

NORTH CAROLINIANS

The following North Carolinians attended the Mid-Year Session of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., held in Hot Springs, Ark. last month:

Dr. J. R. Manley, Dr. C. C. Craig, Dr. O. L. Sherrill, the Reverends W. T. Bigelow, R. M. Young, James E. Daniel, L. A. Lynch, F. O. Bass, Jr., Dr. P. A. Brodie, Mrs. M. A. Horne, Mrs. J. B. McLeister, and Mrs. Helen Falls.

Dr. Manley, GBSC president, gave the opening prayer at the session and Dr. Craig gave North Carolina's views on the National Convention's endorsement plan for black colleges.

—HOLINESS—

Holiness is religious principle put into action. It is faith gone to work. It is love coined into conduct; devotion helping human suffering, and going up in intercession to the great source of all good.

—Frederic D. Huntington

Objectives, Tasks, And Programs For Churches

A CHURCH'S OBJECTIVE, TASKS, AND PROGRAMS

I. Stating Church's Objective:

(The statement of a church's intentions which combine Biblical commands and human needs)

The objective of a church composed of baptized believers who share a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord is to be a redemptive body in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, growing toward Christian maturity through:

- A. Worship
- B. Witness
- C. Education
- D. Ministry

E. Applying Christian principles to man and society, that God's purposes may be achieved.

II. Identifying Church Tasks:

(Tasks are defined as basic continuing activities of primary importance in moving a church toward its objective)

- A. Govern the life and work of the church under the Lordship of Christ.
- B. Engage in fellowship of worship, witness, education, ministering and application.

- C. Participate in cooperative work with other churches.
- D. Establish and maintain relationship with various publics.
- E. Provide resources for the work of the church.
- F. Teach persons the meaning and skill for Christian living.
- G. Train church members to perform the tasks of the church.
- H. Proclaim the gospel to believers and unbelievers.
- I. Reach persons for Christ and church membership.
- J. Perform the functions of the church.

III. Structuring Programs From Tasks:

(A program is a set of tasks which is of primary importance in achieving the church's objectives)

A. Pastoral Ministries:

1. Proclaim the gospel to believers and unbelievers.
2. Lead the church to engage in a fellowship of worship, witness, education, ministry, application.
3. Care for church members and others in the community.
4. Lead the church in performing its tasks.

B. Bible Teaching:

1. Teach the Biblical revelation.
2. Reach persons for Christ and church membership
3. Perform church functions within its constituency.
4. Provide and interpret denominational information.

C. Missions:

1. Teach missions.
2. Engage in mission action.
3. Provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and the denomination.

D. Music:

1. Teach music.
2. Train persons to sing, play, and lead music.
3. Provide music in the church and community.

E. Church Training:

1. Orient new church members.
2. Train church leaders.
3. Train church members to perform functions of the church.

4. Teach—systematic theology, Christian ethics, Christian history, church polity and organization.
5. Provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and the denomination.

F. Library Service

1. Provide printed and audio-visual resources.
2. Promote the use of printed and audio-visual resources.
3. Consult with church leaders and members in the use of printed and audio-visual resources.

G. Recreation Service

1. Provide recreation.
2. Provide consultation, leadership assistance, and resources in recreation.

H. Administrative Service

1. Conduct studies and prepare plans for governing the life and work of the church under the Lordship of Christ; administer approved plans as assigned.
2. Conduct studies and prepare plans for the church's future course; administer approved plans as assigned.
3. Conduct studies and prepare plans for establishing and coordinating the church's programs and services; administer approved plans as assigned.
4. Conduct studies and prepare plans for establishing and maintaining the church's relationships; administer approved plans as assigned.
5. Conduct studies and prepare plans for allocating the church's leadership, facilities, and financial resources; administer approved plans as assigned.

I. Ushers

1. See to it that the facilities are safe and comfortable before worshippers arrive.
2. Prepare worshippers for the most effective experience, through appearance, mannerism and courtesy.
3. Distribute bulletins and other worship aids.
4. Leave the place of worship in good order.

Lott Carey—Missionary To Africa

The officials of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention are grateful to note the wide publicity given to this pioneer missionary. Though born a slave, he became the first American missionary to Africa.

In 1878, the Judson Press published an in-depth book titled, "Lott Carey, First American Missionary to Africa," by Leroy Fitts.

It was in December, 1897, that an animated and inspired group of black leaders met in the Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., and organized a unique foreign missionary organization and named itself the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention. This Convention has its Headquarters on 1501 11th Street N. W., Washington, D.C., and the constituents are

made up of members from sixteen states and the District of Columbia.

Since its noted date, this unique foreign mission organization has operated mission stations in the following countries: China, Guyana, Haiti, India, Liberia, Russia, South Africa, and Zaire.

Today, the Lott Carey Convention maintains strong and vital mission stations in Guyana, India, Liberia and Nigeria. The Convention has also provided graduate scholarships to students from China, Ghana, Haiti, Liberia, India, Nigeria, Kenya, South Africa, Zaire and Zimbabwe.

Special emphasis has been placed upon the process of preparing these nationals to pursue studies leading to leadership roles in their indigenous countries. Presently, our administrative leaders in each of the above countries are nationals.

Among the graduates of our Convention is Counselor Angie Brooks. Miss Brooks is a graduate of Lott Carey Mission School, Brewerville, Liberia, and she became the first black woman to serve as president of the General Assembly of the United Nations. The Lott Carey Mission School, Brewerville, is acknowledged as one of the most advanced and modern secondary schools in West Africa.

Currently, the Lott Carey Convention is operating an accredited elementary and secondary school in New Delhi, India. Also, the Lott Carey Convention operates two leproseriums in Delhi.

The Lott Carey Convention has forwarded to County Administrator Lloyd O. Jones of Charles City, Va. a petition offering to fully cooperate in the erection of a marker on the historic site of Lott Carey's birthplace.

—WORK—

I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work.

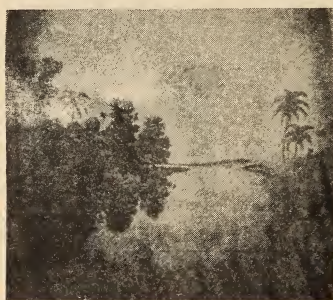
—John 9:4

OUR APOLOGY!

The General Baptist State Convention would like to apologize to the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Asheville for overlooking them in the January "Unified Program" financial report.

The church, pastored by the Rev. H. B. Ferguson, contributed \$125 to the campaign for 1980. Many thanks for your continued Christian support.

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FREE DEMONSTRATIONS TO CHURCHES

GBSC & Bapt. St. Conv. Goal—Brotherhood

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For both the present situation in the world with the total Christian family constituting only a small minority of the world community and the mandate of

Jesus of the Body of Christ should not be divided. These two reasons should encourage those who take seriously their discipleship to be whole and to make a sick

world whole as well. Thus I call upon General Baptists to make every effort possible to make the joint efforts of GBSC of N.C. and the Baptist State

Convention of N.C. a great success. As the Apostle Paul has counseled us in Galatians 6:10, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

HYMN OF THE MONTH

BY WAVERLY CAMP
GBSC Music Director

I have attended church, Bible School, week-day prayer meetings, conventions and have sung the same hymns over and over again. Most of

the time, a song was sung that had no relationship to the meeting, service or whatever. Due to the fact that we only know a small selection of hymns any way.

The "Hymn of the Month"

project is aimed at helping the congregation become familiar with hymns, their authors, and underlying meaning.

The hymn should be presented in the following manner:

(1) Read the story of

composer and hymn;

(2) Have musicians play through to familiarize the congregation with the tune;

(3) Read words

(4) Sing through the verse with choir and congregation.

Hopefully this will create the following goals:

(1) Create congregation participation, an act of worshiping;

(2) Develop a larger supply of hymns;

(3) Show the relevance of hymn singing through the ministry of music as hymn and song relates to the Christian faith.

LIFT EVERY VOICE

AND SING

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" was written by the noted Negro poet and civil rights leader, James Weldon Johnson. It was originally intended for use in a program given by a group of Jacksonville, Fla. school-children to celebrate Lincoln's birthday. Inasmuch as its words tend to convey a sense of birthright and heritage, it is often referred to as the "Negro National Anthem," and is sung at the opening of various public gatherings.

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of
Liberty;

Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the
Rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that
The dark past has taught us

Sing a song full of the hope
That the present has
Brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our
New day begun
Let us march on till victory
Is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope
Unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which
Our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that
With tears have been
Watered,
We have come treading our
Path through the blood of
The slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our
Bright star is cast

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus
Far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path,
We pray,
Lest our feet stray from the
Places, Our God, where we
Met Thee.
Lest our hearts drunk with
The wine of the world, we
Forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our GOD,
True to our native land,
(Congregation should stand)

"Church, We Can't Hear You!"

BY WILSON W. LEE

From the very beginning we should like to make it clear as to whom we are talking about. We are not talking about the individual. The individual does make the corporate body, and that is certain. It is the individual brother who helps to heighten our faith and keeps alive the hope for a better world.

It is the organized or institutionalized church we are talking about and hope to talk to before someone takes issue with us and says, you will not get anywhere with the institutionalized church.

We have never gotten anywhere with the massive institution. However, we are Christian and we know something of Christian principles. Nevertheless, we shall continue to appeal to the mammoth organization as Amos appealed in his prophesy to Israel. Danger looms on the horizon today, just as sure as it did in the Prophet's day. We to America unless it changes its way of unequal justice, qualified mercy, restricted love, greed and self-exalted pride. These factors have been

the undoing of every civilization before America and they are no less potent today.

Where should anyone look for directions and guidance except from the Church? In our early years, we looked for the church to condemn wrong and proclaim the Truth. Our dream led to thirty years of disappointment. And as we began to awaken from the indoctrinated slumber, we saw that the church had neither the will, desire, or courage to deal forthrightly with Truth.

We have come to a very distinct junction of history. We had hoped to hear the church clearly and forthrightly, but this has been to no avail and may be registered as another disappointment. What do we speak of here or have reference? Over a year ago, six Klansmen-Nazis, shot to death six communists. A North Carolina court sentenced the six men and declared in a verdict that they were not guilty. This is a verdict that came even though millions had seen the despicable act from their televisions. The verdict still does not surprise us; we have said to the highest office in the land that America does

not have justice, because unequal justice cannot bring forth the equation of justice. Justice is an even equality. We were not shocked that they would emerge a free people from our courts; we were hurt to believe that a nation could be that cold and callous toward humanity.

From our Christian position, it appears to us that if the church has ever had a reason to speak out, now is the time. We would do well to get rid of such labels as Klansmen, Nazis, and communists and think for a moment that Klansman, Nazi and communists are human beings. Six human beings were killed in America by other human beings clearly before the nation and yet they walk out of court—NOT GUILTY. Can the church keep quiet on this?

READER RITE-OUT

Until now, it has kept quiet. This is a bitter attack on the church, but the church has brought it upon itself. It is our hope that the church will immediately find itself and become the "light of the world" and not the enmeshed servitude of society. We waited for the church to speak out on segregation and racism. It did not until it got the green light from society. Then the church gave what is known as dog leadership. When the horse drawn carriage was the practice of the day, often the family dog would accompany the master when he made trips.

The dog would trot along ahead of the wagon until he got to the junction of the road, then he would stop and wait for the wagon to see which way it was going to turn. If it turned right or left, the dog would jump in from. As we understand the church, it has a responsibility to speak the Truth and act the part of Truth. We hope that there is a new-born church, for until now the institutionalized church has been a highly timid vessel to be entrusted with such grave responsibilities. Were they communists who were killed? Maybe they were, but to this writer they were human beings.

Will the church speak out or will it hold its peace?

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Rev. William Brock describes purpose of Dr. King Service to worshippers. Rev. G. A. Jones, Moderator of the Wake Association, listens attentively with choir of the Providence Baptist Church.

Church Takes Jan. 15

PUQUAY-VARINA—An innovative worship service was held at the Providence Baptist Church in Puquay-Varina Jan. 15 to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Under the leadership of the Rev. William H. Brock, Sr., members of the congregation and the surrounding community declared the day a holiday and honored Dr. King with speeches, songs, recitations and Christian fellowship for half a day. About 200 persons participated in the church's first annual observance.

The Rev. I. B. Horton, pastor of the First African Baptist Church of Goldsboro, spoke on the subject, "The Liberation of the Soul." Dr. Horton said that man is a four-fold being—mental, physical, emotional and spiritual. "The greatest liberation you can experience is the liberation of the soul," he said. "God created man in His own image and a man can't live unless God makes him alive."

Financial contributions made during the service were to be used to stimulate and increase the church's outreach ministry to the poor.

FEDERAL LATTY: Be Rather Than Seem

SALISBURY—"To insure our welfare, the relatively privileged black will never be what he seems to be until the underprivileged black is what he ought to be," U. S. Attorney Henry "Mickey" Michaux said at the annual Martin Luther King Day celebration at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Salisbury Jan. 15.

In conjunction with King Day was the annual Humanitarian Awards presentation, sponsored by a committee of 100 from the city and county. Honored this year were Salisbury realtor Charles Robertson, East Spencer Mayor Reginald Massey and Attorney John H. Rennie.

The Ba-Lu Choir sang, directed by Phyllis Partee, and in a special selection, a children's choir sang Steve Wonder's tribute to Dr. King, "Happy Birthday to Ya."

Rev. S. R. Johnson, pastor of Mt. Zion, presided during the program and commended Salisbury Mayor Don Weinhold and Mayor Massey for proclaiming Martin Luther King Day in their respective city and town. Jan. 15 was a legal holiday for the town of East Spencer.

In a rousing, spirited program of singing, prayer and exultant speeches, the packed church was exhorted to keep King's birthday declared a legal holiday. The bill was defeated by five votes.

Hefner, a gospel singer, said he hadn't prepared a speech, but said he has been "known to sing." He led the congregation in "Amazing Grace," the third verse of which he said was fitting for its references to "through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come," which signifies the civil

rights movement and we cannot let it die.

Michaux, a close friend and ally of Dr. King, told the audience that "We must remember we came out of a history set with tradition and models of achievement. We cannot become complacent or stagnant in our fight against racism."

Often, he said, when blacks are urged to scale a ladder of success, they find "there just ain't no ladder, and if there is a ladder, there ain't no bottom rung. And if there is a bottom rung, there ain't no top rung to climb to."

Progress not withstanding, Michaux said, "There is despair because in this land of plenty, there remain visible remnants of slavery. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

"The goal of blacks," he said, "must

be to achieve equality and justice, to be heard, to take part in the decision on who gets what, where and how... So don't think for a moment that the civil rights movement is dead. Blacks are moving indoors from street politics to burning the political system with their ideas."

He said King's "trials and tribulations were inspired by his religion," a testimony to "the invincibility that God called him... and he knew no fear." With unfaltering faith and a mind set to achieve, King weathered the storm. The words of King—"Here I stand. I can do no other," Michaux said, should be the rallying point for blacks.

—UNBELIEF—
You think you are too intelligent to believe in God. I am not like you. Not everyone who wishes to be is an atheist.

—Napoleon Bonaparte

Reagan-Carter Trans. Bares Stark Contrasts

BY STAN HASEY
WASHINGTON (BP)—Amid pageantry and splendor, Ronald Wilson Reagan took the oath of office as the nation's 40th president Jan. 20, promising the nation a "new beginning."

As he did, Baptist Jimmy Carter began the inevitable slide into history that faces all former presidents.

During the brief ceremony which traditionally signals the transfer of the enormous powers of the presidency, both men treated one another with dignity.

Carter, the fourth Baptist in history to hold the nation's highest office, applauded warmly and stepped to the podium to congratulate President Reagan at the conclusion of his 15-minute inaugural address.

For his part, the new president thanked his predecessor for carrying on the American

tradition of an orderly transition of power, "by your gracious cooperation in the transition process."

No sooner had he thanked Carter, than Reagan launched into his principal theme—an anti-government, pro-free enterprise discourse some veteran observers said amounted to the new president's standard campaign speech for the past 20 years.

The heavy emphasis on economic self-determination and the evils of big government contrasted sharply with Carter's almost sermonistic inaugural address four years ago.

Then, Georgia's only native son to be elected president took an Old Testament text from the prophet Micah as his theme: "He has showed you, O man, what God is good and the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your

God."

While Carter seemed to hold up a vision of an America yet to fulfill her idealistic dreams of justice and equality, Reagan appeared to be beckoning the nation back to a former day of self-sufficiency.

The nation's mood has obviously changed in those four short years, an era that has often seemed like a long decade.

Perhaps no other president suffered more setbacks than did Carter. Rising oil prices, runaway inflation, delicate international difficulties climaxed by the 14-month-long hostage crisis in Iran—these and a host of other stubborn problems plagued this Georgian, who by most accounts may well have been the most genuinely pious and spiritually sensitive man ever to occupy the White House.

be dishonest but in order to increase the reliability of the financial records. Anybody can make a mistake."

He also said that the treasurer should not get the bank statement but that it ought to go to somebody else. The treasurer is responsible for putting money in the bank. He said that, ideally, bank checks and canceled checks should be sent to the treasurer. "Then you've got somebody to verify that the money was deposited and that the treasurer has carried out his responsibility," he said. He also said that the financial report to the church should come from the financial secretary.

Fourthly, the receipts are to be posted to a columnar cash receipts journal with heading correlating with the summary sheet, and bank deposit slips. The column reflecting contributions by envelopes is indicated so that the total will be the control for posting of the pledge cards.

Reporting To The Church

"I'm a man believed that your relationship with Christ is personal and not to be exposed to the world," said Norman. Instead of producing a long list of contributors, he suggested that the back of the pledge cards be reproduced and sent to each member listing his personal giving. "And you've got to be careful with that list because you'd better give sister or brother so-and-so credit for every penny."

Envelopes should be filed in a fashion to be retrieved in the event of question and expedite an audit, if so required.

A visual network of the system with necessary forms should be designed in the form of a flow-chart. Flow-charting will provide a complete picture of the system and can be an effective tool in evaluation and operational audits.

DR. CRAIG'S MESSAGE

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Workshops scheduled for February:

February 5 Second Potocasi
February 9 Mt. Gilead, Durham
February 10 Deep River Association
February 17 Philadelphia, Shiloh
February 18 Piney Wood Chapel, Powellsville
February 19 Burgaw Institute, Burgaw
February 26 Johnston Piney Grove, Clayton
February 27 Martin Street, Raleigh

Martin Luther Memorial Banquet

Thanks to everyone of you who helped to make the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Banquet a big success. It was one of the best affairs in its six-year history. However, we regret that we could not accommodate many people who requested tickets at the last hour. Whenever a banquet affair is held, we are required to give the number of persons who will attend three or more days in advance.

Auxiliaries

The auxiliaries of our Convention are strong and healthy. However, they need your support and cooperation as they seek to accomplish their objectives.

The Mid-Year Session of the Woman's Convention that was held at the Raleigh Civic Center on Jan. 10 was well attended. It was a mountain-top experience. Baptists were there from all sections and all corners of North Carolina. "Thank God from whom all blessings flow" for the women and for what they mean to our Baptist work in the state.

The Mid-Year Session of the Sunday School & BTU Congress was held Feb. 14 at the First Calvary Baptist Church, Sanford, Rev. J. L. Morgan, pastor.

The Mid-Year Session of the Usurers' Convention will be held Feb. 21 at the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, Dr. C. W. Ward, pastor. We hope to see you in a large number at both of these mid-year sessions.

Financial Support

We are gratified with the progress that the Convention is making, but we can never be satisfied as long as there is a need to comfort the wounded, lead the lost and to help the needy bear their cross. We need your monthly contribution—"The Unified Dollar for the Unified Program."

Since you are deeply concerned about the continuation of the Lord's work and the growth of the Convention, we look forward to your complete support.

Pastor's Conference

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Dr. Robert H. Wilson will be Conference Preacher. Dr. Wilson is pastor of the St. John Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex. Dr. Wilson will deliver sermons on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. and on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. for the Shaw Theological Alumni Association's Convocation.

Dr. Thomas Hoyt will be a principal lecturer. Dr. Hoyt is professor of biblical studies at Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hartford, Conn. He will deliver two lectures on the theme, "Varieties of Biblical Theological Perspectives," to be delivered on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Dr. J. Deotis Roberts will be a principal lecturer. Dr. Roberts is president of the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Roberts will deliver two lectures on the theme "Varieties of Contemporary Theological Perspectives." Both lectures will be delivered on Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.

On Wednesday, between 9:30 a.m. and 11:25 a.m., a summation session consisting of a review of lecture presentations will be featured. Question and answer periods will follow all lectures and the summation session.

Please address all inquiries about the conference to James Z. Alexander, Dean of Academic Affairs, Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, N.C.

Handling Church Finances

From Page 1

make up your budget. This is very important. Your stewardship committee ought to get those pledge cards back before the end of your fiscal year so you won't have a lapse before the budget.

"The pledge card ought to serve two purposes. It ought to show the member's commitment toward furthering God's work on the front side and on the back side it ought to show that the member's giving is progressing in terms of dollars and cents. The back should include a history of the member's giving where the financial secretary records the member's weekly contributions."

The Envelope

The envelope ought to carry the same number on it that shows on the pledge card. This way, the financial secretary doesn't have to look at names.

Phase two includes verification of the contents of the envelope. If the amount in the envelope is wrong, the actual amount given should be recorded.

Thirdly, after the cash is counted, a summary sheet should be prepared to be used in the preparation of bank deposit slips. The summary sheet and the bank deposit slip should be a two-part instrument. Sufficient information should be listed on the summary sheet and bank deposit slips to indicate the various sources of income so that it can be reflected in the financial statements.

A copy of the summary sheet goes to the treasurer and one copy is retained by the financial secretary. And there should be a place for the treasurer to sign out on the summary sheet that he's getting the money that's totaled on the sheet.

"We try to keep up with the money along each step," said Norman. "Not because someone may

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Season Of Preparation Is A Time For Giving

BY DR. C.C. CRAIG,
Executive Secretary

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina:

We are counting on your monthly financial support to help us reach our financial goal of \$1,302,214.19 for the objectives on or before August 31, 1981. If each pastor would lead his church to respond on a monthly basis to one of three suggestions:

1. Lead the Church to give 10 percent of its budget to the objectives of the Convention, or
2. Lead the Church to give an increase of 20 percent over the amount given on last year, or
3. Lead the Church to accept the suggested quota from the Baptist Headquarters, our financial goal will be accomplished without any real problem. We need to hear from all of our churches each month.

We are encouraged by the progress of the Convention as we seek to accomplish its goals and objectives. However, we need your support, prayers and best wishes as we move forward in a progressive way.

WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH

- March 26 Shady Grove, East Spencer, Rev. J. G. Gaston, pastor
March 30-31 Antioch, Charlotte, Dr. Preston Pendergrass, pastor

LENT: What Does It Mean? (Page 2)

(Ed. Note: Hopefully the atrocious murders of black children in Atlanta will have ended by the publication date of this newspaper and the guilty party or parties brought to justice. Our prayers must surely be offered to God for the families of the slain children and all citizens of Atlanta.)

atlanta

BY CURETON L. JOHNSON, EDITOR

ATLANTA, Ga.—General Baptists in Georgia are joining forces in an attempt to help Atlanta police solve the dastardly cruel murders of 20 black children in that city.

A statewide campaign is underway this month to raise \$100,000 by March 22 toward assisting local authorities in solving the baffling cases. The campaign is headed by the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia. The Rev. Cameron M. Alexander is president of its approximately 600 churches.

Arnold McKinney, managing editor of the Georgia Baptist, the Convention news organ, said that state and federal assistance has not been adequate in expediting the investigation into the murders.

"The investigation has been impeded by a lack of funds," said McKinney. "The city government has literally been begging for money. If white kids had been killed I'm sure that the white community would have mounted a drive. We, therefore, want to take it upon ourselves, as black Baptists, to help in this situation."

The Convention has mounted a two-pronged attack which includes the \$100,000 goal and plans to provide jobs for black youth in the city. Over \$32,000 has already been raised in the financial campaign and Convention leaders are currently developing the jobs program idea to possibly organize yard service and cleaning work crews for the youngsters.

Many big-city teens, called "street wise," hustle to help pay family bills and meet their own needs. These boys have been the target of the attacks.

Emotion and concerns are running so high in Atlanta that over \$1500 was collected during an unannounced offering at Antioch Baptist Church North on March 2, where Rev. Alexander is pastor. And black churches across the nation have already contributed to the campaign.

On March 22, a special service will be held to culminate the fund drive. Nineteen black funeral cars, representing each slain child, will be a part of a procession leading to the Salem Baptist Church, where the Rev. Jasper Williams is pastor.

Contrary to some news reports, residents claim that the city is not on the brink of riots but instead has reacted with strength and unity among the crises.

"There is unity despite the problems," said Dr. Emmanuel McCall of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta. "The churches are especially working together." He said that one member of the Atlanta Falcons football team has appeared on television urging greater parental control over children.

After the half-nude body of a 14-year-old boy was found in a roadside wooded area Feb. 5, an interracial, interdenominational group of clergymen met. The Atlanta Interracial Prayer Committee evolved and sponsored a city-wide prayer meeting. The group is urging

Christians all over the country to fast and pray until 3 p.m. every Wednesday until the murderer or murderers are caught.

According to Benjamin W. Bickers, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Atlanta, the ministers discussed the need for the Christian community to take some initiatives in this respect.

"Our city has been plagued by this unfortunate and preposterous act of violence," he said. "We have tried all other methods."

Several other organizations have been formed to discuss and stop crime, such as Atlanta Women Against Crime, the PTA Block Parents Program, the Committee to Stop Child Murders, and the SAFE educational program. A door-to-door campaign has been conducted in the city to collect information on missing children, and over 3,000 volunteers have joined the city's search groups.

In a three-day effort, the city raised more than \$100,000 in reward money from donations, and television stations formed a "Save Our Children" campaign.

Under the leadership of black mayor Maynard Jackson, Atlanta has faced the hardships head-on and has united black and white, rich and poor, Christian and non-Christian. And blacks have supported their mayor and the police department.

"Our ministers want to support our black administration," said McKinney.



We've decided that the financial burden, therefore, should be carried by black Baptists."

More information on the efforts of the General Missionary Baptist Convention, which is affiliated with the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., may be obtained by writing to the Convention Headquarters, P. O. Box 9280-4212, Atlanta, Ga. or by calling 1-404 684-4212.

Lent: Journeys With Jesus

DR. C. C. CRAIG

LENT

Lent begins on March 4 which is Ash Wednesday. It is a period of forty days set aside by the church as a period of repentance for spiritual preparation for Easter.

WHY DO CHRISTIANS OBSERVE LENT?

Christians voluntarily observe Lent as the spiritual emphasis season of the year. The key word is "repentance," meaning a change of mind, a turning about from Satan to God, a radical reorientation of one's personal life. Lent is observed because it is an opportunity to share in the passion of Christ; it is walking to Jerusalem to suffer and die with Him. Lent gives us an opportunity to practice self-denial, the bringing of one's self under strict control to be a better disciple of Christ. Lent brings us closer to Christ by concentrating upon the cross, what led to it, and what its deeper meanings are. Lent is observed because there cannot be a true and meaningful Easter without Lent. If there is no cross, there can be no crown. If there is no dying in Christ, there can be no rising with Him. Lent is observed because it calls for a closer walk with God and a deeper relationship with Christ through the cross.

WHY IS LENT A SERIOUS TIME?

Lent is the most serious time of the church year. It is a time of questioning. Life or death questions are asked of Jesus as He gets closer to the cross: is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar? Is there a resurrection? What is the greatest commandment? Who is the Christ? It is also a time of testing. Judas is tested and found wanting. Peter is tested for loyalty. Jesus' obedience to God is tested in Gethsemane. Lent is a time of testing for Judas as well as for the church as a whole. Peter wept bitterly after his denial of his Lord. In sympathy, women wept for Jesus as He carried the cross to Calvary.

Above all, Lent is a time of dying. It is a time of being nailed to a tree, for having a crown of thorns put on His head, for the agony of thirst, for the desolation of loneliness, and for a spear in His side. This is a time that tries a man's soul.

WHAT IS LENT A GOOD LENT?

Lent produces a great fruit for the one who strictly observes it. It means great happiness resulting from living close to God during the forty days. Through extra Bible reading, prayer and worship, Lent leaves us with a deeper understanding of God and denied ourselves, we have a new appreciation for the sufferings of Jesus. Out of this fresh realization of what Christ endured and suffered for us, we have a new and deeper appreciation of Him and what He did for us. This results in gratitude, which motivates us to take up our cross daily and follow Him in loving service to our neighbor. Then Easter comes in all its glory, and we share in the victory of the resurrection because we, too, have risen out of death to life in Christ.

HOW DO YOU GET THE GOOD OUT OF LENT?

Begin on Ash Wednesday with a program of spiritual development. This means taking ten minutes each morning and evening for a tryst with God. Spend the week thinking, meditating, praying, and reading the Word. Before Lent begins, decide on what you will fast and stick to it through Good Friday. Climax the season by offering your sacrifices to God in a monetary equivalent on the day of Jesus' supreme sacrifice, Good Friday. Do not be content to worship as usual during Lent, but attend a Lenten service during the week. Practice the presence of Christ in your daily life: in school, in office, or at home. Since Christ died for all men, reach out each week to someone not attending a church and invite at least one to go to church with you. There will probably not be time in your already busy life to add these additional practices. It means you will have to think through the priorities of your life and drop those things that are least important in your life. Can there be anything more important than your relationship with God in Christ?

Out of the period of Lent we can all emerge stronger in faith and give ourselves unselfishly as we seek to promote the will of God through the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention.

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to delete or edit the letter published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

Cureton Johnson, Editor

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1981 Theme

"We Are One In Christ"

BY J. R. MANLEY, PRESIDENT, GBS

Our 1980 theme, "A New Fellowship, Fitly Joined Together," has served us well. The idea of working together as a team indeed seems to have become a part of our general thinking. To me, this theme represents an idea whose time has come.

Not that we did not have the idea before, but rather that we did not promote it as we did a year ago. And it seems that we have seen growth in this spirit of cooperation on the part of Convention officials, staff and commissions as well as among the auxiliaries.

The new staff members that have come aboard seem to fit well into this spirit. The wonderful attendance at our auxiliary meetings suggests that we have much in common in which we are interested.

The 1981 theme, "We Are One In Christ," is similar in nature and equally as challenging as our 1980 theme.

It has been this spirit of cooperation, along with the tireless work of our staff, which has accounted for much of the success that we have enjoyed so far. And I say, "To God Be the Glory!"

However, as I listen to the questions that are raised at our sessions and to the discussion that follows, as well as the fact that more and more of our churches are using the courts to settle their differences—at least this matter has come to my attention more often recently—it seems to me that we still have some distance to go in being "Fitly Joined Together" or toward becoming "One in Christ."

Therefore, we have more than an economy that is sluggish. We also have our spirits that are sluggish. To be sure, there are many social, economic and political factors, influences, and pressures that make for the sluggishness of our spirits. But as long as we have a sluggish spirit, no matter what caused it, it will be just as long before we will give adequate support to the objectives of our Convention.

The objectives include Shaw University, the Shaw Divinity School, the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, the Central Orphanage at Oxford and the State Mission program of Christian education and church development. Surely, we still have the vision that a good Christian education which Shaw produces is

essential to our welfare. And we must never lose the vision of evangelism both home and abroad. Nor must the vision of caring for the orphan, or of state missions, or of strengthening our "stakes" be lost. As Luke 14:29 reminds us, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitation; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes."

Though we dare not lose sight of these essentials, a check with our staff suggests that we need to increase our support to all of these objectives if we are going to meet our goal for 1981.

It seems to me that we have come to a point in our individual church and denominational life that would cause us to do our level best in the area of old paths such as our objectives. These we hope are familiar to every black Baptist in North Carolina by now, so that we may spend some needed time on other pressing issues.

Such issues include: (1) a new headquarters building for our Convention; (2) an endowment fund for Shaw University; (3) a mature, responsible and just ministry with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; (4) the challenge of the so-called Moral Majority; (5) the need for a good education; (6) the need for a good job; (7) the need for a good house; (8) the need for equality in justice; and (9) the need for productivity in the economic and political arena.

Therefore, "let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us," (Hebrews 12:1). Let us run until every member in the church is actively involved in the work of that church. Let us run until every church in every association is actively involved in the work of the association. Let us run until every association in the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is actively involved in the work of the Convention.

Let us run until we come to the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, the Rev. Thomas Walker, pastor, and on May 5-6, 1981, report God's "well done" upon our stewardship for the cause. Let us run until every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Let us run on not just to see what the end shall be, but rather to make that end pleasing to our God.

APOLOGY

The Baptist Informer and the General Baptist State Convention apologize for incorrectly carrying the "Unified Program" contribution made by the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Asheville, the Rev. H. B. Brown, pastor.

The church contributed \$1,516.35 to the 1980 effort instead of \$125 as printed last month. Again, many thanks for your Christian support and understanding.

—Ed.

IMMORTALITY

Though it is true that science presents no weighty evidence for life eternal, it is only fair to point out also that science has found no cogent reason for supposing that what is of importance in a man can be buried in a grave. The truth is that science cannot supply a definite answer to this question. Immortality relates to an aspect of life which is not physical, that is, which cannot be detected and measured by an instrument, and to which the application of the laws of science can at best be only a well-considered guess.

—Arthur H. Compton

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONGRESS

The General Baptist State Convention has reserved seats with an airline for the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress in Omaha, Nebraska, June 22-26. The plane will depart the Charlotte Airport on June 22 at 9:25 a.m. and will arrive in Omaha at 2:25 p.m. on June 26 and will arrive in Charlotte at 10 p.m.

The round trip fare, including transportation from the airport to the hotel, baggage handling, and room accommodations (two persons per room) is \$470. For those desiring a private room, the round trip fare is \$530.

In order to be assured of the present air fare, a deposit of \$200 must be sent on or before March 20 and the balance is due by May 12.

Please fill out the enclosed form and return it to our office with your deposit. All checks or money orders will be made payable to the General Baptist State Convention.

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McRay Praised; 58 Years At Corner Stone

ELIZABETH CITY—A retirement banquet honoring the Rev. Dr. John Robert Rudolph McRay, D.D., was held March 6 in Elizabeth City.

Dr. McRay, 89, has retired as pastor of the Corner Stone Missionary Baptist Church. Members and friends showed their appreciation for his prolific service as pastor there for 58 years.

Born in Jones County in 1891, Dr. McRay attended Elizabeth City State

University. While working in Camden as a teacher, he married the former Miss Beatrice Elizabeth Britte of South Mills. Shortly afterwards, God called him into the gospel ministry.

While pastoring in Virginia, Rev. McRay was called to Corner Stone in 1923. As shepherd of the flock, the membership grew from around 200 to more than 700 today.

During his pastorate, the church has expanded as several auxiliaries were organized and the church program was improved. The church was rebuilt completely.

Dr. McRay has attended the Roanoke Institute of Religion in Elizabeth City (an extension of Shaw University); the A&T State University; Hampton Institute, and in 1959 was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree for

"outstanding Christian service to mankind" by Shaw University.

His first wife died in 1966. In 1977, Dr. McRay was married to Ruth Mattison Carr, a native of Williamston, S. C.

Dr. McRay's name will surely be left in the "sands of time" as his contributions to Corner Stone and to other aspects of American and Christian life will be remembered by generations to come.

CHURCH CIRCUIT



Persons attending the anniversary service for the Rev. S. J. Jones included Deacons Walter Higgs and Samuel Bryant, the Rev. James Horne, Deacons Frank Holiday, Ed Farmer, Irma Watson, President Fred Beffield and Sister Addie L. Watson.

Cherry Chapel Honors Pastor; Pays NAACP Certificate Dues

HOBGOOD—The Cherry Chapel Baptist Church of Hobgood celebrated their pastor's sixth anniversary and also paid the first installment on their Golden Heritage membership in the NAACP in January.

"It was a grand anniversary," said the Rev. S. J. Jones, who also said that the church is hoping to be in its new building by the end of the year. Plans for the church have been drawn and plans for the new facility to be constructed on a two-acre site on Highway 122.

"If other races can build churches and support organizations then blacks can do it,

too," said Rev. Jones.

"And we might as well organize our forces because we are all benefitting from the NAACP. There have been over 500 cases filed since the 1954 Supreme Court ruling."

He said that the failure of black people is due largely to black clergymen failing to teach their flock their civil rights and civil wrongs.

"And Jesus said to teach them to observe all things, whatsoever I command you, and Lo, I'm with you always, which means to teach them their civil rights also," he said.

"Teach them when they are

entitled to welfare and when they are not. Teach them when they are entitled to food stamps and when not. Teach them to buy homes and not always cars and other luxuries.

"Teach them how to live and stay out of court; to love their neighbor as thyself. Teach children how to act in school and how to respect and be respected."

He said that the better our people get along, the better the ministers will get along. By following these rules, Rev. Jones said that pastors will be the type of leaders God promises in Jeremiah 3:15 to never leave or forsake.

Middle Ground Assoc. Meets

BY DR. G. E. BROWN
GOLD POINT—The Middle Ground Association Training Institute was held at the Roanoke Tabernacle, Gold Point, Jan. 12 through 23. Class hours were from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Many vital and inspiring lessons were taught during the two weeks of training. Teachers were: Rev. R. A. Morris—ministers; Dr. G. E. Brown—laymen and deacons; Mrs. Carrie Alexander—mission; and Mrs. Elise Goddard—youth. The total enrollment for the two weeks was 279, besides those that came for worship.

A helpful message was delivered each evening. The following ministers brought messages: Reverends Milton

Bible School Clinic

The Department of Christian Education of the General Baptist State Convention, in cooperation with the Associations and District Sunday School Conventions, will conduct a Vacation Bible School Clinic at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The purpose of the clinic is to give training to associational and district Sunday School conventions' Vacation Bible School Teams and other persons. The teams will be given training in order to return home and assist with an associational clinic and help with their church programs.

Each Sunday School Convention president, in consultation with the associational moderator, is asked to be responsible for the selection, organization and attendance of at least seven persons as a team from his or her convention. There should be one person to receive instructions in each of the following areas: Preschool division (birth-5); children's division (6-11); youth division (12-17); adult division (18-up); school principal or director; music; and arts and crafts.

Churches which wish to do so may sponsor their teams to the clinic. Persons who may not be sponsored by a church or association are invited to attend also.

Registration for each person is \$10, which includes the cost of a full-course lunch and other hand-out materials. Associations, conventions, and churches that pay the registration for their teams or personnel will receive credit for the amount in the Annual Report. All checks and/or money orders should be made payable to: General Baptist State Convention.

Please fill in the registration form below and send to the Director of Christian Education, General Baptist State Convention, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27601. Telephone (919) 821-7466.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC

Laurel Hill, North Carolina

Saturday, March 7, 1981, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Please fill in where it applies to you)

Name of Sunday School Convention or Association _____

Name of Sunday School Convention's President or Moderator: _____

Name of Church _____

Name of Pastor _____

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEAM

1. Preschool Division. Person (Birth-5 years):

Name _____ Address _____

2. Children's Division Person (6-11 years):

Name _____ Address _____

3. Youth Division Person (12-17 years):

Name _____ Address _____

4. Adult Division Person (18 and up):

Name _____ Address _____

5. Music Person:

Name _____ Address _____

6. VBS Principals or Directors Person:

Name _____ Address _____

7. Arts and Crafts Person:

Name _____ Address _____

Staton, Walter Adkins, J. H. Hyman, H. Hammond, Brady Carmack, Farney M. Moore, Jr., John Williams, R. A. Morris, W. V. Pridgett and Henry L. Flournoy.

Sycamore Hill Installs Officers

GREENVILLE — Members of the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church of Greenville enjoyed an orderly and beautiful installation Service for their church

officers and leaders Jan. 4. Deaconess Beatrice C. Maye led the group in the "Litany of Commitment" by saying that "All Christians are called of God to live, witness and to minister for His glory. Church members are called to serve according to their various talents. We now recognize all the leaders and officers of this church..."

The Rev. Dr. O. L. Sherrill declared the officers installed and brought the morning sermon.

ANNOUNCING

The Concert Series Committee Presents

Madam Willie Jordan-Williams
Lyric-Spinto Soprano

In Concert May 8, 1981

Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, N.C.

8:30 p.m.

TICKETS—Main Floor Lower — \$7; MAIN FLOOR
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Statewide Leaders Day April 4 In Raleigh

DR. PRISCILLA A. BRODIE

We are looking forward to seeing Circle, Union, and Auxiliary presidents; secretaries and treasurers; young adult directors; and youth supervisors, and special workers at the annual Statewide Leaders' Workshop, which will be held Saturday, April 4.

The Young Adults and Youth will meet for their sessions in the Civic Center as usual and then come to the Memorial Auditorium for the joint session. The adults are to come to the Memorial Auditorium Building, Raleigh.

The Reverend Spencer Williams, pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Goldsboro, will preach the sermon for the session.

Please pre-register now and receive your pre-registration card. Pre-registration fee is \$2. We should appreciate your bringing a liberal offering. Our books close May 31, 1981; however, approximately

\$70,000 is the balance for our reaching the goal of \$281,000 in terms of State Missions, \$30,915.85; Baptist Assembly, \$4,460.82; Shaw Divinity School, \$6,350.86; Shaw, \$10,836.18; Central Orphanage, \$3,044.13; and Foreign Missions, \$11,001.77 (on the Clinic in Liberia).

We are counting on meeting with you in April and your support of the Woman's Baptist State Convention. The session should begin near the hour of 8:45 a.m.; however, registration will begin at 8 a.m.

Some other important dates to remember are June 8-12, the Missionary Training Conference at the Baptist Assembly; June 14-July 3, the Three Weeks of the Youth Bible Camp at the Baptist Assembly; July 11, All Baptist Picnic at the Baptist Assembly; July 27-30, the 97th Annual Session of our Woman's Convention at the Charlotte Civic Center, headquarters at Radisson Plaza Hotel, with the Second Baptist Baptist Church and pastor, Dr. Lenar Foster, and July 27, the 8th annual Pre-Convention Banquet at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.



Participants in the Silver Mount Baptist Church Women's Day '81 were (left to right) Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Mrs. Gladden, Mrs. Holloway, Mrs. Young and the Rev. William Lee, Jr., pastor.

Silver Mt. Hosts Dr. Brodie

CHARLOTTE—The ladies of Silver Mount Baptist Church of South Charlotte, acclaimed Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie as being at her very best when she served as the "Annual Woman's Day Speaker" Sunday, Feb. 22, at 11 a.m. Shown are Dr. Brodie (left) and Pastor William Lee, Jr. after presenting the annual awards to outstanding ladies for their special efforts.

From left to right are Dr. Brodie (Executive Secretary of the Woman's Baptist State Convention N.C.), Mrs. Ella Gladden (Woman of the Year)-reporting (\$637.17), Miss Martha

Holloway (\$620.25) and Mrs. Ada Young (\$327.30). A total of \$5,100 was realized on this day. Dr. Brodie received a check from the church in support of the W.B.H.F.M. Convention objectives. The ladies bided Dr. Brodie farewell

after a delicious fellowship dinner program. The balance of the proceeds went to the church's (\$2-million dollar) building fund for the erection of a new church on their spacious 15 acres of land in 1983, when the church will celebrate its 100th birthday.

N. C. Leads In Lott Carey Missions Program Gifts

The 1981 session of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention will convene in Charlotte Aug. 31-Sept. 4.

As your second vice president and chairman of the Foreign Mission Commission, I am proud to report that North Carolina leads all states in financial contributions made to the cause of missions. We do, however, lag behind our sister state to the north in attendance upon this convention. The year 1981 affords us an excellent opportunity to make our presence felt and to voice our sentiments to the end that the Lott Carey Convention is a stronger witness in the field of Foreign Mission.

President J. R. Manley and Executive Secretary C. C. Craig join with me in hoping that the N. C. General Baptists will plan to attend the Lott

Carey Convention in large numbers. Your attendance gives testimony to your support of our President, Executive Secretary, and the official board of North Carolina.

Your Foreign Mission Commission had hoped that a tour of our work in Africa would have been realized by the year of 1981. However, some recent developments in Africa have caused us to defer that endeavor for the time being. It is our hope that when matters are settled and proper relationships have been established, we still may visit the foreign field to which we send our dollars for the spread of the gospel.

We look forward to seeing you in Charlotte. We pray God that your work in the Lord is progressing and that at the beginning of a new decade, a new year, we may make bold our witness for Christ.

said, "I still have some time ahead, and I want all of you to help me make it...and give me some opportunity...I have tried to obey Almighty God," she said, and "I am not uneasy..."

When peace like a river... it is well with my soul." She closed by saying, "I trust that you will carry the Union to higher heights," and she encouraged the Union to work with the new

president.

Special guests were Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, state supervisor, Youth Department, and family; Dr. Melvin P. Broadnax, commissioner of Seaboard, and president, Weldon Area Shaw Club; Mrs. Margaret Jones, who is Mrs. Matthews' niece from Greensboro; and Mrs. Evelyn Garrison, who is Mrs. Matthews' daughter.

—MAN—

Man has been placed in the world in order that he may develop and expand his talents and capacities to their fullest extent. If he is to do so, he needs four things—knowledge, art, technical skill, morality and religion; for truth must be known, beauty fashioned, good practiced and God feared and loved.

—Ottokar Prohaska
Meditations on the Gospels



Mrs. A. C. Matthews (center) was recently honored for 30 years of service as president of the Halifax County Union. Members of the Union and special guests paid tribute to the 94-year-old retired educator at a fellowship banquet at the Holiday Inn. With Mrs. Matthews are Mrs. Shirley W. Bullock (left) of Rocky Mount, who was guest speaker; and Mrs. C. W. Pritchett, current president of the Union.

Mrs. Matthews, Halifax Pres. 30 Years

BY DR. JOHN BEE MOORE
ROANOKE RAPIDS—On Saturday, Feb. 14, at 3 p.m., the Halifax County Union sponsored a Fellowship Banquet at the Holiday Inn, Roanoke Rapids, to honor Mrs. A. C. Matthews for 30 years of outstanding service as its president.

It was a semi-formal, gala occasion with prominent personalities participating, and distinguished guests present. Mrs. Carrye W. Pritchett, current president, served as mistress of ceremonies.

Mrs. Mary White, director, young adults, presented the speaker, Mrs. Shirley W. Bullock, chairperson, District 8, Group 1, of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, and wife of Dr. Charles T. Bullock

of Rocky Mount. Her subject was "Portrait of a Great Leader."

She portrayed Mrs. Matthews as an "esteemed Executive Board member at the state level, a wise counselor, and as a former neighbor and friend who has been an inspiration to her. Mrs. Bullock compared her with outstanding Biblical characters such as Ester, Ruth, Deborah and Paul, with the spirit of humility, as an ambassador who is holding a banner in Jesus' name. She encouraged the Union to "take the flag she has given you and run on."

Dr. John Bee Moore, pastor, First Baptist Church, Weldon, said that the honoree "has done a magnificent job as a leader; that God lifts humanity through His servants, such as Mrs.

Matthews who is a stalwart of faith. She is one who has held up the light of God, carried the blood-stained banner, and given us outstanding leadership across thirty years." He stated that the honoree "has been a great inspiration to him, one whom he depends on for sound advice, one who helped to consolidate the history of the church, one who has given unceasing support as president of the Third Age Group" (Senior Citizens) of the First Baptist Church, Weldon, which her late husband, Dr. A. C. Matthews, pastored from 1928-1954.

Mrs. Matthews gave remarks on the subject, "Oh, What a Fellowship!" and indicated that she had thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. After expressing her appreciation and thanks, she

PREPARATION FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

STRENGTHENING OUR INTEGRITY IN NATIONAL CRISES THROUGH CHRISTIAN PREPARATION

**Baptist Doctrinal Ministries
By E. ERVIN MILLSAPE
Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Drexel, N.C.**

SANFORD—Integrity is the state of being complete or whole; uprightness, virtue, honesty, soundness, or unbroken state of anything. Crisis is a turning point; a critical turn in a disease, emergency, conjuncture, etc. Strengthening is to make stronger; confirm, cause to increase in power or security, to become stronger. Active or passive power, muscular force, vigor; power of endurance or resistance, toughness.

A true born Baptist is on both the offensive and defensive. There are times that he must fight for territory that was gained by the enemy. There are times that he is attacked and must defend himself. To live a good Baptist life is a continual warfare.

Since we are at war with our enemy, we must study his manner of attack, also his defensive methods. We must also know our own weapons and train to use them. The Apostle Paul in the book of Ephesians speaking to the true church, "His body," and about the warfare of Spirit-filled believers, and the warrior's power, said: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Ephesians 6:10-11.

So in order to strengthen our integrity in these national crises, we must do it through Christian education. Sometimes we find ourselves locked in the room with ignorance, and we need the key of Christian education to unlock us and set us free, and in order to do this, we must embrace the educational task of the church and also remember what our Lord said, teach them to observe all things that He had commanded, and don't forget He's always with us even until the close of the age. If Jesus is with us, and He wants us to teach, then that places teaching and training at the heart of church mission. The mission of the church is to preach the gospel of reconciliation, win men to Christ, provide Christian nurture for its members and Christianize the community.

The spiritual nature of the church has to do with Christ, His person and work. It is commitment to His plan of salvation.

It proclaims His redemptive acts and His redemptive powers.

It is the visible presence of Christ in the world. This is what Paul is referring to when he calls the church the "Body of Christ." John Wesley gives us a spiritual definition of the church when he says, "The Universal Church is all the persons in the universe whom God hath so called out of the world, as to entitle them to be one body, one spirit, having one faith, one hope, one baptism, and one God, the Father of all." It was Martin Luther who said, "The church is a congregation of faithful men in which the pure word of God is preached, and the sacraments are lawfully administered."

It is the purpose of the church to impart the saving Grace of Jesus Christ. The church extends itself to the saving of the whole man, it is the purpose of the church to manifest the spiritual in the world. Paul Tillich describes the relationship between the spiritual community and the church as follows: "The spiritual community is determined by the appearance of Jesus as the Christ."

The church, like her Lord Jesus Christ, has the mission of setting at liberty those that are bound.

To promulgate the mission of the church, to set men free, the church will search anew the scriptures and stress those liberating concepts, and above all, the preacher must preach sermons that liberate so that we can have a living hope. In this world of bitterness, racism, war and frustration, only hope

can enable us to retain our sanity. When despair is all around us, when confusion is everywhere, when the outlook is dark, hope teaches us to look up beyond the dark clouds of hatred and corruption, up beyond the gray skies of crime and violence, up beyond the catastrophic cataclysms of human conflict, up into the face of God to behold the coming of a better day.

The Bible says that we are born in sin and conceived in iniquity. Surely then we are not ready to meet God until some changes take place, until some preparation is made. God is perfect, sinless, stainless, high, holy and altogether righteous. But some of us are sinners. Sometimes we live in sin, we walk in sin, we talk in sin, we think in sin, and we can never face a holy and righteous God the way we are. Some preparation must be made.

Before Jesus went away He said, "I go to prepare a place for you." John 14:2. Heaven had already been prepared for us, but we have to make the necessary preparation to get there.

Every Missionary Baptist church needs some type of training, every Missionary Baptist church needs a Christian education department. I personally will go as far as to say that any Baptist church that doesn't have

organized and administered in accord with the discipline of the church.

Preparation, Jesus Christ is our guide so to Strengthen our Integrity in National Crises through Christian Education, we must do as the prophet Isaiah says, "Lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." (Isaiah 54:2). William Cary also said, "Attempt great things for God and expect great things from God."

At the time Jesus was born, the civilized world was completely under one rule as it never was before, and never has been since. The Roman empire was at the height of its power. It was a time of worldwide communication and organization. But it was also a time of moral decay. The old religion and Greek philosophy were powerless to prevent moral corruption. The practice of enslaving conquered



The First Calvary Baptist Church was packed for the One Day Session of the State Baptist Sunday School and State Baptist Training Union Congress Feb. 14 in Sanford.

Christian missions have a twofold objective: The proclamation of the gospel to the unconverted everywhere, and the establishment of a strong, spiritual church in every country.

Missions come from the Latin word *mitto*—"I send." A missionary is therefore a "sent one." Apostle from the Greek apostolē—"I send," is a synonym for missionary. The book of Acts may be called the Acts of the Missionaries. The term mission applies to three essential factors: a sender, God; one sent, the person; or one whom sent, the people.

Jesus said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." (John 20:21). By the end of the first century, Christ had been preached from Babylon to Spain (3,000 miles), from Alexandria to Rome, by a Greek-speaking Church. It was a witnessing church. The word "witness" occurs in the New Testament 175 times.

PREPARATION

We prepare to make a living through education and training. We prepare to take care of our family by furnishing them a home. We prepare for a wedding in the family. We prepare for the future of our loved ones by purchasing life insurance. We prepare for burial by purchasing a cemetery lot. So many people prepare for all these things, but they neglect the matter of preparing to meet God. They forget that some day they must meet Him and give an account of their lives.

any kind of training program is not true to the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "Go teach," and our church should be a teaching church. And any church that's not a teaching church is not true to our Lord.

If we are "Strengthening Our Integrity in National Crises Through Christian Education," we must do it by teaching that Baptists believe in absolute authority of the inspired scripture. We believe that if we err, it is because we do not know the scripture nor the power of God. Baptists believe that every scripture is inspired of God and is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, that Baptists believe in the atonement made by Christ as the only basis of salvation, the only means of reconciliation, the only ground of justification. Man is by nature a sinner, but the atonement made by Christ will set him free. Baptists believe that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus, and not of ourselves, it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8)

Preparation—The minister must prepare himself for the preaching of the gospel. (II Timothy 2:15). He must also prepare for the pastoring of the church. He is to feed and care for the flock as a preacher, friend, teacher, leader, counselor and a faithful servant to the church. The minister must see it that the program of Christian education is

peoples had produced an empire, half of whose 120 million people were slaves. There was no mercy for the poor; no hospitals and asylums; no sense of women's worth, and no pity for little children.

Politically, the nation was completely under the sway of Rome, but in their own affairs the Jews were governed by their own chief council called the Sanhedrin.

Outward forms of religion had multiplied, but the inner spirit had disappeared. This was evident in the character of the various religious classes. But the inspired voices of the prophets kept the stream of truth running fresh and clean.

The river of Jewish history was for the time choked and lost in the sands of the desert, but it was destined to reappear again and flow forward on its appointed course. The time of fulfillment was at hand, much as the signs of the times might seem to forbid the hope. Had not all the prophets from Moses onward spoken of a great One to come, who, appearing just when the darkness was blackest and the degradation deepest, was to bring back the lost glory of the Son? Preparation was made. God sent His Son.

The Person of Jesus Christ is the great central miracle of history, and the strongest evidence of Christianity. It either stands or falls with its divine-human founder, and it never perishes because of the Christ who lives, the same yesterday, today and forever

Involve Families In School

GREENSBORO—A husband-wife research team at A&T State University advocates that counselors and others working with black youngsters must more efficiently involve the youngsters' parents in the process.

Dr. Wyatt D. Kirk, chairman of the Department of Educational Psychology and Guidance, and Dr. Sarah V. Kirk, an associate professor in the department of sociology and social service, made the suggestion in an article in the February, 1981 issue of the *Journal of Elementary School Guidance and Counseling*.

"As a culturally different group in our society, black families need to be deployed as resource parties in their youngsters' education," states the article.

The Kirks said school counselors and researchers generally acknowledge a

deficit in specific training in family dynamics and cross-cultural counseling.

Black children face many difficulties in school including offensive mechanisms, lack of self-esteem, and the problems of skin color.

"Because black parents who more often than have experienced similar problems and anxieties, can offer their youngsters a refuge and solace of some sort," said the Kirks, "this might just be the missing link between the educational process and academic attainment that counselors and other school personnel can utilize as a technique and supportive bond between the school and the home."

"Family counseling," according to the Kirks, "can be helpful in terms of providing the counselors with additional

knowledge regarding the youngsters' reactions in school.

"Clearly, counselors must re-examine their own approaches, expectations, values, and what particular goals they hold for the non-traditional client," said the Kirks, "and for the non-traditional client, we must employ new and different approaches such as the planned inclusion of their families."

Dr. Wyatt Kirk holds three degrees from Western Michigan University. His wife holds degrees from St. Augustine's College, Atlanta University and the University of Pittsburgh.

EVIL

And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

—Job 28:28

Shaw Div. Trustees Meet In D. C.

The 1981 spring meeting of the board of trustees of the Shaw Divinity School will be held in Washington, D.C. on April 22 and 23. The members who will be traveling from the North Carolina area to the nation's capital on this occasion consider this to be an excellent opportunity to extend the hand of fellowship to the approximately one-third of the 38 members of the board who live in that vicinity and in locations farther north, and who have been called upon through the years to come to Raleigh every few months.

The first group session will be a dinner for trustees, wives, and friends at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at the Harnabee House Hotel, 2225 Georgia Avenue, N.W., with Dr. O. L. Sherrill, vice chairman, presiding. The guest speaker will be Dr. James E. Check, former president of Shaw University and current president of Howard University.

On Thursday morning, there will be planning sessions by clusters comprising nine standing committees of the board, coordinated by vice president Robert E. Powell. At 8:30 a.m., the group will proceed to the Mount Gilead Baptist Church 1625 13th Street, N.W., with Dr. William Revely, pastor, as host, and a discussion will be led by Dr. J. Terry Wingate and Dr. R. G. Williams. Then will follow the official business session, with Dr. E. B. Turner, chairman, presiding.

At 1 p.m., the trustees will accept the hospitality of Dr. Lehman D. Bates by meeting at the First Baptist Church of Marshall Heights, 4934 B Street, S.E. for the Closing Seminar Dinner. The message will be brought by Dr. J. Z. Alexander, dean of academic affairs at the Shaw Divinity School. A tour of points of interest in the capital city is planned for the members before they depart for their respective homes.

We are about the business of promoting the 1982 Joint Evangelistic Crusade. "Here's Hope" is the theme of the crusade, sponsored by the General Baptist State Convention and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Here's hope that the Baptists will make the emphasis the greatest event in the history of North Carolina.

Here's hope that every pastor in every Baptist church in the state will interest his congregation in reaching the lost people in North Carolina.

Here's hope that members of the two conventions will be drawn closer together in a common bond of doctrine and fellowship. Here's hope that concern for the total needs of people will reach a new level: spiritual needs, physical needs, social needs, and emotional needs.

Here's hope that the Holy Spirit will be recognized, Christians will be revived, lost souls will be saved, and God will be glorified as Baptists utilize their best efforts to strengthen the Kingdom of God on earth.

March '82 Joint Crusade Interpretation Meetings

DATE AND TIME	CITY	CHURCH/PASTOR	ASSOCIATION
March 16, 1981 7:30 p.m.	Henrietta	First Church Box 265 Henrietta 28076 James Yelton	Sandy Run
Team Leader: Vic Cole			
March 16, 1981 7:30 p.m.	Taylorsville	First Church Hwy. 90 (near Courthouse) Taylorsville 28681 Robert Boggs	Alexander Alexander Union
Team Leader: Roy Smith Maurice Cooper			
March 16, 1981 7:30 p.m.	Wilkesboro	Wilkesboro Church Woodland at Main St. Wilkesboro 28697 Alfred E. Andrews, Jr.	Brushy Mountain Stone Mountain Yadkin Valley
Team Leader: C. C. Craig Phyllis Brodie Mark Corts George Shore			
March 17, 1981 7:30 p.m.	Hendersonville	Star of Bethel Church 201 N. Whitted Hendersonville 28739 Luther Westbrook	Carolina Pik Gold Hill Mud Creek
Team Leader: Vic Cole A. Raper Bill Boatwright			
March 17, 1981 7:00 p.m.	Rutherfordton	First Church P.O. Box 829 420 N. Main St. Rutherfordton 28735 James J. Hobb	Green River Gold Hill
Team Leader: Roy Smith Johnny Ross			
March 17, 1981 7:00 p.m.	Murphy	First Church 1501 Hawsessie St. Murphy 28906 Charles Beck	Truett
Team Leader: Cecil Ray			
March 17, 1981 7:30 p.m.	Waynesville	First Church 210 S. Main St. Waynesville 28786 Hugh P. Garner	Haywood Cherokee
Team Leader: W. C. Lamb Neal Peyton			
March 23, 1981 7:30 p.m.	Burnsville	First Church P.O. Box 425 Corner of Town Square and Green Mountain St. Burnsville 28714 Richard Muri	Yancey
Team Leader: Vic Cole Ernest Upchurch Robert Stewart			
March 23, 1981 7:30 p.m.	Lenoir	First Church 429 Highland Avenue Lenoir 28645 Fred Barnes	Caldwell Mountain Catawba
Team Leader: W. C. Lamb Claud O'Shields Maurice Cooper			
March 24, 1981 7:30 p.m.	Marion	First Church P.O. Box 369 101 N. Main St. Marion 28752 Dewey Hobbs	Blue Ridge Mud Creek
Team Leader: Cecil Ray Claud O'Shields Ernest Upchurch			
March 24, 1981 7:30 p.m.	Robbinsville	Almond Assembly P.O. Box 876 Robbinsville 28771 J. W. Myers, Dir. of Missions	
Team Leader: Robert Stewart			
March 24, 1981 7:30 p.m.	West Jefferson	First Church 2nd St. and Winton Ave. West Jefferson 28694 Kenneth Morris	Ash Alleghany New Covenant
Team Leader: C. C. Craig Phyllis Brodie Corbin Cooper Maurice Cooper			
March 24, 1981 7:30 p.m.	Spruce Pine	Pine Branch Church Rt. 2, Highway 226 N (Ivorydale Bakerway) Spruce Pine 28777 Earl Henry	Mitchell
Team Leader: Vic Cole Bernice Cross Neal Peyton			
March 26, 1981 7:30 p.m.	Sylva	First Church Main and Walnut Streets Sylva 28779 John Burn	Tuckasee Waynesville
Team Leader: Cecil Ray Ernest Upchurch			
March 30, 1981 7:30 p.m.	Morganton	First Church West Union St. Morganton 28655 Wendell Gentry	Catawba River
Team Leader: Cecil Ray Bernice Cross Vic Cole			
March 31, 1981 7:00 p.m.	Boone	First Church King and College Streets Boone 28607 Robert Mann	Three Forks Stony Fork Avery
Team Leader: Cecil Ray Richard Everett			
March 31, 1981 7:30 p.m.	Brevard	Cavalry Baptist Church 101 Osborn Rd. Brevard 28712 Al Cuddy	Transylvania Mud Creek
Team Leader: Mark Corts			
March 31, 1981 7:30 p.m.	Asheville	Hill St. Church 135 Hill St. Asheville 28801 Nilius Avery	Buncombe Mud Creek
Team Leader: Corbin Cooper Claud O'Shields Maurice Cooper			

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MRS. JAMIE CLAYTON



JULIUS MONTAGUE

SANFORD—General Baptists from across the state overflowed the beautiful First Calvary Baptist Church of Sanford, Feb. 14 for the annual One Day Session of the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress.

"Strengthening Our Integrity In National Crises Through Christian Education" was the doctrinal emphasis for the gathering, sponsored by the Christian Education Department of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

The workshop instruction included five areas of participation, including: preparation, beliefs, practice, service, teaching and training.

"Sometimes we find ourselves handicapped with ignorance," said Rev. Ervin Millsaps while speaking on preparation.

He said that every Missionary Baptist Church should have some kind of training program to help prepare its members for service.

The area of beliefs was reviewed by James Winley, who said that many people find fault with their Baptist church but few are doing anything about it. "We need to be stronger in our beliefs. Leadership is something many want to do but aren't able to do. But I find that a good leader is a good follower. Christ didn't mean for us to retain our knowledge but to share that knowledge."

Mrs. Jamie Clayton pointed toward the imperative for Christian Education by citing increasing crime, racial conflict, and international tensions.

"Every Christian has a teaching responsibility. Far too often, we put all of the responsibility on the minister," she said while discussing the topic of practice. She said Christians must be doers of the Word, and not hearers only. She also said that there should be classes for prospective church members; classes for new church members to conserve those that are accepted into church member fellowship; training for leaders in the church should be continuous; and explanation of denominational principles of the Baptist church should be included in the church program.

Mrs. Clayton also said that members of churches should know about the associational and convention job objectives for unified Christian missions work.

A short skit was rendered during the session on church service followed by the session on teaching and training.

"The teacher has to have specific knowledge of the Bible," said Julius Montague. He included history, geography and ancient cultures as areas the teacher should become acquainted with.

Montague said that teachers must have right attitudes, must be physically fit, and cannot afford to stay up all night and expect to do a good job on Sunday morning teaching. The teacher must be spiritually alive with something to say and socially adept. Ask the question: Are my values so low people won't respect me?

"There are specific laws of teaching. What is the lesson about? What do you want to get across to the class? How is the student to apply the lesson?"

He said that teachers should use instructional aids; should learn how to gather materials from the Bible from a concordance and a Bible dictionary. Teachers need also to be careful about literature that is used; should ask students sometimes to take notes;

should organize lessons in some systematic manner (theme, chronological, etc.); should give the class a chance to answer questions.

During a question-and-answer period, someone asked what role should evaluation play in the program. Montague said that "by setting your goals before beginning a program you can later ask why we have or haven't reached these goals. This is the process of evaluation."

One comment from the congregation arose that some ministers aren't trained and are weak in the educational ministry.

Dr. J. R. Manley, GBSC president, suggested that "many of our people don't want training." He said that churches should offer ministers scholarships to be trained and create a better economic climate for the minister to enable him to improve himself and grow.

During his remarks to the congregation later in the day, Dr. Manley said that if we don't enter into this period and stand up for the black church, we'll be worse off than the Indians. He said that God is not only calling this nation but "this people" into judgment.

"I am satisfied that only those who have been tried will stand. I'm satisfied that in the judgement day those who bear His mark will stand. Therefore I say, walk together, children."

Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary of the GBSC, said that "we have the responsibility to be the best that we can become." Dr. Craig challenged the congregation to support the Unified Program of the Convention. "As long as there are needs in the work, our work is never done."

Altithorn Canada is president of the Sunday School Congress and Richmond Turner serves as president of the Baptist Training Union Congress. The Rev. J. L. Morgan is pastor of First Calvary. Visitors were grateful for the hospitality so cordially demonstrated by the host church.

Reidsville Council Picks Barbara Johnson

REIDSVILLE—Barbara L. Johnson has been named to the Reidsville City Council and was sworn into her new position in February.

Mrs. Johnson, a member of the Zion Baptist Church, Rev. E. L. Kirby, pastor, is the first black woman to sit on the council and only the second woman to do so. She was chosen by the city's four councilmembers after 12 candidates had been considered for the post.

Mrs. Johnson told reporters recently that she is curious about the workings of city government and is willing to learn and make sound decisions beneficial to the community.

The 39-year-old licensed funeral director said that she seeks to serve all citizens, and future political plans will "depend on my learning experience and affiliation with the council."

After attending Winston-Salem State University, Mrs. Johnson graduated from Russell Business College in Winston-Salem. She and her husband, James, operate the Johnson and Son Funeral Home in the city. They have two children.

JOY
Gladness of the heart is life of man, the joyfulness of a man prolongeth his days.

Campus Worship Goes To Court

WASHINGTON, D.C. (BP)—A classic constitutional clash of free exercise versus government establishment of religion will be decided by the U. S. Supreme Court in the case of a group of University of Missouri-Kansas City students who want to worship on campus.

Nearly four years ago, after being denied permission to hold regularly scheduled, Saturday night meetings on campus, 12 students took the university to court, alleging their right to exercise freely their religion

had been denied. Named as defendants were Gary E. Widmar, then dean of students, and the governing board of the state university system.

But a federal district judge, issuing a ruling in December, 1979, disagreed with the students, thus upholding a set of university regulations forbidding on-campus religious services.

Nine months later, however, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the lower court, setting the stage for university officials to appeal to

the nation's high court.

The justices' decision to hear the case marks the first such legal test to arrive at the Supreme Court for full oral argument and decision.

University officials contend that to permit students use of campus buildings for religious services would entangle the state with religion. They note that the students, who belong to a group called Cornerstone, feature such activities in their services as prayer, singing, Bible reading, testimonies and an invitation for inquirers.

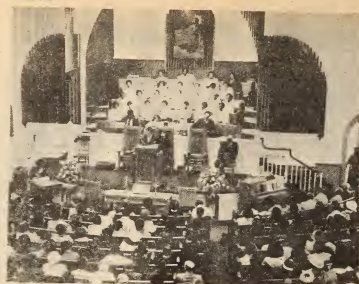
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(Left) The auditorium of the First Baptist Church in Raleigh was filled to capacity during the State Usher's Convention last month. (Right) The Rev. Luther Coppedge delivers a morning sermon to the gathering.



Reagan Cuts To Hurt Poor

ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Protesting proposed federal budget cuts by the Reagan administration, a Baptist domestic hunger consultant charged that the proposed cuts would hurt the poor and needy in America the most.

The proposed budget cuts raise a major question on the primary values and priorities of the nation, said Nathan Porter.

"Will we as a nation place our major emphasis and support on the military and national defense, or on the social needs of the population in general?" Porter asked.

He pointed out that there has been no hint of any reduction on military spending, but rather there have been proposals to

increase budget allocations to the national defense.

"Services to the people who have basic human needs are the target of major program reductions."

Although Porter expressed appreciation for the Reagan administration's decision to exempt seven social service agencies from budget cuts, he said these seven agencies were more on the fringe of the program that significantly helped the poor and hungry.

Porter said the decision could be a sign that the administration is responding to criticism that the poor are most likely to be hurt.

He expressed special concern for proposed budget cuts in the food stamp program which he

felt gives the victims of domestic hunger the greatest help and support.

He decried possible budget cuts aimed at federal programs and subsidies to Americans in senior centers, farmers, the elderly, those in education, the sick, the poor, the unemployed, those who are dependent on public transportation and sources of energy, and many others.

"It appears that we as a nation are saying to them, 'You are not very important after all,'" Porter charged.

He observed that even though the proposed budget reductions have caused a shock wave in the news media and among many people in the nation, there really should not have

been much surprise.

Porter said President Reagan had advocated such cuts for 20 years, and that the alarming thing is that he seems to be reflecting the attitude of the majority of Americans.

"We as a nation, however, cannot overlook justice and peace," he said. "We cannot abandon our responsibilities to be our brother's helper in this time of need. Social programs are an embodiment of our basic ideals and the dignity and value of human life."

Now, more than ever, he suggested, is the time for churches, religious bodies and denominations to focus on the plight of the poor and the disadvantaged.

Porter urged religious

leaders to "take a hard look at our church and denominational budgets and at work in which we are engaged."

"Our values and priorities must place those who through social injustice and circumstances are facing despair in the ugly arena of poverty, isolation, loneliness and loss of hope," Porter said.

He encouraged churches to develop local programs to minister to the needy, not only through greater giving of financial resources but through personal involvement in direct ministries to the poor and hungry.

"The church cannot afford to pay others to do the work of Christ," Porter said.

Criminal Justice

ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON

A policy statement calling for the development and utilization of alternatives to imprisonment for certain convicted criminal offenders, adopted by the House of Delegates of the North Carolina Council of Churches, Sept. 17, 1980.

In recent years, steps have been taken to provide for increased and modernized facilities in the North Carolina prison system. In response to overcrowded conditions, the State Legislature has appropriated significant sums for new buildings.

While this process is expected to continue, it is time to consider other responses to prison overcrowding and to the management of criminal offenders. The present urgent need is to develop and to encourage alternatives to imprisonment.

The first reason to stress alternatives to imprisonment is that incarceration is very likely to have a negative impact upon the offender's ability to function as a lawful, productive citizen after release. Even if the correctional facility is modern and the institution well staffed, the isolation of the inmate from the free community continues to have a negative effect. Long incarceration is even more likely to be a debilitating experience, making it more and more difficult for the offender to cope in a free society.

Some criminals must be imprisoned to protect the public, but imprisonment is not necessary in many cases to provide protection to the public. There are forms of punishment which do not remove the offender from the community and would avoid the damage which is likely to accompany such removal.

A second reason for interest in alternatives has to do with the high cost of incarceration. The American Bar Association estimates that it requires \$10,000 to imprison a person for one year. In North Carolina, it currently costs \$23 per day to house a prisoner or \$8,400 per year. The cost of one new bed in prison in 1980 is about \$36,500. There are about 15,600 inmates in 81 prison units in the North Carolina system at present.

The maximum operating capacity of the system is about 14,500, which means that in spite of recent building efforts, the system is more than a thousand beds short. It is estimated by state officials that the prison population will continue to grow at least until 1985 if existing practices are followed. These figures indicate that large expenditures for correctional facilities and custodial staff will be required for many years to come, particularly if alternatives are not developed and employed.

Do we really need to incarcerate so many?

We have the second highest commitment rate of any state, and a disproportionate number of inmates are from racial minorities and low-income families. North Carolina has the fifth highest total prison population in the nation. Of each 100,000 persons in the state population, 270 are in prison. The national average is 131 per 100,000. North Carolina's incarceration rate is over two times the national average. As a nation, the United States imprisons more persons per capita than any other Western industrialized nation.

The need for alternatives to imprisonment is clear and urgent.

Some programs have been instituted in our state in recent years. These include giving judges the option of ordering pre-sentence diagnostic reports on convicted offenders and the addition of restitution as a sentence which may be imposed, the establishment of community services bodies to aid offenders and ex-offenders, and the creation of Volunteers in the Court programs as an alternative means to provide supervision for youthful offenders. These programs should be strengthened. Further steps should be taken in at least the three following areas:

First, means for diverting some of those charged with crimes out of the criminal justice system should be strengthened. Courts should develop and utilize screening systems to facilitate pre-trial diversion of specific categories of accused individuals to appropriate health, mental health, or social service agencies. Those included in this category would be persons suffering from psychiatric illness, mental retardation, or physical handicap.

It is possible that certain unemployed and unskilled accused individuals might also be appropriately diverted to job training and education programs depending upon the nature and severity of the offenses with which they were charged.

Second, courts should be provided with a broader range of sentencing alternatives. Commitment of offenders to community treatment centers for diagnosis, community planning, or treatment would be appropriate in some instances. Some criminal charges could be avoided or best handled by requiring the parties to settle their disputes by arbitration through citizen arbitration boards which are outside the court process.

Sentences to partial confinement with liberty to participate in work training or education during working hours should be available and courts should be encouraged to make use of this alternative when some form of incarceration

appears necessary. Likewise, periodic confinement where the offender would be incarcerated on certain weekends or holidays, but interference with his or her employment would be avoided, is another possibility. Community service should be encouraged as a sanction, particularly for younger offenders.

Third, the quality of probation and parole services must be improved. Probation is the most widely used alternative sanction, but there are serious deficiencies in the program which discourages its use. The current field staff of 626 is required to provide supervision for 45,319. According to an article in Popular Government (Spring 1979), the staff is too small to cope with so many parolees and probationers.

A 1978 study done by faculty members at East Carolina University suggested that the number of field officers would need to be tripled to meet current standards. This would still be far less costly than building more prisons and yet would provide closer supervision than is currently possible for offenders on probation. Probation-parole officers should be considered as professionals, employment standards for probation-parole officers should be maintained, and continuing education opportunities provided.

There are numerous alternatives to imprisonment.

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May Mid-Year Session, Ebenezer Rocky Mt.

ROCKY MOUNT—The Ebenezer Baptist Church, 652 Raleigh Road, Rocky Mount, the Rev. Thomas L. Walker, pastor, will host the 1981 mid-year session of the General Baptist State Convention on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 5 and 6.

Pastor Walker says that "everything is in order." Room accommodations have been secured at the downtown Holiday Inn and the Carleton House, with several other establishments on stand-by.

Meals will be served in the church's dining hall. On Tuesday, the local ministers' association will provide dinner for the moderators. On Wednesday, the host church will have a reputable establishment to cater the meals.

One of the features of the opening day's session will be a special welcoming program with host Pastor Walker and other dignitaries participating.

In working out details on the local level, Pastor Walker praised the splendid cooperation demonstrated by other ministers of the city.

The Ebenezer Church family has occupied their new and ultra-modern facility for the past seven months. These facilities feature a 1000-seat sanctuary with cushioned pews, a suite of administrative offices and space for 24 classrooms. These facilities

are in addition to the previous facilities. These facilities are conveniently situated on four acres of land near the heart of downtown Rocky Mount and are swiftly becoming known as the convention center of the east as several conventions are scheduled during the upcoming season.

Each Sunday morning, worship is held at 8 and 10:45, as well as 7 p.m. worship. Worshipers from miles around travel to be a part of the shower of blessings at this spiritual station.

Pastor Walker, officers and members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church extend a hearty welcome to all the Baptists throughout North Carolina to be their special guests for the mid-year session of the General Baptist State Convention.

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Easter/Passover

BY WILMER C. FIELDS

JERUSALEM (BP)—In a coincidence of calendars, two of the great annual festivals of faith, Passover and Easter, will be observed worldwide on the same day this year, April 19. These special days of remembrance will have their sharpest focus in the Holy City, a place venerated by Jews, Christians and Muslims.

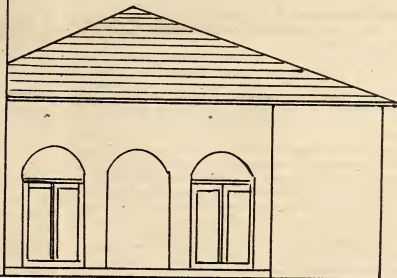
Christians refer to this year as 1981 AD, Anno Domini, "the year of our Lord." Jews refer to it as 1981 CE, "Common Era." On the Jewish calendar this is the year 5741. It is 1369 on the Muslim calendar.

Passover commemorates the exodus from Egypt and the deliverance of the Israelites from oppression. Under the leadership of Moses, this event began the process of forging the Israelite clans into a nation.

Passover observance occurs from the 14th to the 21st of the Jewish lunar month Nisan which shifts back and forth in March and April. Passover applies primarily to the paschal supper and feast of the unleavened bread celebrated on Nisan 21.

The Synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) emphasize the strong desire of Jesus to observe this traditional Passover "seeder" event during what proved to be the last hours before His crucifixion.

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Church Buses Roll In Birmingham

Ministers Respond To City Shutdown

BY MARV KNOX

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority collapsed under financial strain in February, but a makeshift fleet of buses and vans from the black Baptist churches rolled in to help thousands of residents get to and from work.

The public transit system—some \$800,000 in debt—shut down amidst administrative and legislative squabbles over funding responsibilities. Mayor Richard Arrington then called on clergymen and "interested persons" to provide stopgap service for at least some of the 1,000 riders who depended on the buses for 30,000 trips a day.

Almost immediately, church leaders had the Emergency Volunteer Transit System (EVTS)—16 vans and buses—on the streets, carrying riders to and from downtown.

While officials bickered, the clergymen succeeded, because they ignored credit and blame and sought a solution, most observers agree.

"We realized we had an emergency. People were getting hurt, and churches had to do something to help," explained Jack Washington, white director of special ministries for Birmingham Baptist Association and co-chairman of the committee which directs EVTS.

West End maids who crossed town for \$16-to-\$20-a-day jobs were being forced to pay half their wages for taxi fares or to opportunistic van owners. Washington said. And a young blind man was told, "Don't worry; don't come back," when he reported he was having trouble getting to work without regular buses.

Although the tiny EVTS fleet couldn't duplicate all the routes of the public buses, organizers geared it to reach as many people as possible.

"We examined the transit routes of the city and looked for the heaviest concentration of riders in every quadrant," said Washington,

explaining five major routes were set up to carry people without charge to and from their jobs.

During a recent week, EVTS vehicles carried 1,850 passengers and logged 3,541 miles.

More people were not transported because more buses weren't on the streets. So far, only black Baptist churches have provided buses and drivers to the effort.

Washington reports insurance is a big problem for most white churches. "Some policies are written so tightly that they say the church can transport people to a religious experience and back and no more," he said.

The black churches involved in the effort aren't worrying with that obstacle, reported George Cook, black pastor of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church and the other EVTS steering committee co-chairman. "They've got the same kind of insurance the white churches

have; they're just taking the risk," Cook explained.

The entire issue of involvement in EVTS is a "matter of desire," Washington admitted. "The poor, mostly black, are the ones being hurt. And the black churches have taken this problem seriously. They realize no buses means no transportation, no jobs, no food."

Washington and Cook said even though white churches might not take the step of providing their buses, they can contribute to the cause by helping finance it.

Participating churches can't charge fares for fear of losing tax exempt status, and Cook reported the bus system is costing about \$1,500 to \$1,800 a week. "We really need for: more buses to cover some areas we aren't even touching," he said. "But if churches won't lend us the buses, they can either send us funds or send petitions to the legislature to pressure them to move."

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Unified Program Worthy

DR. C. C. CRAIG

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention:

Please take note of the fact that on May 5 and 6, 1981, all roads from the mountains and from the sea will lead to the Moderators' Workshop and the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention that will be held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, the Rev. Thomas L. Walker, pastor.

The Convention is counting on all pastors and church members to give their full support in an effort to make the forthcoming One Day Session one of the greatest sessions in the history of the Convention.

We would like for all of our churches to report as much money as they possibly can report for the objectives: Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions and the Central Orphanage.

The General Baptist State Convention has adopted a financial plan which is called the Unified Program. This program is a plan designed to unify, to make one, to bring together the undesignated financial support of the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention on a percentage basis. Each dollar contributed to the Convention through the Unified Program is divided in this manner: 44 percent for Shaw University and 10 percent of the 44 percent is for the Divinity School; 30 percent is used for State Missions; 20 percent is used for Foreign Missions and 6 percent is used for the Central Orphanage.

One of the weaknesses of the Unified Program is that all of the churches have not been motivated properly to follow the Unified Plan due to urgent needs of one objective over another. The Unified Program is a good program. However, it needs to be strengthened. With the proper motivation and interpretation, the Unified Plan can fulfill the needs of our objectives.

UNITY

The objective of our Convention is to unify our work as well as our spirits. As we begin more and more to take seriously the value of unity, we will be able to do more and more for God and for man.

For Gideon, it was not numbers that won the battle, but a sense of unity. For the Master's disciples, it was not numbers, but a unity of dedication that spread the Gospel far and wide. For the early Christians meeting in catacombs in Rome, it was not numbers, but a unity of commitment that overcame the mighty Roman Empire. For the old slaves, it was not numbers, but a unity of faith in God that brought about the demise of the vicious slave system.

I contend that this unity which has worked miracles in the past can do so today. God has not changed. He is from everlasting to everlasting, the same yesterday, today, tomorrow, and forever. If we have the oneness of peoplehood, of a central cause, and of a common destiny, we can perform miracles. We will reach out and touch others in a way that will link us with our Lord and Savior.

In fact, this is the one real linkage that makes Him our elder brother. He identifies with the hungry—inasmuch as we feed the hungry, we are feeding Him. He identifies with the thirsty—inasmuch as we offer drink to them, we are quenching His thirst. He identifies with the sick—inasmuch as we minister to them, we are ministering to Him. He identifies with those in prison—inasmuch as we aid them, we are aiding Him.

Let us put this linkage within the framework of our objectives. Jesus is that barefoot boy and girl in Liberia, or India, or in some other underdeveloped area. Our love for and contribution to Foreign Missions is love for and a contribution to Him. Jesus is that young man and/or that young woman at Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School whose education depends on our support of those institutions. Inasmuch as we come to their aid, we are aiding our Master. Jesus is that motherless child at the Central Orphanage, talented and full of potential, depending on our assistance. Inasmuch as we contributed to their welfare, we are contributing to our Lord, and Jesus is that dedicated and

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY J. R. MANLEY, PRESIDENT, GBSC

As president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., I receive many letters from our constituency. Often, persons request information about the work of the Convention; others want to know the dates and places of our upcoming sessions; and many ask for prayer and remembrance.

On March 16, 1981, I received a letter which began: "Bedside phone No. (804) 466-6163." I immediately realized that someone was sick; someone was in pain; someone was alone; someone was lonely; someone was confined to a bed with the telephone as a companion. The letter continued: "I am a patient at Leigh Memorial Hospital, 830 Kempsville Road, Norfolk, Va. 23502... You sis or in Chris', Vera M. Slade."



DR. MANLEY

We have missed Mrs. Slade at our gatherings. She has been a faithful and loyal supporter of the General Baptist State Convention throughout the years. Mrs. Slade has served the state, national and foreign fields. We have all felt her absence. Please remember her in your prayers. I do want to encourage General Baptist's to write or call Mrs. Slade.

There are so many members of the General Baptist family here, sick, shut-in, and confined to their bed. Let us not forget those who once occupied the offices we now hold. Let us not forget the faithful 'ha' supporters of the objectives of the Convention 'ha' we still support. Let us not forget the mandate of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ... "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath sent me to heal the broken hearted... to set at liberty those that are sick."

The persons I have reference to have worked so diligently to build the solid foundation on which we stand and work are: Presidents R. R. Carwright, A. W. Pegues, G. D. Griffin, P. A. Bishop, J. W. Hairston, R. Mack Pitts, J. W. White, C. R. Edwards, J. J. Johnson; executive secretaries C. E. Griffin, W. C. Somerville, Thomas Kilgore, Jr.; O. L. Sherrill; general

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Woman's Convention: presidents Mesdames Lizzie Neely, Pa'ie E. Shepard, Ha'ie Shepard, Bern'hia D. Horne, J. B. McLester; executive secretaries Mesdames Ellen S. Alston and Bern'hia D. Horne. Also officers of the other auxiliaries: C. F. Graves, Frank Marshall, J. W. McQueen, E. M. Bayler, J. W. Martin, J. L. Lass'ier, J. T. Hawkins, Clifton Stone, James Bellamy and S. L. Fennell. Miss Minnie Lyons worked on the foreign fields for a number of years.

Vera M. Slade requests your letters and telephone calls. Yet in a divine way, her name, her request becomes symbolic of all those other General Baptist's who need our special prayers. "We hen 'ha' are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak." (Romans 15:1). As president, I call on General Baptist's throughout the state to remember he sick in prayer. Prayer changes things, prayer heals, prayer will bind our brokenness. We pray 'ha' God res'ores Mrs. Vera M. Slade and o'hers to their right full place here among us.

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Anniv. For Rev. A.O. Walker

SALISBURY—The Gethsemane Baptist Church of Salisbury honored their pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Walker, during the third anniversary service, March 22.

The Locust Grove Young Adult Choir, where Rev. Walker formerly pastored, rendered music for the program. The speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Howard

L. Graves, pastor of Locust Grove, Brown Summit.

Dr. Walker, along with his wife, have made many personal sacrifices as pastor for the past three years.

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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Connect Young Minds With Scripture

BY ROY WHITAKER, JR.

Senior Medical Student
UNC-Chapel Hill

WELDON—it's not always easy for a young mind to connect the scripture with their personal life. It may seem more important to be the most popular kid at school, or to make the first string basketball team, or to impress that special person in your life. For some kids, it's more important not to be ridiculed by other children because they can't read, or worse yet, because their parents are alcoholics and use the wrong language, or physically abuse one another and their child(ren).

I was fortunate to have had supportive and encouraging parents who provided a Christian foundation upon which I am building my life. And many of you are equally fortunate to have important people to influence your lives. You are free to choose the thoughts and feelings you want to have, however, you don't

choose your parents. But you do choose how you shall feel and act toward your parents.

It's important to understand at an early age what one's philosophy of life will be. By philosophy, I mean the set of principles or the ideas which a person uses to measure the actions of himself and others. Black people in America, we often spend a lifetime trying to catch up and keep up with the majority race, often finding that we can't achieve our goals because we started too late and worked too little to prepare ourselves. That's why it's important for the adults in this congregation to provide an environment that will encourage the youth of this community to develop a system of moral values that include the pursuit of knowledge. By providing the young people with support groups and supplying positive reinforcement as they experience peer pressure to indulge in deviant behavior, the afore-

mentioned goal(s) may possibly be accomplished.

I don't have time to tell you of the successful Jews, Orientals, and whites that I've seen in this country, but I do have time to tell you of the many successful blacks I've encountered as role models in medicine, law, business, education, nursing, and religion. And to tell you that all of these successful people have one thing in common—the desire to be successful and the willingness to work to obtain that success. As Christ said in Matthew 21:22, "And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive."

Church, it's most important that we all present ourselves as leaders no matter how strong the obstacles may appear. For it matters not how much formal education you have or what your occupation in life may be, for there is someone watching and patterning their life to

follow in your footsteps. The way you treat your associates, how you interact with other members of the church, and your moral character every day of the week should be such that you don't mind a little boy or girl saying "I want to be exactly like you."

I've seen a change in the world's respect for life since leaving Weldon—(1) the integration of schools, and (2) an increase in teenage pregnancies—with North Carolina being one of the nation's leading (Halifax and Northampton Counties leading the state). North Hampton County leads the state in the number of newborn deaths per year. As a high school teacher, I saw an increase in smoking and drug use among our youth.

And as an upcoming physician I see a significant number of patients dying of cirrhosis of the liver and cancer of the lung. Each of these conditions may result from alcohol and cigarette abuse. When I sit in a

dying patient's room, and I think of these frightening things, I remember that "The Lord is my light and my salvation: who shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

I have had exposure to wealth and to poverty while attending to add to my ability to help others. Wherever I go in this world and whatever the experiences I encounter, I shall remember the teachings I've received at First Baptist as a child. During my brief exposure in medicine, I've seen enough suffering, morbidity, and cures to know that there is a God. For as Jesus said, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

I want to thank GOD, the people in this church and the community who have helped me through the years in various ways. In particular, I appreciate their kind words and for wishing me well.

CHURCH CIRCUIT

Salem Baptist Elects Rev. A.L. Jinwright

CHARLOTTE—Salem Baptist Church in Charlotte has elected the Rev. Anthony L. Jinwright as its pastor. Rev. Jinwright was installed Sunday, Feb. 15, in the 370-member church located at 5318 Salem Church Road.

Rev. Jinwright holds a diploma of funeral services from the American Academy McAllister Institute in New York and he attended Central Piedmont Community College. He is presently a senior at Hood Theological Seminary, Livingstone College in Salisbury, where he's working toward a master of divinity degree.

Guest speaker for the installation service was Dr. L. C. Parker, pastor of St. Luke Baptist Church.



"We plan to give everyone involved in the church, said Rev. Jinwright, a native of Wilmington who was called into the ministry in 1978. "If people are active, that creates a sense of dedication."

His goals include building a new edifice.

Peterson Installed

GREENVILLE—The Rev. Frederick R. Peterson was recently installed as pastor of St. Mary Baptist Church in Greenville.

Rev. Peterson received his bachelor of theology degree from the United Christian College of Goldsboro. He has also attended the Shaw Divinity School in Raleigh and

Southeastern Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

Rev. Peterson has served as president of the Baptist Training Union Convention, secretary of the Western Union Association, member of the advisory committee of Sampson County Schools and master of Littlefield Lodge 530. He currently serves as president of the Sunday School Convention of the Western Union Association, as secretary of the executive board of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association, as a member of the executive boards of the Middle District Union and also serves as pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Ayden.

He is married to the former Christine Lee and they have three children.



Laymen's Banquet And Mid-Year Session April 25 and 26

BY WAVERLY CAMP, JR.

ASHEVILLE—All roads lead to Asheville April 24-25, as the executive office finalizes plans for a worship, learning and fun-packed weekend in God's special place, the "Great Smoky Mountains."

The banquet and session meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn-West located on I-40 West. In making your reservations be sure to indicate Holiday Inn-West, and Baptist Convention. The banquet will be April 24 at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn complex. Tickets are in your area with designated persons—donations \$15.00 per ticket.

The Saturday sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn. The cost of our using the Holiday Inn will be very small if all laymen will eat the \$4 buffet lunch that is planned for Saturday. We need your support.

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Leagues with memberships of 51-up: \$100.00
B. We need you to buy our new books which are \$8 a set.

Your Prayers—That our session will be the greatest ever. Dr. Charles Mosley, pastor of First Nazareth Baptist Church, Asheville; Bro. James Pierce, host layman and the brethren of the Mud Creek Baptist Association are depending on you.

Pray for our sick: Shirley L. Williams—My secretary is out because of a very serious accident; Brother O. A. Dupree—outpatient service at Wake Memorial Hospital.

Mills Chapel Dedicated

BLACK MOUNTAIN — March 22 through 29 was a big week at the Mills Chapel Baptist Church on Craigmont Road in Black Mountain as the church celebrated the sixth anniversary of Pastor F. L. Gordon and also dedicated its new church facilities.

The new church building and educational facilities were constructed during the past 12 months.



Woman's Page

\$3,187 Raised For Shaw By Mountain & Catawba Assoc.

"He Lives!"

BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRODIE

It was after Easter that the disciples realized that Jesus Christ was risen and alive Lord, not a dead one. It was then that they realized that in Him no closed grave could claim victory over the Christian, nor symbolically speaking could the grave of sin claim victory over one who died to sin through Christ and was resurrected in the newness of life in Him. For them, Easter gave the complete meaning of the "Passover," and in essence, according to one source, Easter is found only once in the New Testament, Acts 12:4. But the word, Passover, is found the other times in reference to Easter.

Consequently, at this season, as Christians we should be very grateful to know that our Redeemer "liveth." In answer to the question, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" we can answer, "Yes, we were there!" And now that He lives within us, let us rejoice, rejoice and lift up our voices and sing eternal hallelujahs to Him," and be about His commission to us.

Please accept our thanks for your diversified ways of support thus far. We are now in the last quarter of our fiscal year, our books closing May 31. In order to realize our financial goal of \$218,000, we need approximately \$60,000 by May 31. True, money is short because of inflation, but then He lives and He will sustain us if we continue to keep His mission first.

Camp blanks and housing applications for the 97th Session, and banquet tickets are now available. You may secure these from our office. However, since our books for this fiscal year do not close until May 31, please do not begin to send your ticket money or "Self-Denial Offering" until June 1.

Please remember May 2, the Ministers' Wives' Retreat. See the schedule of events.

Your administrative staff wishes each of you a happy and joyful Easter.

MINISTERS' WIVES' FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly
Laurel Hill, North Carolina
May 2, 1981

Theme: "The Minister's Wife, A Whole Woman"

8:30 a.m. Registration and Coffee Break

9:30 a.m. Devotional Period

9:45 a.m. Presentation of Retreat Consultant
Workshop Session—Mrs. Cleo Hambricht Diggs
Florence, South Carolina

12:00 Noon Lunch

1:00 p.m. Devotional Period
Question-And-Answer Period
Summary

3:00 p.m. Dismissal



Black runner Wilma Rudolph could not walk until she was eight because of childhood diseases. Nevertheless, in 1960 she became the only American woman to win three Olympic gold medals in track and field.

GBSC Mid-Year Session

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committed person going out from the Baptist Headquarters to teach, to conduct workshops and seminars—inasmuch as we support State Missions, we are suppo-ting Christ and his call to winning.

"O, how sweet it is for brothers to dwell together in unity."

My challenge is that the abundant life can be increased as we recognize that we are one people under God, that we have one cause under God, and that we are moving toward one destiny under God.

With God as our source of strength, and Jesus Christ as our leader, let us march to greater accomplishments under the banner of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has commanded us to: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:19-20.

I hope to see each of you at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, on May 5 and 6. The host pastor along with the pastors and churches of Rocky Mount are working beyond the call of duty to make our one day of the greatest.

HICKORY—Morning Star First Baptist Church, Hickory, was the site for the Annual Christian Education Day services presented by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Mountain & Catawba Missionary Baptist



Association. Mrs. Willie H. Little is auxiliary director and the Rev. Webster E. Lytle is the association's moderator and was the host pastor.

The service, attended by an overflow audience from

throughout the association and surrounding cities, featured the Shaw University Choral Society, under the direction of Robert T. Simmons, and a message by Dr. John W. Fleming, director of church relations at Shaw.

All in attendance appeared to have thoroughly enjoyed the Choral Society and deeply appreciated their own Dr. Fleming. Following the service, the Choral Society and several of the friends of Shaw were served a very delicious meal, prepared and served by the Missionary Department and the Hospitality Committee of Morning Star.

Due to the cooperation of the pastors, Mission Circles, Laymen Leagues of area churches, and to friends, a total of \$3,187.75 was turned over to Shaw.

Cooperating churches included: Mt. Carmel, Taylorsville, the Rev. James Turner, pastor; First Baptist,

Harmony, the Rev. D. Poole, pastor; St. James First, Troutman, the Rev. Leroy Wilson, pastor;

Third Creek, Stony Point, the Rev. J. H. Thomas, pastor; New Prospect, Long Island, the Rev. C. E. Rowe, pastor; Mt. Zion, Drexel, the Rev. Ervin Millsaps, pastor; Mt. Olive, Newton, the Rev. B.F. Corpensing, pastor; Friendship, Hickory, the Rev. D. U. Cooper, pastor; Davidsonville, Statesville, the Rev. C. P. McClelland, pastor; Chestnut Grove, Marion, the Rev. Luther Gamble, pastor; Jones Chapel, Mooresville, the Rev. M. E. Walker, pastor; Mt. Pilgrim, Lenoir, the Rev. Kay Gamble, pastor; Community, Maiden, the Rev. C. Vinson, pastor; Liberty Hill, Claremont, the Rev. E. B. Wilkerson, pastor; Pleasant Grove, Catawba, the Rev. Glenn Jones, pastor; and Morning Star.

There are 33 churches in the association and these supported this special effort.

"Creative Imagination" Urged

Robinson also urged the group to use the more than \$100 million in wealth which blacks have to begin attacking their problems.

CBS-TV Chooses D.C.'s Shiloh Bapt. For Easter

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Shiloh Baptist Church of Washington, D.C., has been selected by the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) for a live national telecast of the church's Easter Sunday morning service, on April 19, 1981.

In keeping with its tradition of televising live an Easter Sunday church service from somewhere in the United States, a CBS spokesman said that Shiloh Baptist Church has been recommended because of its long history of community involvement and unique urban ministry.

Shiloh is one of the oldest and largest black Baptist churches in the nation's capital. Founded in 1863, the church has a membership of more than 5,000. The senior minister is the Rev. Henry C. Gregory, III.

In response to the invitation from CBS, Rev. Gregory stated, "We at Shiloh are pleased and honored indeed, that officials of CBS have decided to televise to the nation our Easter morning worship. Our church ministry stands strong in the rich tradition of Christian service. We are challenged by the opportunity to have the message of this ministry extended and shared by this powerful medium."

JEWISH DIASPORA

Despite 2,500 years of persecution and dispersion, Jews have remained as one people, bound together by faith, culture, family and community. A CBS news religious special, "The Timeless Family," will be rebroadcast Sunday, April 12, at 10:30 a.m. on CBS.

Atlanta Easter Prayer Requested

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)—Expressing grief over the senseless murders of 21 black children, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board called on Baptists throughout the nation to observe Sunday, April 19, as a day of prayer for Atlanta's black children.

During their spring meeting in Atlanta, the board of directors for the national mission agency urged President Ronald Reagan to proclaim April 19 as a national day of prayer "for an end to this senseless killing and for a break in the investigation of the murders."

April 19 is both Easter Sunday for Christians and Passover Sunday for Jews.

SCRIPTURE

... no prophesy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophesy came not in old time by the will of man: but of holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. —11 Peter 1:20-21

"Quest For Liberation In Unjust World"

TOWARD SOME SOLUTIONS

(1) One-dimensional religion is the answer to some Christians. Personal salvation is the solution to everything. Soul salvation is the answer. This is undergirded by a sentimental Jesusology and biblical inerrancy. There is nothing wrong with spiritual formation, the deepening of inner life or a radical personal conversion. This answer is inadequate because the conception of both sin and salvation is limited. The trouble with the simple Gospel is that it is unaware or ill-equipped to deal with the difficult questions human beings face in this world.

It is rather easy for this type of gospel to become demonic when it is preached to people who are undergoing gross suffering, deprivation and injustices. If one is privileged this Gospel can also serve diabolical ends. When the Christian God is understood as the author of success and pride of race, religion becomes destructive both to its advocates and its victims.

Religion can be one-dimensional in this world. In this form it is difficult to distinguish it from secular humanism. In this instance there is a loss of transcendence—the skies are empty. Humans consider themselves self-sufficient. In this case one seeks to bring in an ideal order without dealing with human sinfulness (both personal and corporate) and one cuts off the relationship with God. Where there is no sin there is no need for the forgiving grace and power of God.

In some sense the tragedy of Jonestown with the appeal to "have-nots" and the victims of racial injustices illustrates what happens when human beings put their ultimate trust in some earthly messiah, i.e., "my mother died at Jonestown"—she described how her mother was transformed from a saintly person to an obscene person.

THE CHURCH GROWTH THESIS

This approach builds upon the American success story. In the name of Christian love, its advocates believe that the most loving thing to do is to establish homogeneous unit churches, where each race, class, ethnic group will worship/fellowship among their own kind of people.

This would abolish efforts to create inter-racial congregations. We will not attempt to bring Spanish speaking

people into our fellowship. The easiest, most natural manner of dealing with our human relations problems become the most Christian. We ignore social justice issues and the need for unity-in-diversity in the body of Christ.

THE MORAL MAJORITY

It is interesting that the "silent majority" has become the "moral majority" in such a short period of time. A few years ago, black churchpersons were assailed because they dared to advocate the moral and social implications of the Gospel. Now we are told that the Gospel is literally manifested in the American traditional way of life. Free enterprise, competition in business, democracy, the work ethic, etc. are taken directly from inerrant scripture. There is, however, a remarkable silence regarding racism, greed and all social, economic and political injustices. I am suspicious when persons who have denied the ethical implications of the Gospel, all of a sudden become instant experts. The silences and one-sidedness of their interpretations are apparent. The exposure of this Gospel through Mass Media should give all of us a real concern. How shall we counter this multi-million dollar brainwashing of the very people who need to know the Gospel as liberation? These answers are too simple because they have not dealt seriously with the questions.

SOLUTIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT

We live in a global village. Technology and economic factors have made so. Interdependence has made us one in destiny. Racism at home and militarism abroad will not save America.

There is a relationship between exports and imports abroad and our national economy. The connection between imports of cars from Japan and the near collapse of the Chrysler Corporation should be apparent. We need to compare an almost zero unemployment rate in some countries with unemployment in Detroit. This is very destructive of the black and poor people who are the last hired and first fired.

There is a relationship between the amorality of transnational corporations

as they control the economy of poor nations and many problems here at home. These financial giants defy the sanctions of governments against them—even our own president and the congress. Their lobbyists are so powerful that they are able to have their way regardless of the concerns of politicians and preachers alike, i.e., guns and ammunition is a multi-billion dollar business operation world-wide. Some reporters of the Washington Post exposed the relation between the availability of hand guns and homicide in D. C. They did not really get to the source of the problem.

Imperialism has replaced colonialism in the Third World. Neocolonialism is present in psychological and economic forms. Many peoples in our world still have an inferiority complex vis a vis white western peoples. The inferiority-superiority complex of colonialism is aggravated by the persistent power of racism at home and abroad. Many Christian denominations are still building their missionary movements upon the sinking sands of racism and colonialism. With the rising tide of liberation consciousness, time is running out. But many minds still need to be decolonized.

Again, we are deeply involved in the economic exploitation of traditional peoples in the Third World. We have enlisted our economic resources in support of the rich and powerful few against the weak and suffering masses. South Africa is a real test for capitalism and democracy. These racism and colonialism are still alive and well. Our banks, businesses and even our churches are under the judgment of God in South Africa.

NATIONAL PRIDE

Reinhold Niebuhr, a prophet-theologian, wrote of America's "Three Prides": the pride of race, the pride of wealth, and the pride of power. Unless we are able to do away with these prides, they will become the Trojan horses within our gates—and we will self-destruct.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Under the Carter administration there was much talk about human

rights. There is some real question about the practice of human rights—especially at home. A case in point: Why did not Jimmy Carter use the moral influence of his office to resolve the unjust decision against the Wilmington 10? Was he a victim of the common fallacy of trying to do abroad what needs to be done first at home?

There is a strange phenomenon among Christians. I have found that some Christian bodies are very much concerned about world hunger, but they show little if any concern about hunger on their doorstep. Recent efforts at a planning session on global solidarity in theological education. It was reported that a certain seminary had built its program of study around world hunger. They felt they had solved the problem of international theological education. Having spent several months at this seminary, I had to report that they made a false claim—they were doing little about addressing human relations problems on their campus, in the city where they are located or in their state. How, I asked, could they become a model for an international program of theological education?

Our approach to human rights must be broader than the Christian Covenant. It must be inter-faith, inter-religious, inter-ethnic and inter-cultural. It must be based upon mutual respect for the equal dignity of people. Something like the cosmopolitanism of the Stoics which influenced the development of the natural law tradition must reign. Our dignity must now be inherent in our humanity. This affirmation could be undergirded by the ethics from the great religions, but not dependent upon them for its validity.

IMPLICATIONS FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND MINISTRY

A theological education program and a ministry based, as many are, upon the psychological model, is not adequate for our task. As priests, we must console the disturbed. As prophets, we must disturb the consoled. Human liberation from personal and social evils must become our motif for doing theology. The driving force of our ministry must center around making life more human. Our personal quest as ministers and laypersons in the Christian movement must be to find out where God is at work in the world and join Him.

I write to make a suggestion which I think would bring about the speedy accreditation of Shaw University Divinity School. Second, my plan would allow for growth and the overall development of the "Shaw University System" which I hope we will be able to restore Shaw to its historical place of respect, dignity, financial stability and noble credibility as it used to be in "Glorious Days of Shaw University."

The following is a quotation from the Shaw University catalog which gives evidence of the greatness that once was Shaw's. It represented the "Centrality of the Black University" just after the Civil War. (See "Shaw's Universe," by Wilmoth Carter, 1973).

In 1871, the name of the school was changed to Shaw Collegiate Institute, a name it retained until 1875 when it was chartered by the North

Carolina Legislature as "The Shaw University."

"Shaw University had developed into a full-orbed university by the end of the nineteenth century and was comprised of Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy and Law, and a College of Liberal Arts with a Theological Department."

Shaw produced eight major lawyers and was the cornerstone upon which the legal profession for black people rested. The black lawyers protected the black population from oppression. Shaw produced the black leaders for this state and the nation.

Will Shaw University achieve the greatness that she deserves? More importantly, that black people now need that it not been for Shaw University, where would black people be in North Carolina today?

I propose that Shaw

McKissick Offer

LETTER

University establish a second campus at Soul City. The Divinity School, which is a separate entity, could be established in the SoulTech I Building, virtually overnight. The library facilities are already intact. This site is suitable for a law school which could be established, while at the same time other facilities of the SoulTech I Building could be used for manufacturing purposes, thereby creating an income from rent.

This building could be acquired with a minimum down payment if it is to be used for non-profit purposes.

Certain members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina invited me to attend the meeting held in Clinton May 29, 1980, in order that I might present my concept to them. If one Baptist church in one city can build a one-million dollar church, the question logically arises, why doesn't the entire Baptist Convention raise four million dollars and buy all of Soul City of \$1.5 million and buy the SoulTech facility? Unfortunately, this idea never left the committee room.

God has blessed me. The SoulTech Corporation never thought that it would end up owning this building. A million dollar church investment employs no more than five people regularly. Should we be able to raise three or four million dollars and employ a thousand and two thousand people, that, too, will be

serving God. Our people need jobs. The real question is, do we have the vision and commitment?

"Where there is no vision, the people perish, but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."

Proverbs 29:18

The SoulTech Corporation has authorized me to make this final offer and to sit down and negotiate with Shaw University Divinity School and/or the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina regarding the purchase of the SoulTech I Building. It would appear that all of the aforementioned have sufficient management intelligence, commitment and organizational skills to hold or lease land and buildings which will never, never be available to black people. At least, this is my belief. Is it not your truth?

Yours truly,
Floyd B. McKissick, Sr.

Hidden Ills Rooted In Modern Lifestyles

Millions of people receive a clean bill of health each year, yet do not feel quite right. Nagging maladies—indigestion, excess weight, chronic fatigue, anxiety, or even frustrating lack of energy—keep us from living life to the fullest.

There are remedies, says David L. Messenger, M.D., speaking from more than 25 years of experience in the fields of preventive medicine and nutrition. In his new book, "Dr. Messenger's Guide to Better Health," (Revell, \$9.95, pub. date Feb. 16), written with John C. Souter, he applies the unique insights of "Holistic Medicine," the leading of all human hurts, to correct and prevent the sources of

discomfort in the patient's life. Among the precepts set forth in this definitive new book are:

• Sugar and refined carbohydrates trigger depression in many people.

• Past emotional hurts often resurface as physical disorders, such as arthritis.

• Many people suffer from headaches caused by common food additives.

Dr. Messenger serves as physician to notable Christians. A sign on his office wall bears this message: "God heals, the doctor collects the fee." He admits to a deep sense of Christian wonder, joy, and gratitude that he is able to be a part in helping patients have better health.

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GBSC Health & Human Services Begin Outreach

BY BARBARA T. BAYLOR
Assistant to the
Project Director

The Health and Human Services Project of the General Baptist State Convention is now holding the first of a 10-week health training series for community and church leaders.

Training sessions began on Tuesday, March 3, at the New Light Baptist Church in Oxford with physician assistants Carl Toney and Dan Domizio from Duke University conducting

the training and at Coley Springs Baptist Church in Warrenton with the Warrenton Health Department conducting the training. On Thursday, March 5, training sessions began at Enon Baptist Church in Littleton with Ann Copley, R. N., with the Warrenton Health Department conducting the training and at South Main Street Baptist Church in Louisville with Dr. Charles Cook, chief of health assurance section of North Carolina State Government conducting the

training. Training sessions are being held successively for 10 weeks at the sites mentioned above.

Trainees are being taught basic preventive skills in hypertension, diabetes and maternal and child health.

Pictured are trainees from the Coley Springs Baptist Church learning how to read their blood pressure and how to use a blood pressure kit as demonstrated by a resource person from the Warrenton Health Department.

Williams Concert

The Estey Hall Foundation, Inc. of Shaw University and the Inter-Community Fine Arts Programs of N. C., Inc., proudly present in concert, Willie Jordan-Williams, lyric soprano, with Ruth F. Hafley, accompanist, May 8 at 8:30 p.m. in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

We are indeed happy to sponsor such an outstanding artist who recently returned from a special study and performing tour with the American Institute of Musical Studies, Graz, Austria, June 29-August 21, 1980. Moreover, Ms. Jordan-Williams was "heartily acclaimed" by Austrian music critics for her splendid renditions from Act I and II of the opera "Tosca" by Puccini. She has also been acclaimed by patrons of the arts in Charlotte, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, and Salisbury in a recent concert.

It is believed that this concert will be the most significant accomplishment of this type in the state of North Carolina in modern times. Your and your organization or church are invited to join our forces in the achievement of this cultural event.

KINGDOM OF GOD

His kingdom is coming: O, tell
Me the story!
God's banner exalted shall
Be;

The earth shall be filled with
His wonder and glory.
As waters that cover the sea.

—Anonymous

Easter/Passover

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A' His request (Luke 22:7-20), His followers for 60 generations have memorialized that Last Supper. The commemorative unleavened bread and wine symbolize for observant Christians His voluntary, redemptive death.

In Jerusalem on historic Mount Zion just outside the walls of the Old City, there is a site revered by both Jews and Christians. On the ground level is the place designated as the Tomb of David, a place of pilgrimage for Jews. Upstairs there is an Upper Room which enshrines the memory of the Last Supper of Jesus with the 12 original disciples.

Palm Sunday brings a joyous procession of pilgrims bearing palm fronds and singing in dozens of languages. They march from the Mount of Olives through St. Stephen's Gate into the Old City.

On Holy Thursday, the Eastern rite church leaders wash the feet of their faithful in an act of humility in the Churches of the Holy Sepulchre, St. Mark and St. James.

On Good Friday, the mood of contemplative sorrow deepens. Pilgrims, often led by bearers of evocative wooden crosses, retrace Jesus' final footsteps to Calvary, the place of Roman executions.

When darkness falls, the Greek Church re-enacts the funeral of Jesus with a procession into the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, accepted by some groups as the place of Jesus' tomb.

On Great Saturday, the Eastern Churches—Greek Orthodox, Armenian, Syrian and Coptic—conduct exuberant ceremonies of the Holy Fire. A representative enters the tomb, now declared empty, and emerges with two flaming torches. Worshipers reach forward to kindle their own tapers and pass the fire to others, hand to hand. The throng then moves out to various quarters of the Old City for numerous services of worship through the night.

A' dawn on Sunday, Protestants begin special celebrations of Jesus' resurrection. Some are held at the Garden Tomb, accepted by many as certainly the kind of borrowed tomb in which Jesus was laid.

Pastor Robert Lindsey and the congregation of the West Jerusalem Baptist Church, who, like most congregations of all kinds in Israel meet normally for worship on Saturday, have special Easter worship on "the first day of the week," the Lord's Day.

As sunrise moves westward across the Mediterranean and around the world, the chorus of prayer and song which begins in Jerusalem sweeps onward and upward, proclaiming Good News for all mankind.

This year, with the unusual coincidence of Passover and Easter both on Sunday, April 19, all who share in the Judeo-Christian tradition have a unique opportunity to think deeply and consider carefully what God has done and is doing for the redemption of the human race.

Youth Counseling

BY JEWEL EDWARDS DUNN

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In May of 1979, I completed the requirements for a master's degree in career counseling and placement at North Carolina Central University. The title of my project paper was "A Developmental Counseling Program of Youth Between the Ages of 9-21 in a Small Rural Black Baptist Church in Wake County." In preparation for this study, it has been noted that there have not been many counseling programs set up by lay people in the church setting. It was believed that there was a need for one and it could be done in a small rural black Baptist church which would provide a basis for the widespread establishing of such. It was therefore decided that I should share my findings and recommendations made with the Baptists of North Carolina in hopes that it can aid someone in working with their youth.

The black church finds itself involved in every aspect of black human life, and is the backbone of the community. Unlike other institutions, it is looked upon as the trainer, the teacher, the maternal and paternal influence, and any other authoritative, yet loving figure. Today, young people look to it for guidance, support and praise. They need to hear it say to them, "you have done well. I am proud of you." The one thing they do not need is a critical rebuke, even when they have erred according to the thinking of the adults. The church needs an understanding person with whom they can relate, and in whom they can confide. The question that plagues one, however, is how to get the church to realize that these young people are in need of this kind of support. The church, in general, is there with its arms outstretched, but often there are those who are reluctant to touch them.

In dealing with youth and their needs, there are four developmental areas: (1) Physical, (2) Emotional, (3) Social, and (4) Intellectual development.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT
Physical development refers to appearance. In the younger youth, puberty and changes made by the physical

body are dealt with. In the older youth, how well he/she looks after development and during the latter stage of development are dealt with. Acceptance of basic body characteristics, including both positive and negative features, is necessary for a healthy self-concept.

EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Emotional development is characterized by strong instinctive forces which may result in aggressive behavior. Younger youth probably experience fear, guilt, pain and love, but as they grow older, they may be more objective about feelings and possibly more reasonable in feeling them as well as handling them. Moods change emotionally, but the act of maturing makes them able to handle these changes and deal with them on a higher level of maturity. Nevertheless, their peers are the ones to whom they turn first, because they share the same cause, concern and love.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
In the third area, social development, youth are beginning to learn that there is an opposite sex and the importance and reason for this relationship. The younger youth begin the playful contact with the opposite sex where the game of tag exists. The older youth learn the intimacy of such a relationship and find it a basic human desire. American literature and communication have shown that the instant love youth experience proves to be the most disappointing lesson in life.

INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT
Fourthly, intellectual development exists. It is at this point that youth will consider alternative solutions to problems before taking action. The younger youth question ideas and values transmitted to them by parents and society. Older youth gradually develop concepts, and ideas become solidified. These are weighed, measured and challenged in the youth's mind and thus accepted or rejected. Both younger and older youth learn that the biggest portion of growing up is choice of occupations.

STRESS And Ministry

BY REV. RUDOLPH TRIPP, MA, BS, BGS
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Gen. 4:9—"And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?"

As Christians, being called by God, even though we may or may not have slain our brothers, would answer the question: Am I my brother's keeper? Yes, for we recognize that we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers. This is for the best part why we have answered the call to the Christian Ministry. But what is the price one must pay for being his brother's keeper?

The price is STRESS.
Like man himself, good and bad, stress is positive and negative. Like "evil," it is forever present. It is waiting to attack you, longing to destroy you. But you can conquer it! It is with these ideals that I write this paper.

The ancient Greek and Far Eastern philosophies did not separate mind from body, did not even recognize differences between physical matters and spirit, or for that matter, any difference between the inanimate and the animate. Gradually, there was a change from the mind-body unit philosophy (holism or monism) to separation of mind and body (dualism).

WHAT IS STRESS?

A term used mostly in physics to mean strain, pressure, or force on a system. When used in relation to body cells, it describes the effect of the body reacting, that is, the buildup of pressures, the strain of muscles tensing. It is multi-dimensional, an arousal of psychophysiological (mind-body) systems which, if prolonged, can fatigue or damage the system to the point of malfunction or disease.

DISTRESS

A concept popularized by Han Selye to differentiate the stress which is inherent in all reactions, positive and negative, from the usually more debilitating effects of negative events.

Mankind, created a little lower than the angels, distinct and unique, he is special before God because of his special place in the created plan of God. This special place is that of the trusted caretaker of God's world. He has been given dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth (see Gen. 1:28). We can feel, we can think but—much more—we can know, and beyond knowledge, we have the potential for true enlightenment. When did we lose the freedom of spirit to run, leap or play? It has been so since we lived in harmony with nature. Instead we battle to conquer nature.

One does not have to "go back to nature" to be more natural. All one must do is stop gratifying the mind at the expense of the body. We have turned our ear to the message of the mind: now we must do the same and listen to the message of the body. Of course, it is difficult to hear over the din of the engine; and even in quiet, it is impossible to hear over the constant chatter of the mind.

DISTRESS AND TRANQUILITY ARE OPPOSITES

When distressed, the mind is bombarded with stimulation of thoughts, plans, schemes, worries, constant preoccupation of an event or mental preparation for it. Tranquility is quiet, it is peace, it is somewhat of a void which can be filled with a sense of feeling the self. You cannot act or create if you are reacting. You cannot "feel" your body when your mind is feeling the pain of stress. Your spirit cannot be free as long as it is burdened with worry.

The Christian helper often worries over the many problems of his brothers and sisters. He/she often desires, as Jesus, to "Save the whole world," thus, sympathizing with a broken brother or sister. He/she in a way offers comfort (a strong arm) to the weak and broken spirited. With increased problems and broken spirits, there has never been a greater need for the Christian helper to understand how to cope with paying the price for being his/her brother and sister's keeper.

Though it is true that science presents no weighty evidence for life eternal, it is only fair to point out also that science has found no cogent reason for supposing that what is of importance in a man can be

buried in a grave. The truth is that science cannot supply a definite answer to this question. Immortality relates to an aspect of life which is not

Categories of stress:

Stress can be put into two categories.

a) Those which are under the control of the individual and that which can be modified or alleviated.

b) Those which are an inherent part of the Christian Ministry (the burdens we must bear).

a. In this category are such stressors as procrastination, the jack of all trades (over-extending the self), poor time management, ineffective communication.

b. Those which are an inherent part of the Christian Ministry (the burdens we must bear). These are the stresses we bear because we care, we are concerned for others. The sympathy for a broken spirit. A heavy heart, the poor and needy, the concern for man's inhumanity to man. As strange as it may seem if you don't care you'll never have to worry about this category of stress. It seems unfair but we don't claim that being a Christian minister is easy.

SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEALING WITH STRESS

• Learn the skill of empathy over sympathy. It is the ability to view the same problem of another person as if you were he/she. And at the same time remain objective, recognizing that the problem is still the other person's. Objectivity will help you find possible solutions and furthermore to see as much of the whole problem as possible.

• Learn to manage your time. It is the one thing we cannot control. It continues to move in spite of all else. However, this does not mean that it cannot be managed. It seems to me that since it cannot be controlled and each of us have only a limited, unknown amount of it, that it would serve us to manage it well. Compartmentalizing your time can be done by setting a period of time for visiting, a time for helping around the house, a time for sports and other hobbies, etc.

• Analyze communications breakdowns. This can be accomplished by positioning yourself to see the whole problem when helping others. Recognize all we all have prejudices and when we display them we can expect others to do the same. I remember a story in "The Prejudice Film" narrated by David Hartman that serves well here. The story is about two blind men who were sent to examine an elephant and report back their findings. They both reported a different impression of what the elephant was and could be used for, based on their limited contact. One examined the leg and declared the elephant to be a tree, the other examined the side and declared the elephant to be a wall. They were both blind to the existence of the whole. And so it is with almost all problems in life. Only the Master knows the whole of anything, for we too can be blind by allowing ourselves only to examine the tail.

• Don't let your values and judgements get the best of you. Certainly all ministers value their own opinions and place values of Christian ethics on almost all problems and situations. However, it is helpful for him/her to make sure that these values do not prevent him/her from listening to the values of others. Considering this will help the Christian helper to not make snap judgments. After all, none of us has been socialized or developed in exactly the same way.

In conclusion, to be human is to experience stress. Stress can be positive or it can be negative, the trick is to know how to make the positive stress work for you and how to cope with the negative stress.

Positive stress can result in personal growth and development, while negative stress if dealt with can be a factor in a number of physical and emotional problems, alcoholism, heart attack, family problems, strokes, work efficiency, etc.

Remember, God has given us dominion over all living things—and through Jesus we have Victory!

physical, that is, which cannot be detected and measured by an instrument, and to which the application of the laws of science can at best be only a well-constructed guess.

—Arthur H. Compton

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Can We Save Us From Us?

BY NORMAN CAMP, III

RALEIGH—Thank you for inviting me to share some thoughts with you about my involvement in the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, the Raleigh community and perhaps some other items that may be pertinent at this moment in history.

Let me first address the Department of Human Resources, where I serve as a special assistant in the office of the secretary. My duties include representing the secretary and deputy secretary on committees, task forces, councils, or any similar body as directed, serve as the minority affairs person for the department in recruitment of personnel, employment counseling or trouble shooting. Other duties center around a number of special projects assigned by either the secretary or the deputy secretary.

The mission of the Department of Human Resources is to provide strong leadership over the development of a system of services which meet the social, economic and health needs of all the citizens of North Carolina. The objectives of the department center upon the development of a system of services directed at meeting the special needs of children, older adults and victims of alcohol and drug abuse through prevention and early intervention. The system consists of 317 programs employing approximately

20,000 persons. With this background information out of the way, I would like to call your attention to a couple of other topics.

The number one item on everybody's mind today is the Reagan years and what their impact will be on the quality of life for the already disadvantaged, as well as for the rest of us. It appears that poor people and black people will suffer the most during these years. All of us will feel adversely the result of the budget cuts that the Reagan administration is pressing for.

The deputy secretary of the Department of Human Resources, Tom Gilmore, and I have made outreach trips to several counties to test the perceptions of minority groups concerning the federal budget cuts. I can tell you that each person in each of the groups of citizens we interviewed felt that the dwindling public assistance programs such as cuts in CETA, food stamps, and Medicaid would do irreparable damage to the progress that they had made since the sixties. They were concerned that aid to education would be reduced drastically and that affirmative action programs would be wiped out.

If the Reagan ax is allowed to fall as he and Stockman propose, the fears of these citizens and other North Carolinians would be confirmed in terms of:

1. \$43.3 million in cuts in social and

health services including Title XX, vocational rehabilitation, maternal and child health, crippled children and low income energy assistance. The cuts here would eliminate 350+ positions in the state.

2. \$41.34 million in cuts from Medicaid requiring a total reduction of \$61 million when state and local matching funds are included.

3. \$36.4 million in cuts from CETA including the Youth Conservation Corps and the Young Adult Conservation Corps. These reductions would eliminate 53 state positions and phase out all public service employment enrollees by September, 1981.

4. Benefit changes in food stamps that would affect 600,000 recipients in the state. North Carolinians receive \$20 million per month from this program which eventually goes into our state's economy through the purchase of food.

5. \$1.6 billion reduction in child nutrition programs affecting millions of school age children—the needy and the non-needy.

These are but a few of the proposed budget cuts that will make life extremely difficult for millions of Americans and hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians.

The budget cuts proposed by the

Reagan administration and the Reagan years, in general, may present to the church and its leadership the greatest challenge since the 1960s and the civil rights struggle. To do God's work in the 1980's, we may have to go back and get the attitude of the 1960s—that only we can help ourselves.

Given today's conservative mood of the country and state, we can no longer demand that government do everything for us. This time the strategy must be ours—a strategy built on people helping people. The leadership is here in this room. The burden of helping thousands of citizens in Wake County is on the shoulders of our churches and other community groups. Networks of support throughout our community—within, among and between groups including churches, fraternal organizations, and civic groups may provide the broad-based support necessary for survival during the 4-8 years ahead. This and other strategies for survival may become the topic of discussion for your future meetings. Our people need your thoughts and action to help them keep their heads above water. I hope I have whetted your appetite for action, for we must start right now to plan our strategies to preserve the quality of life that we have achieved. As the Rev. Jesse Jackson reminds us in most of his speeches, "Nobody can save us from us but us."

"Part Of Our Community Is Physically Hurting"—

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Although local and state government officials are examining Birmingham's transit problem and the federal government has provided some funds to help decrease debts, the official shutdown could last until October, when a new fiscal year begins and operating funds are available.

But as long as the siege and EVTS funds hold up, the church buses and vans will continue to roll, and Washington hopes that will signal a message to Birmingham.

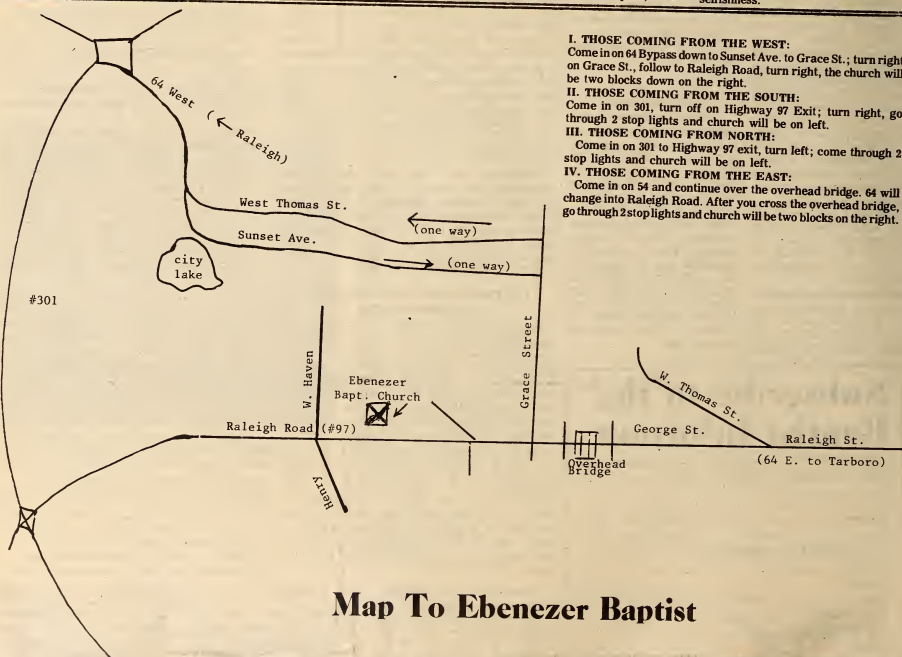
"Part of our community is physically hurting in a time when the world is a

little unsure about who and what the church is," he explained. "Christians have the opportunity to truly actualize the love of Christ, which is one of the purposes of the church."

Yet with that thought preeminent, Washington will continue to "agonize" when he gets calls from the poor, sick

and elderly in neighborhoods where EVTS buses do not travel.

"Even emotions of hurt and anger arise when I see empty church buses sitting on parking lots," he admitted. "I personally see the problems we're having here... as a problem of human selfishness."



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jobs

Facing The Future

(The following article was compiled from information provided by Dr. John R. Manley, president of the General Baptist State Convention, and other sources.)

Thinking about a career? Looking for a good job?

There are some things you should know before making such an important decision. Part of the plight of the black unemployed is attributed to the lack of skills that are in demand and to a lack of education. Generally, blacks are more than twice as likely to be unemployed as whites are today.

The possibilities of recessions and economic slowdowns always loom on the horizon. Times are bound to be tough. And even tougher for those who aren't prepared for the work force. In 1980 the official jobless rate for black teenagers was 36 percent, while the official number of unemployed black teens was about 364,000.

The National Urban League's Hidden Unemployed Index, however, placed the actual number of unemployed black teens at about 800,000.

Therefore, blacks will have to pay closer attention to industrial and regional as well as occupational projections in coming years because of the importance of their career and business decisions. For example, the teacher on the college and secondary school levels should realize that these jobs are included among the declining occupations.

What are the jobs offering the greatest employment opportunities in North Carolina at the time?

A March 1981 special report by Job Service, a bureau of North Carolina Employment Security Research of the Employment Security Commission, identifies the following as the most difficult-to-fill positions in the state:

OCCUPATION	OPENINGS
Registered Nurse	1,022
Electronics Technician	824
Maintenance Mechanic	599
Machinist	529
Assembler, Mechanical & Electrical	405
Electrician	285
Sewing-Machine Operator	265
Licensed Practical Nurse	240
Refrigeration, Heating and Air Conditioning	232
Mechanic and Repairer	226
Carpenter	226

The Job Service report also lists opportunities and their state-wide job outlook in more than 100 other occupations. (Anyone interested in obtaining a copy may write the Editor, Baptist Headquarters, 603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, 27601; Send \$1 for postage, copying and handling.)

*See Page 2



Paul McLean, executive director of the Raleigh-Wake O.L.C. office recently visited with Mrs. Francis Straughn in Washington, special assistant to N.C. Congressman Ike Andrews, in seeking job opportunities for the unemployed and underemployed in the Raleigh area. Organizations like O.L.C. place emphasis on self-help and job training.



Black and white Baptists join to worship and prepare for the 1982 Evangelistic Crusade to be sponsored by the General Baptist State and the Baptist State Conventions of North Carolina.

Unity Sought For 82 Joint Crusade

Teams representing the General Baptist State Convention and the Baptist State Convention have completed approximately 70 meetings to explain the 1982 Joint Evangelistic Crusade. They began in January and concluded in May.

The interpretation meetings were planned by a joint committee consisting of Dr. Charles W. Ward and Dr. Mark Curtis serving as co-chairmen. A variety of Baptists met in large numbers with an enthusiastic spirit to prepare for the 1982 year-long emphasis on evangelism.

Typical of the successes was the meeting held on April 7 at the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church in Durham. Leaders attended from the New Home and Durham, Yates and East Cedar Grove Associations.

Four people from each of the 140 associations of the two conventions have been invited to special training sessions in order to carry out a variety of activities. The success of the crusade is in the hands of these 560 people who will seek to organize local churches and associations for action.

The success of this well-planned project rests with the Baptist pastors and lay leaders throughout the state. The joint committee has provided every church with literature to guide them in their participation. With a cooperative effort, this could be a very significant experience in the life of North Carolina Baptists.

PREACHER BURNOUT

BY CHARLES WILLIS

STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. (BP)—Ministers who experience career burnout are idealistic, high achievers who literally destroy themselves in caring for others, a Southern Baptist career guidance consultant says.

Fred McGehee of the Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department told participants in a recent music/youth minister seminary that burnout is not the result of workaholicism.

"Burnout is a state of fatigue and frustration brought about when devotion to a cause, way or life or relationship fails to produce the expected reward," he said. "It is a condition whereby a person is no longer useful for his intended purpose."

McGehee noted burnout comes very slowly and gradually to persons who devote themselves in sacrificial ways to helping others.

"When one exposes himself

to the care of others, one day he may wake up to find he is not what he was when he started," he said. "Somehow a kind of callousness has developed toward his feelings and intellect."

Burnout cannot develop without dedication to high ideals, McGehee said. It has its roots in unrealistic enthusiasm and commitment to work. In the case of ministers, it comes from being "out to save the world."

"Ministers who experience burnout have a high degree of need for people, a high level of determination and a keen sense of mission," he said. "They are idealists who cannot compromise or admit defeat. As persons who are extremely vulnerable to excessive demands, they have difficulty saying 'no' to any person who is hurting."

Ironically, all these characteristics are taught as what makes the perfect pastor, he observed. Such a ministry

begins because of a very healthy need to help others, but eventually the minister begins to feel like a martyr.

While the process of burnout includes enthusiasm, followed by frustration and stagnation, McGehee said, there comes a point of intervention.

"Within one's self the decision is reached to take specific steps to return to a healthy state," he said. "The pastor pulls back from being a helper of others and begins to help himself. There is a return of perspective to relationship with self and others."

"Meeting people's needs can become a form of idolatry," he told conferees. "The most important thing is not people's needs and our ability to meet them, but our relationship to God and our cooperation with Him in meeting people's needs."

After a period of intervention, he said, the minister can re-enter the arena of caring



L. H. Dr. J. R. Manley, Mr. Talmadge Lassiter, Rev. Richard Everett, Dr. W. T. Bigelow, Dr. Wade Armstrong, and Mr. Rodney Enoch.

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While the eighties are predicted to be less than opportune times for economic development, there are certain areas that will be in demand job-wise. Dental hygienists, teachers aide, technicians, computer analysts, garbage collectors, health administrators, medical and health workers, and clerical workers are projected to be among the 15 fastest-growing occupations until 1985 according to Black Enterprise Magazine. Physicians, mathematicians, school administrators, lawyers, veterinarians, economists, dentists, geologists, physicists, engineers, pilots and sales managers will be among the fastest growing high-paying occupations through the same period.

On the other hand nationally, keypunch operators, railroad workers, cab drivers and mail supervisors are facing declining demands.

Other jobs listed by Job Service as fast growing opportunities nationally up until 1990, include bank clerks, officers and financial managers; business machine repairers; city managers; computer service technicians; construction inspectors; dining room attendants and dishwashers; flight attendants; guards; health service administrators; homemakers and home health aides; landscape architects and many more.

Therefore one may make the following conclusions about the employment picture according to a recent Black Enterprise article: (1) there maybe declining opportunities for the black professional; (2) there are needs for better counseling services for youths; (3) there may be a necessity for geographical relocation as a standard option in making career decisions, especially from northern to Sun Belt areas.

CHURCH INVOLVEMENT

Black Theologian J. Deotis Roberts in his book, *Liberation and Reconciliation: A Black Theology*, says that while the militant blacks pronounced the death of the black church, the black church gained ground among the masses during the 60s and 70s, especially where the leader was able to meet spiritual and material needs of the masses at the same time and show the relationship between the two.

Theologically speaking, therefore, the black pastor should know the God of Amos. Amos is a grass roots prophet; one who walks among the common folk. And the black pastor should be able to recite the words of Amos: "...let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (5:12, 24).

The black pastor must be familiar also with the God of Hosea, loving and merciful. And the black pastor must primarily remember Jesus. For Jesus is the message. For the social gospel of the contemporary Christ is based upon the "humanity of God" as manifest through Jesus.

And to author Charles V. Hamilton any black church fails if it does not clearly identify God's work in the world so that all may see and understand.

Lott Carey Preparing For Charlotte

During the latter days of August and the early months of September literally thousands of missionary-minded men, women and youth from sixteen states and the District of Columbia will trek to Charlotte for the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention.

These distinguished individuals will come at the gracious invitation of the historic Mt. Carmel Baptist Church and the various churches in the Queen City. The host pastor of Mt. Carmel, Dr. Leon C. Riddick, has extended himself in cooperation with the missionary-minded leaders of Charlotte and vicinity in making the 84th annual session of the Lott Carey Convention one of the most impressive sessions ever.

Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, executive secretary-treasurer of the convention, said that North Carolina Baptists have played an integral role in the growth and development of this "Convention of Distinction."

The majority of the officials of the Lott Carey Convention have come from the great state of North Carolina. Some of these pioneer missionary leaders have fallen asleep, but many of the current leadership have their roots in North Carolina.

The convention has been one of the major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and it is through the Lott Carey Convention that North Carolina Baptists forward their foreign mission gifts to the various missionary and educational needs in Guyana, India, Nigeria and Liberia.

During the annual session of the Lott Carey Convention in Charlotte, Aug. 31 through Sept. 4, many national and international leaders will present challenges relating to hunger, poverty and frustration of millions of the indigent people of various third-world populations.

Yes, Charlotte will be the center of attraction for thousands of dedicated men and women whose one great vision is to exalt the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and seek to persuade all men to accept Him as their Lord and Master.

FROM THE EXEC. SECRETARY

DR. C. C. CRAIG

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention:

Many thanks to God and many thanks to you for the excellent way that many of you are leading your churches to respond to the suggested quotas sent to you from the Baptist Headquarters. If all of our pastors would lead their churches to meet their quotas, we would have no problem in reaching our financial goal of \$1,302,214.19 on or before August 31, 1981.

Please take note of the fact that the fiscal year for Shaw University and the Divinity School closes on June 30. We strongly urge all of our churches to send all their money for Shaw University and the Divinity School for the fiscal year 1980-81 to our office before June 30, 1981.

Many churches and associations are sponsoring Shaw Days. If your church or association has not had a Shaw Day, we would like for you to have one. We need the strong support and cooperation of the moderators, pastors and people to help the Convention meet its commitment to Shaw University. Many thanks to all of you for what I know you will do in responding to Christian Higher Education.

We solicit your prayers, best wishes and support as we move forward in an effort to accomplish our goals and objectives. Our business as staff members at Baptist Headquarters is to work with moderators, and pastors, associations, conventions and unions, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, and State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, the State Laymen's League, and the State Ushers' Convention to develop and enhance Christian service.

CHURCH OFFICERS

Church organization is a way in which a church groups its members in an effort to carry out the goals and objectives of the church. The church, under the leadership of the pastor, has the responsibility of calling its members together and making a decision as to what the Lord wants the church to do and be.

The church is organized through auxiliaries and committees. The heads of all auxiliaries and committees are to work under the supervision of the pastor who is the shepherd of the flock. The pastoral office of the Baptist Church, according to T. E. Huntley, is the only divine appointment from God over his church. Every other office in the church is an office in the church and not of the church. Each office in the church is to have assigned responsibility to a given area, and not over the whole church. The deacons along with other offices, have assigned responsibility. It is not the duties of deacons to interfere with the work of auxiliaries and committees beyond the control of the heads of these auxiliaries and committees. The problems are to be brought to the attention of the pastor and the pastor deals with them according to his best judgment. It may be the judgment of the pastor to ask the deacons, who are his assistants, to assist him in finding a solution to the problem.

It is fitting for me to say at this point that the seven men appointed in the Book of Acts were not given the total responsibility of the general oversight of the church or fellowship, but rather a specific area of concern, which was the business of distributing food equally among the needy. Among other things, the deacons have the responsibility of being concerned with the table of the poor, the table of the Holy Communion and the table of the pastor. They are the assistants to the pastor in advancing the total work of the church for growth and development under the Lordship of Christ.

Deacons have no scripture foundation to have meetings in an effort to make final decisions or policies in determining the direction in which the church is to go. Deacons are servants, they are stewards, trusted with designated responsibilities given to them by the shepherd of the sheep in conjunction with the church.

In the book "Huntley's Manual for Every Baptist," Huntley states that when Christ left the church it had nothing but the preacher and the people; and the preacher was given the keys to the Kingdom, meaning the authority to appoint or call any lay person who had the spirit of Christ, to assist him with his administrative affairs, and the first lay assistants which the apostles called were the chosen seven, according to Acts 6:3. Therefore, the deacons in the Baptist church must not mistake this appointment by the apostles of old, and his appointment by the pastor with the approval of the church, as a divine ordination from God. Look ye up among yourselves—seven—whom we may appoint over this business. We mean the apostles and not the church. Acts 6:3, and for the selection of these seven men, the church did not sense the need for the service of these seven men a 1) requested their services from the apostles. The apostles felt a need for help and called the church together and asked the church to find seven good men to meet the need. The apostles' qualification to be appointed by the apostles over the business of distributing food equally among the people.

Officers of a Baptist church are servants of the people, elected by the people under the leadership of the pastor, to give leadership in designated areas.

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DR. CRAIG

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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Bazzel Creek, Fuquay, Burns Mortgage

BY D. S. HICKS

FUQUAY-VARINA—The Bazzel Creek Baptist Church, Route 1, Fuquay-Varina, was filled to capacity Sunday, March 15, for the burning of the church's mortgage.

It was a special day for members and friends. Approximately four years ago (April, 1977), renovation of the old structure began and was completed in October, 1977. During the building period, services were held at two area churches and the community center in Fuquay.

Rev. Norman T. Davis, pastor, who had been called to pastor the congregation on Feb. 6, 1977, preached an appropriate sermon for the service: "On What Did You Build God's House?" He admonished the congregation to remember that the work had just begun and that he would like to see every person take notice of

the church theme: "Unity—Involvement," and continue to get others into the fold.

The mortgage burning ceremony began at 3 p.m. The Rev. Thomas Walker of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Rocky Mount preached a dynamic sermon entitled "Live Up To Your Name." He was accompanied by a choir from Ebenezer. Those assisting in the mortgage burning included Rev. Davis, Deacons Burt, Norris, Hicks, Page and Jackson.

We feel especially blessed and we are grateful to God and everyone who has participated in this endeavor. We are also fortunate to have had the inspiring leadership of Rev. Davis, who had the foresight to let God use him in leading his congregation in the building of this \$87,000 edifice, with the majority of funds having been accumulated during the last three years.



Bazzel Creek Baptist Church



REV. N. T. DAVIS

CHURCH CIRCUIT

CONTEST

THE GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION
OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.
STATE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION CONGRESS
1981 JAMES F. WERTZ ORATORICAL CONTEST

SUBJECTS:

1. "Reach Out and Touch"
2. "Elements of Success"
3. "Effects of Worldly Pleasures"
4. "What Price Success"
5. "Today's Television—Friend or Foe"
6. "Grace of God—Our Salvation"
7. "Faith's Trials"
8. "The Path of Least Resistance"
9. "The Christian's Inventory"
10. "The Power of Christ's Cross"
11. "The Scope and Power of the Gospel"
12. "Atonement Through Christ"
13. "Knowledge's Responsibility"
14. "Fellowship With God"
15. "God's Love"

RULES:

1. The Senior Division Contest is open to high school seniors and college freshmen who are active Baptist Training Union or Sunday School students.
- The Junior Division Contest is open to ninth, tenth and eleventh grade high school students who are active Baptist Training Union or Sunday School students.
2. Contestants must be certified by a local BTU Director or Sunday School superintendent.
3. Each contestant will choose one of the subjects listed above.
4. Each contestant must compose and learn his speech.
5. Each contestant will have five minutes for delivery.
6. Contestants will be judged by competent judges on content, composition, and delivery. Content will count 25 percent, composition 25 percent, and delivery 50 percent.
7. The three top winners in the Senior Division will receive scholarships and certificates of participation. First place, \$150; second place, \$100; and third place, \$50. Scholarship checks are awarded after the contestants are enrolled in an institution of further study. Non-winning contestants will receive \$5 and a certificate of participation.
8. The three top winners in the Junior Division will receive certificates of participation, and first place: \$15, second place, \$10; and third place, \$5. Non-winning contestants will receive certificates of participation and \$2.

Each year, young people are encouraged to enter the James F. Wertz BTU Oratorical Contest, sponsored as a part of the State BTU Congress. This not only is an opportunity, but a privilege.

CORRESPOND WITH:

Mrs. Emaretha T. Felton, Director
Oratorical Contest
1812 Armstrong Street
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28301

Mrs. Beatrice Branch, Assistant Director
Oratorical Contest
Route 1 Box 78
Murfreesboro, North Carolina 27855

Deep River Hosts Two Institutes

BY INEASE WICKER

GOASTON—The Deep River Association experienced two of their most successful institutes March 30-April 3 at Roberts Chapel Baptist Church in Goldston. Rev. Sampson Buie, Jr. is pastor. The second one ran from April 6-10 at the Oakland Baptist Church, Ramseur. Rev. George Danahue, pastor.

The theme for the institutes was "The Uninformed Cannot Lead the Ill-Informed." The Bible verse theme was "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Local and visiting instructors were chosen and various teaching materials that were recommended by the General Baptist State Convention. The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention members were used in different class age groups in correlation to the theme.

The institutes featured well-known leaders in the field of religious training. The instructors were Dr. A. D. Mosely, Mrs. J. B. McLeester, Rev. James Brown, Mrs. Eva Pratt, Rev. Lawrence Gilmore, Mrs. Clara Epharaim, Mrs. J. L. Morgan. Assistants were Dr. M. Philip McCleave, moderator, and Mrs. Ineas Wicker, chairperson of the Board of Christian Education, who were responsible for planning and implementation.

Member churches of the association and non-member churches participated in an eagerness to gain more spiritual knowledge.

An outstanding feature of the institutes was that they were planned to include every member and auxiliary in the church family. Certificates were given to participants who qualified.

Each session was concluded with a general assembly where questions were entertained.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

REV. HARRELL
CALLED TO ST.
MATTHEWS

WINDSOR—The Rev. Lycourus R. Harrell has been named pastor of the St. Matthews Baptist Church in Windsor. Rev. Harrell is presently pastor of the Sandy Branch Baptist Church in Roxobel (first and third Sundays).

A resident of Gatesville, Rev. Harrell is employed by Davenport Motors, Inc. in Elizabeth City where he is Lincoln/Mercury new car manager.

He has studied at Shaw University and New York University. He received a Jaycee Award in 1978 and was elected as one of the five outstanding young men in North Carolina in 1978. He has traveled to several foreign countries and holds memberships in many religious and civic organizations. He has four children: Sandra, Andrea, Delany and Gwendolyn.

St. Matthews holds worship services on fourth Sundays each month.

CHRIST TEMPLE
BAPT. HONORS REV.
HOYT HAMMOND

ROBERSONVILLE—An appreciation and testimonial service was held for the Rev. Hoyt Hammond, pastor of the Christ Temple Baptist Church in Robersonville, March 22.

Rev. Hammond is currently pastoring the following four churches: Christ Temple, 30 years; Popular Point, Hamilton, 20 years; First Zion Grove, Plymouth, 15 years; and Long Ridge, Plymouth, 10 years.

The 11 a.m. sermon was delivered by the Rev. L. C. Spruill, pastor of the First Zion Grove Baptist Church in Plymouth. The afternoon service included a history of the pastor's life and presentation of gifts.

SHADY GROVE BAPT.
PELHAM, INSTALLS
PASTOR

PELHAM—An installation service for the Rev. Haywood T. Gray was held at the Shady Grove Baptist Church in Pelham April 12.

Rev. Gray was born in Southampton County, Va. In 1976, he was licensed to preach and was ordained in 1981. He is a student at Averett College in Danville, Va., where he will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in social work.

Rev. Gray has also studied in the continuing education departments at Danville Community College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has served as visiting chaplain for the Danville City Prison Farm.

"You have called a pastor and I am ready, according to the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to meet the needs of the individuals who make up the Church Family," said Rev. Gray.

"HISTORY IN THE
MAKING" IN GASTON

BY REV. BREYON ANTRUM
GASTON COUNTY—The recent Gaston County Baptist Association Training Institute is called "History in the Making" because record numbers attended for their Christian Education improvement.

Classes taught included Church Training; Music Administration; Pastoral Minister; Sunday School; Deacon's Training; and two for youth.

Our goal this year was to reach 500 people. This goal was dedicated to the memory of the Rev. J. F. Wingate, deceased pastor of Springfield Baptist Church, who went to meet the Lord in January, 1981. Approximately 535 people attended for the week. Praise the Lord! Dean was Rev. Breyon Antrum, and W. B. Brooks was director. Jeanne Gregory served as secretary.

Woman's Page

Plan Now For Summer Events

BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRODIE

To all of you who contributed to the ongoing of our 11th annual State-Wide Leaders' Workshop prayerfully, mentally, physically, and economically, may we express our sincere gratitude and also ask that you continue in this vein.

TRAINING CONFERENCE

Our Missionary training Conference will convene June 8-12 at The Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill. Begin electing your delegates (at least 2) now and sending in their names and fees.

The fees are: registration—\$5; and room and board—\$45; total, \$50.

Make your checks or money orders payable to: Woman's CONVENTION BANQUET

The banquet will be held at the Charlotte Civic Center July 27 at 6 p.m.

Barquet tickets are available at the cost of \$14 each. Begin sending for your ticket(s) now. Please send the money for your tickets immediately after May 31.

RESERVATIONS

Our 97th annual convention convenes at the Civic Center, Charlotte, July 27-30. However, you may desire to make your reservations for July 26-30, in order to attend on Sunday evening the Pre-Convention Musical under the auspices of the host church, Second Calvary, Dr. Lemar Foster, pastor, and on Monday evening, the Pre-Convention Banquet.

The Radisson Hotel will serve as headquarters for our convention. It is adjacent to the Civic Center and will lessen walking. We are asking that seniors who accompany our youth stay in the same hotel or motel as the youth.

The Housing Bureau of the Greater Charlotte Chamber of Commerce will handle all reservations and confirmations; therefore, all housing applications must be mailed directly to: Housing Bureau, Greater Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 32785, Charlotte, N. C. 28232. No reservations will be accepted by telephone. Please allow at least three weeks for confirmation.

Your applications must not be postmarked any later than June 26.

You may secure housing application blanks from the Woman's Convention office.

Paraplegic Wheelchair Minister

BY BARBARA LITTLE

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Lewis Barton ministers uniquely to handicapped persons—from his wheelchair.

Barton is a paraplegic. An eight-foot fall in 1977 resulted in permanent paralysis and wheelchair confinement.

As chairman of the handicapped ministry committee of the Kansas City Metro Mission Board, he has instantaneous empathy with others coping with disabilities, including the mentally retarded, orthopedically handicapped and blind.

"From the viewpoint of someone with an ongoing crisis experience, I always bear in mind when I see others with handicaps, 'But for the grace of God, there go I.' This gives me a different perspective on self-pity," he explains.

Noting that 1981 has been designated the "International Year of Disabled Persons," he says he realized that "as Baptists, we are lagging behind many denominations in our working with handicapped persons." He says a minimal amount of materials, literature and methodology is geared specially to the handicapped.

Barton was a bivocational pastor in Atchison, Kan., at the time of his accident. Following his recuperation he enrolled as a master of divinity student at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Each day he commutes 45 minutes to Midwestern from his home in Atchison, driving himself in a specially-equipped automobile. Maneuvering to classes, chapel the library is a time-consuming and often frustrating experience.

"What to you is an act, to me is a process," he explained.

While some handicapped persons resent being helped, Barton says he does not. "I am in a helping ministry and have learned that it is necessary to let others be helped to me."

There is no trace of bitterness in Barton. His secret for handling the disability, surprisingly, was found in a book he read before the accident. "The theme of the book was 'why not me,' instead of 'why me, Lord?' I guess it comes from my New England background, but I am a realist. I don't think anyone in the world is exempt from any experience."

The key to coping, he adds, "is presence in the Lord."

Poetry Contest!

A \$1000 grand prize will be awarded in the Seventh Annual Poetry Competition sponsored by World of Poetry, a quarterly newsletter for poets.

Poems of all styles and on any subject are eligible to compete for the grand prize or for 99 other cash or merchandise awards, totaling over \$10,000.

Saves contact chairman Joseph Mellon. "We are encouraging poetic talent of every kind, and expect our contest to produce exciting discoveries."

Rules and official entry forms are available from the World of Poetry, 2431 Stockton, Dept. B, Sacramento, Cal., 95817.



The Rev. Spencer Williams, pastor of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Goldsboro, delivered an inspirational message at the State-wide Leaders Workshop entitled "Missionaries Equipped for the Task." Pictured are (left to right) the Rev. H. Carr of Mt. Calvary; Rev. Williams; Pauline Reid, Circle president at Mt. Calvary; and Theodore Bryant, chairman of the deacon board.

Statewide Leaders Workshop Equips Missionaries

BY MS. AUGUSTA WHITE

More than 1200 missionary officers representing all departments attended the 12th annual State-Wide Leaders' Workshop of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium April 4.

"Missionaries Equipped for the Task" was the theme of the workshop.

The tone of the meeting was set by the devotional moments led by Mrs. Georgia Thompson and the Worship Committee. Mrs. Georgia Turner, president, greeted the conference. She expressed appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation exhibited by the churches and the support of the Woman's Convention in meeting the stated objectives.

The statement of purpose was given by Dr. Priscilla Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer of the convention.

The workshop sessions were informative and inspirational. The sessions were divided into the following groups to discuss duties, qualifications, objectives, and strategies for reaching stated objectives and goals:

President—Mrs. Georgia Turner
First Vice President—Mrs. Thelma Horton
Second Vice President—Mrs. Luella D. Edwards
Third Vice President—Mrs. Eva Johnson
Fourth Vice President—Mrs. Robbie Diggs

Secretaries—Mesdames Novella T. Wood and Marian Galt
City or County Unions—Mesdames Maggie White and Clara Ballentine
Auxiliaries—Mesdames W. A.

Mountain and Ida Olsson

District Conferences—Mesdames Ethel Stanfield and Jettie Lucas

Special Workers—Mesdames Lucy Gray and Mazie Stanley.

In order for missionary leaders to be effective and well equipped for the task they should own a good Bible, Handbook and Study Guide for Missionary Baptist Women, a copy of the objectives of the Woman's Baptist State Convention, and a handbook for the young adult and youth departments.

Mrs. Turner stressed the following points for presidents. "The president of the Missionary Circle should be a woman with definite spiritual convictions, interested in missionary work, one who loves her church and cooperates with its program. She should be friendly, tactful, thoughtful, and should have leadership ability." She discussed the duties as outlined in the "Handbook and Study Guide" of the gospel press.

Mrs. Thelma Horton stated in the session with the first vice presidents that in order for them to be successful they should:

1. Put on the whole armour of God.
 - a. Loins girt with truth
 - b. Breastplate of righteousness
 - c. Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel press
 - d. Take the shield of faith
 - e. Take the helmet of salvation
 - f. Take the sword of the Spirit

2. Cultivate a good and positive attitude toward herself and her work.

3. Study the information found in the "Handbook and Study Guide for Missionary Baptist Women," page 2.

4. Learn how to relate the Woman's Convention program to the local church.

5. Learn how to relate the Woman's Convention Program to Christianity in its perspective.

Mrs. Eva Johnson led the discussion for third vice presidents. Her discussion centered around mission-inaction. She stated that the third vice presidents should survey the community to find out the specific needs that can be met by the church, decide on the top priorities, and list contact people to help get the job done. Mrs. Robbie Diggs led the discussion for fourth vice presidents. The discussion centered on Stewardship. She stated that a steward was a person in charge of the affairs of another, one who acts as an administrator. Stewardship involves time, money and self. The right kind of giving is done in a systematic manner every week.

The other sessions can best be described by the word "Togetherness." Leaders can only be successful if they work together with their followers, or others in authority. Know your duty, get others involved, let them feel the responsibility and need for success, remembering they must lift as they climb.

The Young Adults had an outstanding session with 322 in attendance. The group boasted of a first when Dr. Priscilla Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer, thrilled the hearts of those in attendance when she spoke on the sub-theme of "Young Adults Coping With Daily Life Through... Word of God." She stressed that we should teach our children the following things at home

(quoting from Dr. James Dobson):

1. To Love God
2. To love neighbor as self
3. To obey
4. To fear God and keep His commandments
5. To possess fruit of the Spirit (self-control)
6. To humble himself (to be somebody without having to tell someone he is somebody).

Dr. Brodie mentioned eight steps about God's will as described by Bill and Gloria Gaither:

1. Have intimacy with God's Word (know what the Word said)
2. Pray
3. Collect all information concerning the problem. Limit your prejudices
4. Seek wise counseling
5. Ask yourself hard questions about motives
6. Test the spirits (God gets blamed for things He does not do.)
7. Make decisions and don't look back. Ask God to forgive you if you do.

The Youth Department was reported as having had a very beneficial session and insignias for the groups of the Youth Department were submitted to be considered by the executive secretary and other persons later.

Because of the death of Rev. E. L. Daniels during the earlier part of that morning, Rev. Otis Lewis presented Rev. Spencer Williams, pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Goldsboro, for an inspirational message on the theme, "Missionaries Equipped for the Task." Music was furnished by the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Choir.

Divinity Trustees Enjoy Washington Fellowship

BY HENRY D. COOPER
MRS. LORINE C. MCLEOD
The Board of Trustees of the Shaw Divinity School held its annual 1981 meeting in Washington, D.C., April 22 and 23, with headquarters at the Howard Inn, 2225 Georgia Avenue, N.W. The group was invited to the nation's capital by Dr. William Revely, pastor of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, and Dr. Lehman D. Bates, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Marshall Heights. This first off-campus meeting was a gesture of appreciation

to the dozen members of the board who live in Washington or at locations farther north, and who have been called upon to come to Raleigh throughout the years.

The first session was a banquet at 6:30 on Wednesday. Rev. E. B. Turner of Lumberton, chairman of the board presided. We had greetings from the host pastors and recognition of board members and special guests. Dr. speaker of the evening was Dr. Louis Benjamin Jones, pastor of Springfield Baptist

Church of Washington and director of Ministerial Training for the Progressive National Baptist Convention. Dr. Jones pointed out the necessity for the black church to assume a special responsibility for the education of its children.

Thursday morning, the members of the board were taken to Mt. Gilead Baptist Church on 13th Street. There, we were highly entertained and served breakfast. Dr. William Revely, the pastor, reinforced the church's welcome and presented to us Dr. Howard

Fauntroy, Jr., pastor of First International Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., who was the visiting minister of the week in revival there.

Dr. Fauntroy addressed the group on the theme, "Seminary-Theological Education for Tomorrow." He stated that there must be some reason for the survival of the Shaw Divinity School. He reminded us of our heritage, our own memories, and our founders and what the school has meant to the many persons having the opportunity to attend, the better to prepare themselves for the work of the Master in service to mankind.

At 11 a.m., the board entered into its regular business session, which continued until 1:30 p.m. That afternoon, the bus from First Baptist Church by Marshall Heights took us to the House of God for dinner, followed by a discussion of the topic, "Teach Them," by Dr. J. Z. Alexander, dean of academic affairs of the Shaw Divinity School.

Dr. Alexander quoted from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of St. John, verses 1 through 11, to bring out these points: (1) The teacher must have something which the student needs, and must be aware that he has it. (2) The student must be aware of his need and realize that the teacher has what will fill that need. (3) Then, the student must sit down, and if there are a number of students, they must become an organized group. Dr. Alexander closed by expressing the fear of what will happen if we fail to act with the opportunity which we have now, and the multitude gets its teaching from some other source.

Reports from Vice President Robert E.

Powell and Dean Alexander showed the Shaw Divinity School to be in sound condition financially, though seriously in need of funds to develop the Library as the next step toward accreditation. The school has an enrollment of 81 students, of whom 33 are working toward the Master of Divinity degree and 48 toward the degree of bachelor of theology. The board approved the granting of a 10 percent salary raise to the staff members, the employment of 10 faculty members, and the awarding of eight master's degrees and 10 bachelor's degrees at the 1981 commencement exercises.

Members who attended not named above were: Dr. Thomas J. Boyd, Brooklyn; Dr. William M. Freeman, South Orange, N.J.; Dr. Raymond L. Lassiter, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. Lorenzo M. Robinson, Stanford, Conn.; Dr. Matthew R. Silver, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. Nilous M. Avery, president of the Shaw Theological Alumni Association, Asheville; Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, executive secretary, North Carolina Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention; Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary, General Baptist State Convention; Dr. H. D. Cooper, Asheville; Dr. C. R. Edwards, Fayetteville; Dr. J. C. Harris, Statesville; Attorney James Lassiter, Winston-Salem; Dr. J. R. Manley, president, General Baptist State Convention; Mrs. J. E. McLester, Durham; Dr. C. R. Mosley, Asheville; Mrs. G. M. Turner, president, Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention, Lumberton; Mrs. Lorine C. McLeod, Fayetteville; Dr. J. W. White, Asheville; and Dr. C. R. Lee, Wilmington.



Shaw Day! -- Reidsville

REIDSVILLE—The First Baptist Church, Reidsville, held its annual Shaw Day celebration on March 22. The Shaw University Choral Society, under the direction of Robert T. Simmons, was presented in concert at 3:30 p.m. followed by a luncheon in the fellowship hall.

At this special occasion, Rev. O'Kelly Lawson, pastor, presented a check for \$1,000 for Shaw to Dr. John W. Fleming, director of church relations at Shaw.

Great praise and acclamations were extended to the Choral Society, which rendered a program of traditional and classical music.

The Shaw Day committee included: Dr. N. Freeman Jones, Jr. and Robert Johnson, co-chairpersons; Sisters A. D. Logan, Fannie M. Vincent, Linda Williams, Maggie Bolden, Mozella McDonald; Brothers Joe Johnson and H. K. Griggs. The committee was commended for its effort. Others attending included Rev. and Mrs. Aulandus Wright of Roxboro, Laurel Lawson and A. N. McCoy.

HEALTH PLAN

Please have filed by your physician

I have examined _____
and believe _____ it qualified to
offer the WOMAN'S YOUTH BIBLE CAMP and to take part in
swimming and outdoor sports.

Operation, or serious illness, accident within the past year?

Nature of Heart's Function _____

Lungs _____

Arteries' Flow _____

History of epilepsy, diabetes, convulsions, hysteria? _____

Date Examined _____

Physician's Signature _____

Address _____

Pastor's Signature _____

Address _____

THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME
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THIRTIETH ANNUAL YOUTH BIBLE CAMP

For Boys and Girls
Ages 9-16

In cooperation with
THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF
NORTH CAROLINA



The Baptist Assembly
Laurel Hill, North Carolina

June 14-July 3, 1981

THEME: "Enjoying Christian Freedom"
John 8:36, Galatians 5:1, Psalm 95-67

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Advisor
Dr. J. C. Harris, Director
Dr. W. B. Lewis, Co-Director
Mrs. Virginia Dye, Coordinator
Rev. Theodore Bredson, Superintendent

PURPOSE

To provide boys and girls the opportunity to discover themselves through worship, Bible study, fellowship, counseling, nature study, crafts, and recreation in a Christian environment.

Though the camp is sponsored by Baptists, children of all denominations are welcomed.

ACTIVITIES

Campers may participate in dramatization, Bible study, hikes, nature study, special events, basketball, swimming, music, crafts, softball, talent shows, and watermelon feasts.

WHAT TO BRING

Two sheets, bath and face towels, one pillow case, soap and other toiletries, a blue wet, flash light, Bible, pencils and paper, bathing suit and cap, and smock/clothing to use when sitting on the ground.

FEE

Regular Campers
Room and board for week \$45.00
Registration (Non-Refundable) \$5.00
Total Fee \$50.00
Day Campers (only for Laurel Hill and surrounding communities youth)
Camping fee \$21.00
Registration (Non-Refundable) \$5.00
Total Fee \$26.00
Campers are covered by insurance

Room Assignment on Sunday Afternoons

CAMP T-SHIRTS FOR SALE AT \$3.50 EACH

DO NOT MISS ATTENDING THIS SUMMER CAMP!

Please detach form and mail with check by June 15

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return to:
THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION
Post Office Box 1818
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602
Telephone (919) 833-4823

Name _____

Address _____

Church _____

Pastor _____

Location _____

Age _____ Sex _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Grade in School _____

How do you attend the camp before? _____

Special Interest(s) _____

Have you any known physical defects? _____

Time of Arrival _____ City _____ State _____

Time of Departure _____ City _____ State _____

Are you to be a day camper or _____

or regular camper? _____

CAMP PERIOD

Please detach form and mail with check by June 15

1st Week — June 14-19

2nd Week — June 21-26

3rd Week — June 28-July 3

REGISTRATION CLOSING JUNE 1, 1981

Why TEEN Suicides?

REVIEW

BY WILLIAM E. EVANS

Why this epidemic of teen suicides? There is no simple explanation.

Some experts point to stiff competition for grades and jobs, anxiety and feelings of hopelessness about the future, the difficulty of making the transition from being a "kid" to becoming an "adult," or problems with a girlfriend or boyfriend. Any of these can be factors. But psychologists increasingly view the breakdown of the family as a primary culprit in breeding the chronic depression and feelings of hopelessness and isolation that can push a teen over the brink.

"Today you have an extremely high number of broken homes, transiency and situations where both parents are working," says Dr. David Peck, director of Youth Services at the Suicide Prevention Center of Los Angeles. "Pressures are especially hard for you to bear if you lack a solid family structure behind you."

Dr. Calvin Frederick, chief of the Mental Health Disaster Assistance Section of the National Institute of Mental Health, adds, "Teenagers often live in isolation within their families. So if a troubled teen has no supportive network of family or close friends and is hesitant to seek professional help, there is nowhere to turn but inward. That's when you get a high risk of suicide."

What is Chronic Depression?

Everyone feels depressed occasionally, but when the lows linger on, you may have slipped into a state of chronic depression. If you have some of the following symptoms, you could be classified as chronically depressed and should seek help: (a) a persistently depressed mood, as opposed to "blue" feelings that come and go; (b) loss of interest in hobbies or pastimes; (c) a dramatic change in appetite marked by sudden weight gain or loss; (d) significant changes in sleeping habits (either insomnia or a desire to sleep all the time); (e) severe impairment of concentration; (f) dramatic increase in decisiveness; (g) agitation, expressed by nervous pacing or the inability to sit still; (h) unexplained loss of energy; (i) loss of interest in socializing with friends; (j) constant feelings of worthlessness or self-hatred; (k) recurrent thoughts of suicide or death.

"Just being willing to listen and help can turn around a suicidal crisis very quickly," says Frederick. "It drains off the hopelessness and shows the person that someone cares."

Try to reassure your friend that things can improve no matter how bad they get, but be supportive and understanding. Don't brush them off with an "it'll work out." And don't use the "snap out of it" approach. That's like telling someone with two broken legs to "get up

and walk." After you've talked things out, encourage your friend to seek professional help. If he hesitates to do this, offer to make the contact yourself. Finally, if you think there is an immediate danger of suicide, stay with the person until the crisis has passed or until you can get outside help.

(1) If you're worried that a friend may be suicidal, contact a suicide-prevention center or other source and talk to them about it. Even if you have to betray a friend's confidence in doing so, your action may save a life.

(2) Peck says, "In the long run, to deal with teenage suicide we've got to deal with the breakdown of the family unit, because the greatest suicide prevention is a loving, involved family."

(3) Another source is the book "Too Young To Die" by Francine Klagsbrun (Houghton Mifflin, 1976, \$6.95). An excellent study of teenage suicide, the book also lists addresses and phone numbers of dozens of suicide-prevention centers around the country.

—HOLINNESS

Holiness is religion principle put into action. It is faith going to work. It is love joined into conduct; devotion helping human suffering, and going up in intercession to the great source of all good.

—Frederic D. Huntington

Church Ministers To Pastor In Marriage Crisis

BY GAIL ROTHWELL

COLUMBUS, Miss. (BP)—Joe and Margaret McKeever hold hands like newweds as they talk about future plans and openly share their feelings. But the McKeevers aren't newweds, and they haven't always been this happy. In September, 1979, Joe told Margaret he wanted a divorce.

They had been married 17 years and he had been pastor of First Baptist Church in Columbus, Miss., since 1974. "Our marriage wasn't all bad," he said, "but more like a roller coaster of ups and downs."

"I always knew God had picked Margaret out for me," Joe explained, "but I asked for a divorce because I was depressed and miserable. When you are disobedient to God you either have to get all the way in or all the way out, and I felt that way better."

The McKeevers identified their problem as a lack of honest sharing of inner feelings, which also made it impossible to be honest with themselves. The problem caused McKeever to spend more and more time away from home with ministry-related duties.

Their marriage crisis climaxed when Margaret walked into the church office and found Joe drawing cartoons, one of his favorite pastimes. She picked up the bottle of ink, poured it on the cartoons and charged, "You have time to do whatever you want to do, except spend time at home."

Shortly after this episode, McKeever informed church leaders and staff members that he intended to divorce his wife.

"At this point the staff began ministering to me," he said, "the church leaders offered emotional support and love, but told him if he divorced his wife he could no longer be pastor of the church."

"It was a good thing for us the church took the stand it did," McKeever explained. "If they would have said, 'Okay, divorce your wife,' it would have been all the encouragement I needed to go through with my decision."

Later that fall, McKeever realized that God wanted him to stay with his wife, family and

church. "I realized that in 10 years nobody would ever remember how many committees I had served on and that when I left they would appoint someone to fill my space. But being a husband and father is not like that."

After Thanksgiving, 1979, McKeever resigned as a Foreign Mission Board trustee, and cancelled a trip to the Holy Land, two revivals and other commitments he had scheduled for 1980. "I made four resolutions then: I was going to stay home more, go to more football games, do something serious with my cartooning and be a good pastor."

Both the McKeevers have learned to make a lot of changes in the past two years. "I have decided you have time to do what you want to do," he said. "It is a co-op for ministers to think they are subject to unrealistic time demands. A minister has to realize he lives in a world of unfinished jobs."

During the crisis period McKeever spent time with his family, but Margaret says, "The time I was getting from him was not satisfying. Earlier in our marriage I felt that the church was the culprit in the relationship, but by 1978 I realized our problems were personal and I couldn't blame anyone else."

During the past two years, the McKeevers have learned to give each other the freedom to be themselves. "I am also learning it is very important for me to be on Joe's team," she said on their 19th anniversary. "The Lord is helping me to learn the importance of choosing him now, today, not just when I said 'I do.'"

The McKeevers learned they can decline invitations and sometimes say the pastor is not available.

Once a month, the McKeevers get their calendars together and plan for a month of weekly luncheon dates. "This two hours of scheduled time we have set aside each week to be with each other is so simple, yet so satisfying. I wonder why we didn't think of it before," she exclaimed.

The McKeevers agree the real heroes of their

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Returning from an inspection tour of refugee camps in Somalia, International Christian Aid's (ICA) President Joe Bass announced the spring arrival of emergency food supplies for the refugee children in that famine-stricken East African nation. The flight, consisting of one or more Boeing 707 cargo jets, will be followed with bi-monthly shipments by sea, to increase the level of feeding provided at six supplementary feeding centers at Horseed and Halgan camps, near Lugh, in Somalia.

"This is one of the most tragic scenes I have witnessed," Bass continued, "and it has been the same for refugee areas of the world. It is a shock to see the emaciated, pencil-thin refugee children, without homes, almost without life, virtually without skin on their bones. We must provide them more than milk."

The air and sea shipments will add granola and cooked cereal, high protein beverages and honey milk, carrot juice, potato powder and other nutritional foods for distribution at ICA children's feeding centers—items requested by field workers in the refugee camps as part of a program to rebuild the children's health.

Twelve to fifteen children die each day in refugee camps in the remote Gedio region of Somalia, in spite of massive aid from the many relief agencies at work there. An estimated 60 percent of the refugees are children; they suffer from malnutrition, which makes them unable to fight off the flu, bronchitis, pneumonia, tuberculosis and diarrhea that plague the camps.

UN and Somali government agencies provide basic food staples and medical supplies, and ICA gives supplementary feedings of soy milk and high protein biscuits, and medical care to upgrade health conditions among the refugees.

"There are thousands of children coming in to the feeding centers," Bass said. "You look at them and know they haven't long for this life. They drink the milk our relief workers give them, but many of them are simply not going to survive."

"The situation is every bit as bad as it was in Cambodia," said Dr. Robert Scott, 31, of Vancouver, B. C., who also served during the Cambodian refugee crisis. "The people who make it to the refugee camps are really survivors. Those who are wounded in the desert usually don't get to us for treatment—they just die of their wounds in the Ogden Desert."

"We have to get these children strong fast. Every day they stay this weak, they are sitting targets for death."

In addition to feeding starving children, ICA also sent an international team of eye doctors to Somalia, in cooperation with Christlich Blindenmission of Germany. The physicians will perform surgery on the many refugees blinded by cataracts and other operable eye diseases.

story are the members of First Baptist Church. The church has continued to support them and respond to their needs. After sharing with the church how God has healed their home, the McKeevers were overwhelmed with calls and letters from church members expressing love, encouragement and support.

"Our church has been willing to accept our humanity and give us the freedom to be ourselves," McKeever said. "In churches we have a tendency to play like everything is happening, when we know it isn't. The church should be the one place on earth where we should be able to accept each other as we are. After all, the number one criteria for being there is to admit to being a sinner."

Old wounds are still sensitive for the McKeevers and old patterns of behavior still crop up. "We're still struggling today," he said. "But we have come through this thing with the knowledge that we really love each other."

"The future holds good things for us," said Margaret, who is working toward a degree in marriage and family counseling. As a result of their problems, she has determined to help other families.

"I know God has had a hand in what has happened and what will happen. This thing has helped me learn how much I really love Joe and that you can depend on God when the bottom drops out."

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Counselors Need Sensitivity, Training

BY JEWLYE DUNN

(The following is the second part in a series on Developing Youth Counseling in a small rural black church. The proposed program is for youths from nine to 21 years old. Ms. Edwards Dunn is the Youth Supervisor at St. Matthew Baptist Church in Raleigh and holds a master's degree in Career Counseling from North Carolina Central University.)

Youth is a period of transition from childhood to adulthood. This movement through adolescence is characterized by (1) the attainment of separation from parents; (2) the establishment of sexual identity; (3) the commitment to work; (4) the development of a personal moral value system; (5) the capacity for lasting relationships and for expressions of love in heterosexual relationships; (6) a return to the parents in a new relationship based upon a relative equality. Self-determination is required to accomplish the above tasks. Also needed are growing knowledge, trial and error experiences and guidance from trusted adults.

In this growing process, youth begin to question adult values and beliefs. They want honesty and truth.

Therefore, the power of reasoning grows with them so that they can weigh out the validity and differences by experiencing their own beliefs. By doing this, they strengthen themselves.

This individual identity is grounded in the fact and belief that God is the Creator who created each individual as a person of worth. These youth know who they are and who their Creator is, but they need to learn that this faith can be placed in every aspect of life and in the decision-making process. This thinking involves a personal relationship with God. The church exists in the world and its evangelistic influence must extend into the world. The world of young people who belong to the church is in this world. For they share the same baptism, assume the same membership vows, and share the one mission of the church just as the adults do.

The massive need for counseling youth is self-evident. Studies show a growing alienation, widespread feelings of low esteem, and undetected delinquent activity at all social levels. Regardless of the subculture, there are youth who help however. Without the help of an interested adult, many will fail to realize their full potential.

Even though we are not fully knowledgeable of today's youth and how best to help them, research has shown that counselors are helpful to youth when they relate to them at a relatively high level of empathy, warmth and genuineness.

Studies have shown that successful outcomes are strongly related to the human qualities of the counselor and not his expertise. The sensitive, mature layman can be trained to extend friendship which can be therapeutic. The institutional church is a unique resource for the non-specialist counselor.

There should be an understanding, however, that if a program is being set up in a church to offer a counseling situation, there must be some training and some expertise in order to understand all the needs that may be encountered. The program should be developed so that at least one or two of the counseling staff has knowledge of the skill of the counseling process. Youth look for the warm and sensitive counselor but still expect their needs to be met.

The counselor in any setting has a tremendous role. In the church setting, the counselor must develop a program

that is comparable to the counselor's role as a professional and as a person with moral commitments. Activities must be planned for individuals and groups in different age ranges and still keep in mind the purpose of the institution that houses the program.

The effectiveness of the counselor depends on his or her degree of creativity, the ability to make a variety of responses to specific situations, or sometimes the ability to generate a variety of alternatives to deal with important situations. This creativeness allows flexibility.

The young person in the church deserves the chance to have this type of counseling. The church has a moral commitment to society and that must be dealt with accordingly. The creative approach to counseling has the implication that there are various ways to teach moral and social values. The training of the young people in a church involves the complex task of following the church's moral views yet realizing that the outside world is where the young person lives his daily life and learns social values. It is the counselor's role to help put these into the proper perspective.

Time And Tragedy Mellow George Wallace

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—George Wallace, treating his stage as a pulpit, told a racially mixed Baptist group he holds no animosity toward the man who shot him nine years ago, ending his political career and putting him forever in a wheelchair.

"I have forgiven him and prayed to God he has asked for forgiveness for him," he said, "but he cannot enter the kingdom of God holding animosity toward another individual," said Wallace, wounded in Maryland while campaigning for the presidency.

Wallace, governor of Alabama for five years before he was shot, or "standing up," as he said, and governor for nearly seven years "sitting down," surprised a joint session of the Baptist Public Relations Association and a regional meeting of churches in

transitional communities with an address that was more nearly a sermon.

He told the crowd of 300 the shooting taught him the frailty of human life. "One moment you are in perfectly good health and in the twinkling of an eye you can be dead," he said. "In the twinkling of an eye you can be paralyzed."

"I do not think the man I should have been" before the assassination attempt, he said. "I learned you should be ready to go at any moment by surrendering your heart to Jesus Christ and asking him to forgive you."

Wallace, a noted segregationist during his days as a powerful Southern politician, said the old way in the South is gone forever. Those who defended the old way thought it right, but were mistaken, he said.

Now the danger of rising racism is not in outcast groups like the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party, but "in the latent racism in the hearts of people who do not have the saving grace of Jesus Christ," he said.

Those groups who use the Bible to defend their racism are "deadly wrong," said Wallace, who spoke for only a few minutes to the public relations group on the power of persuasion, then answered questions. "There is nothing in the Bible to indicate you can get to heaven by hating anyone because of race, color, creed or national origin."

Wallace feels vindicated, though saddened, by national events, particularly the emergence of crime. The warnings he voiced alone in 1963 and 1972 campaigns that crime would make people captives in their own

homes "are now the conventional wisdom of everyone," he said.

Despite the attempt on his own life and the shooting of President Ronald Reagan, Wallace would not speak in favor of handgun controls because he said criminals do not obey regulations anyway. He did say if something had been done 100 years ago "to stop the proliferation of handguns we might not have the problem today."

Wallace, who lives in constant pain from his injury, stayed onstage after his address to listen to a sermon by Emmanuel McCall, director of the black church relations department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. After McCall spoke on the sufficient grace of Christ, he and Wallace embraced and Wallace was wheeled out.

Church Integration -- Modern Fantasy

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—There is no such thing as an "integrated community," a Methodist expert on racial change told a Baptist leadership meeting.

James H. Davis, assistant general secretary for congregational development of the United Methodist Board of Christian Ministries, said there are no integrated communities, only communities in racial transition.

Davis addressed a national leadership conference for churches in racially changing communities.

The statement, he said, applies not only to communities, but to churches, adding there are very few integrated churches in America, only transitional churches.

"Time after time, a pastor has told us his community and his church were exceptions, but when we would go back several years later, we found the pastor was gone and the community had changed," Davis said.

Speaking to more than 200 white and black Southern Baptist leaders of churches in transitional communities on "The Dilemmas of Racial Transition," Davis pointed out whites and blacks look at racial transition

from opposite perspectives. "The transitional community is a problem for whites, but an opportunity for blacks," he said.

The dilemma is compounded, however, because "nowhere in America is prejudice, bigotry and racism more evident than in communities in racial transition," he said.

Davis charged America has its own form of "apartheid" similar to the policy of racial separation in South Africa, except "here we do it by social convention and informal customs, rather than by law and force of arms... and have places which are defined as 'white areas' or 'black areas.'"

The history of race relations in America is not a slow, steady process, he charged, but is "a series of freedoms given and then taken back."

Battles won in the "war on poverty" were wiped out during the Nixon years and are being completely obliterated by the Reagan administration budget cuts, he said.

"Give a freedom, take it back. That's the pattern of so-called racial progress in this country," Davis charged. "Maybe white people grant two

freedoms and take only one back, so on balance there may be progress in the long run."

Davis told pastors of churches in racially changing neighborhoods not to worry about their churches dying. "Out of the death of a white church can come either a transitional church or a new black church," Davis said. "Either of

these is a new church to be celebrated, and that doesn't mean that a church died."

"To a Christian, that's not death, that's resurrection and new life for the future," he proclaimed. "One of the tasks for the church in the transitional community is to prepare for the new church."



A choir sings during a Joint Evangelistic Crusade Interpretation meeting at the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church in Durham, Dr. W. T. Bigelow, pastor.

Controls On Guns

BY STAN HASTEY

WASHINGTON, D.C. (BP)—In the aftermath of the March 30 assassination attempt on President Reagan by a lone gunman, armed with a .22-caliber "Saturday night special," a Baptist constitutional lawyer says the U. S. Constitution does not forbid Congress from controlling the right to keep and bear arms.

John W. Baker, general counsel to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, realizes his opinion is contrary to arguments by the powerful gun lobby. But the veteran attorney and political scientist says the Second Amendment "as originally drafted emphasized the relationship of the militia to the bearing of arms."

The Second Amendment reads: "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

The lavishly financed gun lobby, spearheaded by the National Rifle Association, contends the amendment gives every citizen the constitutional right to own and use guns without government interference.

Baker's analysis expresses the opposite view. "The Second Amendment guarantees a collective rather than an individual right," he says.

His argument is based on the admittedly small volume of federal case law relating to the volatile subject of the power of Congress and state legislatures to control, even ban, firearms.

Baker notes that in its only decision dealing with that precise subject, the Supreme Court in 1939 "affirmed that the right to keep and bear arms is dependent on involvement with the militia." The 1939 ruling upheld a

section of the National Firearms Act requiring the registration of sawed-off shotguns.

The high court declared then: "In the absence of any evidence tending to show that possession or use of a (sawed-off shotgun)... has some reasonable relationship to the preservation or efficiency of a well regulated militia, we cannot say that the Second Amendment guarantees the right to keep and bear such an instrument."

In 1942, the First Circuit Court of Appeals upheld another provision of the National Firearms Act, declaring, "The federal government can limit the keeping and bearing of arms by a single individual as well as by a group of individuals" so long as such possession or use of weapons has no "reasonable relationship to the preservation or efficiency of a well regulated militia." The Supreme Court, in an action the

following year, allowed the decision to stand.

As recently as 1978, the high court likewise let stand a ruling by the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals that the purpose of the Second Amendment was indeed to preserve the effectiveness and assure the continuation of a state militia.

Baker points out that since the 1939 ruling, Congress has adopted numerous laws placing stricter limitations on the receipt, possession and transportation of firearms and has repeatedly entertained proposals for national registration and outright banning of their ownership.

That such efforts will continue and even intensify in light of the eighth attempt in this century to shoot a president is beyond question. Also certain is that the issue will continue to be bitterly debated.

Kids Learn More At Home

WACO, Tex.—A nationally known developmental psychologist, Dr. Raymond Moore, believes that children who do not start school until they are 8 or 9 years old may experience many advantages over the child who is pushed into school at 5 or 6.

Dr. Moore, a pioneer in the movement to encourage parents to teach their children at home, claims that research reveals many advantages for late entry into school. Reasons for learning is one such advantage.

Despite early excitement for school," he says, "most early entrants (ages 4, 5, 6) are tired of school before they are out of the third or fourth grades—already burned-out at about the ages and levels they should be starting." His findings indicate that their vision, hearing and other senses are not ready for continuing formal programs of learning until at least age 8 or 9.

Socialization takes place faster at home than at school, he maintains.

"Little children are better socialized by parental example and sharing than by other little children," according to Dr. Moore. "Negative, me-first, sociability is born from more peer group association and fewer, meaningful parental contacts and responsibility experiences in the home during the first 8 to 12 years."

Dr. Moore and his wife Dorothy announced their conclusions in a book of guidance for parents. Their new book, "Home-Grown Kids," (Word Books, Waco, Tex.)

Dr. Moore goes on to say that "on the family rests the opinions of our society. Nevertheless, we have gone a long, long way toward putting it down and substituting parenting-by-state. If we are to retrieve our democratic society—and our schools—we would do well to look to the home."

The Moores identify with parents' hopes to give their kids the best possible

education: "Their youngsters are not manufactured toys; they are home-grown kids," they affirm.

"Mothers and fathers are sensing more widely and deeply the purpose of the home.

But few of those parents, whatever their level of

education, have more than the most casual idea of their astonishing potential as educators.

FROM THE EXEC. SECRETARY

The responsibilities of all church leaders should be made clear and understandable. A good leader is:

1. A person who is going somewhere.
2. A person who knows where he is going.
3. A person who knows how to get where he is going.
4. A person who knows how to take someone with him.

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"One In Christ"

Ebenezer Baptist Rocky Mount Spectacular Site

The Annual One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention exemplified the spirit of the 1981 Convention year theme: "One in Christ."

"For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." (Romans 12:4-5)

Dr. C. C. Craig, GBSC executive secretary-treasurer, said that the Convention is one body with many individual members. He called for a mutual sharing in the oneness of Christ so that the Convention may find unity for its objectives.

"It is our duty to travel the length and breadth of North Carolina training Baptists," said Dr. Craig. "And in times like these, we need the spirit of humility."

GBSC President J. R. Manley used the quality of "water" to describe the meaning of unity.

Speaking from the book of Ecclesiastes, he said that water runs into the sea. The Cape Fear, the Tar and the Neuse Rivers all run into the sea.

"The quality of water is such that it can relate to other bodies of water. If water can relate to another body of water, so also should we be able to relate one to another."

Dr. Manley urged the Convention congregation to continue to drink from the fountain that never runs dry — Jesus Christ.

\$72,698 Raised
Convention officials had hoped to raise \$100,000 during the session, but by Wednesday evening the tally amounted to \$72,698.15. Last year \$104,000 was brought to the annual session. But total receipts for the period Sept. 1, 1980 through April 30, 1981, were ahead of the same period for the year 1979-80. More than \$82,000 had been raised toward the Convention's \$1.3 million objective goal prior to the session, leaving approximately \$438,000 to be raised by August 31. (See figures page 8)

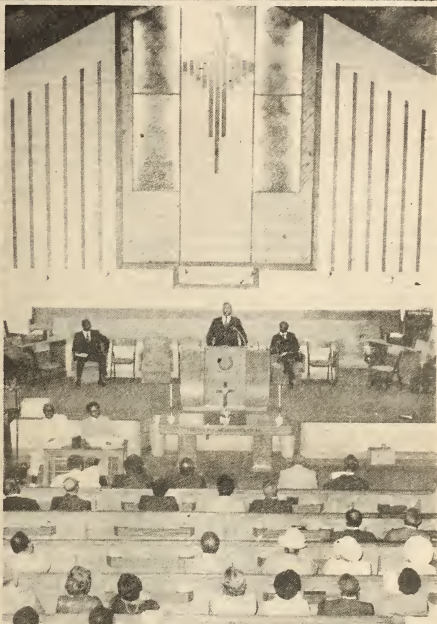
Dr. Priscilla Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, reported that less than \$18,000 was needed in order to reach their \$281,000 goal before the books were to close May 31.

BUSINESS ADOPTED

The business session of the Convention included several recommendations from the General Board and the Political Action Committee.

Among the Convention actions was a vote by the body to allow the President's Special Commission to negotiate the purchase of property in the Raleigh area for the future site of a new Baptist Headquarters building. The Commission was granted the right to offer up to \$300,000 for an old YMCA site near downtown Raleigh or for sites owned by and located near Shaw University. The present headquarters

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Hundreds gathered for the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina at the miraculous Ebenezer Baptist Church in Rocky Mount last month.

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Health Program Graduates 105

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LOUISBURG—At South Main Street Baptist Church in Louisburg last month, there was standing room only as participants from training sites in Oxford, Louisburg, Warrenton and Littleton

assembled to form the first graduating class of the Health and Human Service Project of the General Baptist State Convention.

All 105 graduates stood to receive certificates for

successfully completing the first 10 weeks of training, designed for community and church lay leaders. These graduates, whose training emphasized health promotion and prevention, have formed

partnerships with their local health providers to increase the health information and awareness levels in their respective communities.

Among the special guests who shared words of wisdom and encouragement with the graduates were the keynote speaker, Dr. Charles Cook, chief of the Health Assurance Section for the State of North Carolina; Dr. Joseph Gordon of Winston-Salem, board member of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation; Dr. Eva Salber of the Department of Community and Family Medicine, Duke University; and William Dudley of the Governor's Office of North Carolina.

Dr. Cook emphasized to the graduates the unprecedented potential power that they have for changing the health status in their respective communities. He admonished them to be



Members of the Graduating Class

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editorial exegesis

FROM THE EXEC. SECRETARY

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents, and members of the General Baptist State Convention:

Thank you again and again for the excellent way that many of you are supporting the objectives of the Convention. Without your dedication, support and cooperation, our Convention would not be what it is today.

Our effort is to promote the work of the Convention in the nooks and corners, on the highways and among the hedges in the state. I commend the presidents of our auxiliaries for their excellent leadership and faithful service. The growth of our parent body reflects the support and cooperation of these auxiliaries: Mrs. Georgia Turner, president, and Dr. Priscilla Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention; Mr. Alhambra Canada, president, Sunday School Congress; Mr. Richmond Turner, president, Laymen's League Convention; and Mr. Arthur Williams, president of the Ushers' Convention.

I commend the moderators, pastors and presidents of District Unions, presidents of Ministers' and Deacons' Unions and presidents of District Sunday School and BTU Conventions, along with all the people who are called General Baptists, for their dedication and commitment to the work of the Convention. We are many, but we are "One in Christ."

"For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another," Romans 12:4-5.

Because of our oneness in Christ, we can join forces in supporting Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions and the Central Orphanage. Our oneness in Christ demands that each of us perform our role with commitment, with zeal and with gladness. To do so is to show that we are one in Christ. It is the foundation stone to that victory which overcomes all opposition.

OUR RECENT ONE DAY SESSION

Our One Day Session was a mountaintop experience. Pastor T. L. Walker, the officers and members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, along with other pastors and moderators of the area, went out of their way to make our visit in their city a pleasant one. We heard preaching at its best from Dr. J. H. Ferguson, Rockingham; Rev. H. N. Cogdell, Clinton and Rev. F. O. Bass, Jr., High Point. I can truthfully say that we have some of the best preachers in our General Convention that the Lord has anywhere. With the information and the inspiration from both the Moderators' Workshop and the One Day Session, I am certain that we are fully committed to do a better job under the leadership of J. R. Manley and other officials of our Convention, including the chairmen of boards, groups and committees.

Our record shows that we did not reach our financial goal of \$100,000.00 at the One Day Session, but we do appreciate the beautiful way that many of the churches responded.

It is our earnest prayer that all of our churches will respond to their suggested quotas on or before August 31, 1981. With a positive response from all of our churches, I am certain that we can reach our financial goal of \$1,301,214.19.

The fiscal year for Shaw University and the Divinity School closes on June 30. We strongly urge all churches to send their money for Shaw and the Divinity School before June 30, which will help the Convention honor its commitment to Christian higher education.

ANNUAL SESSION

The Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention will be held in Greensboro at the Coliseum, Nov. 2-4, 1981. We will have two Joint Sessions with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

We hope that you will join us in your prayers and plans as we seek to make this one of our greatest Annual Sessions. Additional information will be passed on to you in the next issue of the Baptist Informer.

Thank you again for the support that I know you will give as we seek to accomplish our goals and objectives.

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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Circle the wagons, 'cause an all-out attack is being waged for our minds. Yes, man's mind is being encircled like Custer at the Little Bighorn and the forces of destruction are sweeping over the horizon.

One day's mail may contain a red, white and blue brochure from North Carolina's Moral Majority chapter, a misguided group "Fighting for a Moral Majority in this Decade of Destiny." Next week, the agnostics and atheists may counter with a flyer calling for rejection of "divine guidance."

To the former group, I curiously wonder where their morals were when black folks were being beaten in the 60s. Where were those moralists in the wake of the Greensboro Klan-Nazi trial travesty?

Why haven't those moral Americans seen a portion of their vast treasury to help the poor saints in Atlanta suffering under the weight of murder and despair? Or spoken out against the rising tide of KKK subversion? Why haven't these moral people taken it upon themselves to be more concerned about the proliferation of guns in America than with more guns to fight Russia; with the moral sickness of cutting off food to the hungry and social security to the aged, than increasing tax breaks for the rich?

But more "burning" matters haunt them, such as the life-and-death issues of school textbooks and "creeping socialism."

Their empty moralistic incantations stream forth like words from the heathen instead of from the Christian. And as John Brown once said to the purveyors of slavery: "There are no ministers of Christ here. My knees will not bend in prayer with them while their hands are stained with the blood of souls... your prayers would be an abomination to God."

And any Christian group which can cry that "sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34) but arbitrarily decide the necessity for mankind to "...let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5:24) is not a leadership group for black Christians.

The "secular humanist" movement, which springs from the 18th Century Enlightenment, places "trust in human intelligence rather than in divine guidance." It professes faith in man's mind but not in the Creator of that mind.

For blacks who have seen the wild vicissitudes of human intelligence in America, such a philosophy is weaker than treating cancer with aspirin.

These two groups make one feel like a piece of meat between two pieces of white bread. White bread has been stripped of its nutrients and man has replaced them with his own vitamins and calls it "wonder" bread. Both of these groups claim to be "wonder bread." One dogmatically perverts God's word and another belittles God's existence. And these devalued "wonder" groups need your mind and my mind as the meat in their plans to save the world.

But blacks must cast aside the weights of the two "white bread" organizations and return to the "bread of life."

We can't afford to entrust our birthright of spiritual nourishment to groups offering a white bread philosophy. Esau sold his birthright of God's covenant for a bowl of meat and vegetables. Shall we sell our rights as quickly and easily?

As John Brown once said, "Men cannot improve, or chain, or hang the soul."

For blacks, Jesus is the food for the soul and this no man can take without your agreement. Jesus is the "bread of life," the whole grain bread with all the natural elements of salvation stored up in the richness of God's grace that feeds mankind's souls. And a sound spirit will lead men and women to provide the material necessities of life for all their neighbors and fellow human beings.

Jesus came that we "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). And this abundant life is still our inalienable right.

For surely there are moral teachings in the Bible, but there is also compassion; surely there is reproof in the Bible, but also reconciliation; surely damnation is described, but much more prominent is the good news of God's salvation through Jesus Christ.

It is this nourishment that will energize us to fight off the "powers and principalities" of evil and bring justice on earth as it is in heaven. And unlike Custer, this spiritual food through Jesus will allow us to live to fight again and again as Christian soldiers determined to "Take the name of Jesus with us" until God signs our name on the eternal Bill of Rights called the "Tree of Life."

Informer Editors Honored



Past Editors of the "Baptist Informer" were honored by the GBSB at its One Day Session. Receiving their papers of appreciation are (L-R) the Reverends Otis Hairston of Greensboro; E. B. Turner of Lumberton; Coleman Kerry of Charlotte; Dr. J. R. Manley and Dr. J. Ray Butler, presenters; Reverends Isaac Huggins of Goldsboro and John W. Fleming of Raleigh. Also cited was the Rev. George Dudley of Rocky Mount (not pictured).

New Bethel Winston-Salem

Joint Anniversaries Celebrated

WINSTON-SALEM—The New Bethel Baptist Church at 1016 North Trade St. in Winston-Salem will observe Joint Anniversaries on Sunday, June 14, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The observances will mark the 91st anniversary of the church and the 37th anniversary of the pastor, Dr. Jerry Drayton.

The guest speaker for the 11 a.m. service will be Dr. Kelly O. P. Goodwin, pastor emeritus of Mt. Zion Baptist Church; and the speaker for the 3 p.m. service will be

Rev. Oscar Cook, pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church.

Since coming to the state in June, 1944, Dr. Drayton has been actively involved in the work of the General Baptist State Convention and the Rowan Association. He served for 15 years as historian of the convention; ten years as chairman of the executive committee. At present, he is serving on the executive committee's organization committee and as chairman of the Political Action and Social Concern

Committee.

Dr. Drayton is a graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., and Howard University, Washington, D.C. He holds an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary and College, and a certificate in pastoral counseling from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine and Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

He was appointed by Governor James B. Hunt in 1977 to serve as chairman of the N. C. Human Relations Council, a position he still holds.

DR. JERRY DRAYTON

CHURCH CIRCUIT

Church Leaders Conf. Opens at Shaw Univ.

The Shaw Divinity School's annual Church Leaders' Conference, comprised of the 45th Annual Ministers' Institute and the Seventh Annual Church Lay Leaders' Institute, will be held at Shaw University, Raleigh, June 8-12.

Registration for the conference will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, June 8. The first session is at 1:30 p.m. Monday. The conference will end near noon on Friday, June 12. Registration and all sessions of the conference will be held in the Student Union Building on

the Shaw University campus.

The theme for 1981 will be "The Church's Ministry of Evangelism: Its Substance and Strategies."

Dr. Robert Taylor, pastor,

June 8-12

Fourth Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., will be the principal resource person. Dr. Taylor will preach the opening sermon on Monday evening at 8:00. He will deliver a daily

lecture on the theme from Tuesday through Friday, June 9-12.

Classes for church lay leaders will be offered in the following areas: (1) The Church in Missions; (2) Christian Education and Church Training; and (3) the Lay Program of the Church. A special focus on the church usher will be featured on Wednesday, June 10.

The cost of the full conference is \$67.75. This figure includes \$25 for registration and \$42.75 for room and board.

Rev. Campbell Elected V-P, Forsyth Phoenix

WINSTON-SALEM — The Rev. Gilbert G. Campbell, Jr., pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, has been named vice president of the Forsyth County Chapter of the Phoenix Organization, which works voluntarily to improve criminal and juvenile justice in North Carolina.

The first annual meeting CAMPBELL of the Forsyth Chapter was held Jan. 17 at the First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro.

Phoenix has four major thrusts, which include:

*To support all programs and ideas that will prevent children and youth from becoming involved in criminal activities.

*To provide support for men

and women coming out of prison through jobs, housing, and friendship.

*To make life more bearable and meaningful for those behind bars.

*To assist the victims of crime.

The state organization is headquartered at 305 BIP Building, 4109 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, N.C. 27609.

Baptist Calendar

June	
1-8	Orientation for Summer Ministers Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem
8-12	Church Leaders' Conference Shaw University, Raleigh
8-12	Missionary Training Conference (WBH&FMC) Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
14-19	Youth Bible Camp, Baptist Assembly Laurel Hill
21	Father's Day
21-26	Youth Bible Camp, Baptist Assembly Laurel Hill
22-26	National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, USA, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska
28-July 3	Youth Bible Camp, Baptist Assembly Laurel Hill
July	
11	Baptist Picnic
14-17	Ushers' Annual Session, First Baptist, Lumberton
27-30	Executive Board Meeting and Eighth Pre-Convention Banquet and Woman's Convention, Civic Center, Charlotte
August	
3-7	Progressive National Baptist Convention and Congress of Christian Education, St. Louis, Mo.
11-13	State Sunday School and BTU Congress Annual Session, Lewis Chapel, Fayetteville
21-23	Laymen's Retreat, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
31-Sept. 4	Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, Charlotte Civic Center

Receive Degrees

WAKE FOREST—William E. Daye and Vernon Steven Thompson were among the more than 280 graduates during recent commencement exercises at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here. Both received the master of divinity degrees.

Daye is a native of Durham and is pastor of the Peace Baptist Church there. Thompson is a native of Winston-Salem.

USHERS

July Convention In Lumberton

The Thirty-Second Annual Session of the North Carolina Baptist Ushers' Convention, auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc., will meet at the First Baptist Church in Lumberton July 14-16, Dr. E. B. Turner, pastor.

"I am appealing to our co-workers to join hands with ushers and friends across the state to set new records for our annual session," said Arthur Williams, president of the Ushers Convention. "I am grateful for the tremendous response given to our One Day Session at First Baptist Church in Raleigh, Dr. Charles Ward, pastor."

Ushers will be on hand during the three days of activities. On Wednesday morning at 9:45, the mass ushers will participate in a processional with ladies wearing white and men asked to wear dark suits.

"I am urging all participants to do their best financially in order that we may do our share in helping to raise the budget that has been set for the missionary objectives of the General Baptist State Convention," said Williams.

The convention will include such activities as an oratorical contest at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Bible study will be conducted daily, training sessions will be held for ushers, and several sermons will be delivered.

Dr. Ralph W. Canty, president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., will present the featured sermon on Wednesday afternoon. The address by President Williams is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, along with greetings from leaders of the General Baptist State Convention.

The theme for the convention is "Qualifications of a Witness."

MOTEL	PHONE	RATES	
		SINGLE	DOUBLE
Holiday Inn	(919) 738-4261	1 person, \$28.00	2 persons, \$39.00
Ramada Inn	(919) 738-8261	Ground Floor: 1 person, \$32.00 Second Floor: 1 person, 30.00	2 persons, \$40.00 2 persons, 38.00
Red Carpet	(919) 738-2441	1 person, 21.00	2 persons, 32.00
Howard Johnson	(919) 738-4281	1 person, 30.00 Ground Floor: 2 persons, 34.00	None Available These Dates
Howard Johnson	(919) 738-4281	Ground Floor: 1 person, 30.00 2 persons, 34.00 Second Floor: 1 person, 29.00	None Available These Dates
Days Inn	(919) 738-6401	1 person, 21.00	2 persons, 25.94
Family Inn	(919) 738-2461	1 person, 1 bed 14.77 2 persons, 1 bed 18.77	2 persons, 2 beds 21.77 3 persons, 2 beds 25.77
Motel 6	(919) 738-8930	1 person, 14.25 2 persons, 18.41 3 or 4 persons, 21.53	2 double beds (No Cots)
Redwood	(919) 739-4304	1 person, 1 bed 14.77 2 persons, 17.00	2 beds, 2 persons 20.00

PRIVATE HOMES
Single: \$10.00/person Double: \$5.00/person

MEALS SERVED AT CHURCH

Breakfast \$2.50
Lunch \$3.00
Dinner \$3.50

Registration \$2.00
First Baptist Church is located two blocks west of the Courthouse. (504 West 2nd Street)

HIGHWAYS TO LUMBERTON

From the West U.S. 74
From the North I-95
From the East I-95 and U.S. 74

Woman's Page

ENDING, BUT BEGINNING

BY EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY BRODIE

As of May 31, 1981, our fiscal year closed. We are thankful to God for instilling in you (pastors, moderators, presidents, churches, and others) a mind and heart to support us prayerfully, financially, and physically. We are grateful to you for helping us to have a successful year. Certainly, this kind of year attests to our theme concerning Christian stability. For had there not been Christian stability through the grace of God, we would not have been able to have weath-



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ered the storms. BRODIE and dark days and achieved such a banner year for missions. As often said, "Where there is unity, there is strength." Now that a new fiscal year has begun, let us do more for missions than ever before and not relinquish our charge to the cause because of inflation. May God bless all of you.

REMINDERS

Missionary Training Conference. Pre-register now to

attend this conference at Laurel Hill, June 8-12, 1981. The fee is \$50; \$5 registration fee, \$45 room and board. Come and join in fellowship, exercise, worship, self-expression, creativity and classes. The theme is "Examining Resources for Worldwide Spiritual Fires."

Chamber of Commerce. Please send to our office and ask for needed applications. Do this now, for applications must not be postmarked any later than June 26. We should appreciate your reserving your rooms immediately so that we shall not have to comply with some of the sales managers' wishes to relinquish some of our reserved rooms.

Youth Bible Camp. Three weeks of camp have been scheduled for June 14-19, 21-26, and 28-July 3, 1981. As many youth as possible are urged to attend the camp and be involved in recreation, Bible study, arts and crafts, worship, self-awareness, old and new friendships. Come and enjoy Christian freedom along with the different improvements at

the camp site. Send to our office NOW for health blanks and return them as soon as possible. (First registering, first accepted.)

Charlotte Hotel Reservations. Not much time remains for those who desire hotel reservations for the Annual Convention and have not sent applications to the Charlotte

National Baptist Convention Pre-registration. The Woman's Convention Auxiliary, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., along with the parent body, will convene in Detroit, Mich. If you desire to pre-register, please send to our office to secure the personal enrollment registration card (state president, district president, national officers, etc.) and/or the organization enrollment

representation blank (district, local circle, etc.) as soon as possible. Please return the filled out pre-registration form (s) along with the funds to this office. Make your check or money order payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention.

Baptist Beliefs

BLACK BAPTIST BELIEFS

AS ENUNCIATED BY
THE GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF
NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

INTRODUCTION

"Lord, I believe; help Thou my unbelief." What that agonizing father was saying at the foot of a Galilean mountain many centuries ago was, "Father, I have some faith, but please remove my doubts." And that father was no exception. Most people reach a point where faith gives way to doubt. One way to strengthen faith is to know in organized fashion what we believe.

It should be noted here that black Baptists have always stressed church democracy. Because of that emphasis, no rigid creed is possible. At the most, the beliefs enunciated here represent an expression of freedom in Christ, the freedom to interpret biblical principles for ourselves.

However, we do believe that certain tenets of black Baptists can be stated in general principles and as guidelines which have evolved out of the experience of working with them in North Carolina.

We believe that there are certain distinctives among this group, not of kind but of degree. With that idea in mind, we state here as briefly and as succinctly as possible those tenets, principles, or guidelines that have served to guide Baptists within the fellowship of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

THE BIBLE

Black Baptists are "Bible Christians," believing that the Bible is the voice of the ages speaking to the needs of the hour. We believe that the Bible is the major way through which God communicates His truth to man.

We believe that the Bible is many books; yet we believe that it is one book. It is many in that men writing at different times, from different backgrounds, and under different situations contributed to its development. It is one in that the theme running through it is God and His plan of Salvation.

We believe that the men who wrote the books of the Bible wrote under divine inspiration, that God spoke directly to them and they recorded the message for posterity. We must remember that the Bible, though containing history, is not a history book; that, though dealing with the cosmology, it is not a science textbook. The Bible is a religious book. Its contents are the source and substance of our Christian faith.

Finally, we believe that God's revelation in the Bible can only be experienced as we approach it with an open mind and a spirit-filled heart. When we do this, God's plan for redemption and salvation leaps at us from every page.

GOD

We believe that "God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and Truth." Man cannot define God, for if that were possible, God would no longer be God. There is something about Him far above our ability to comprehend. But we believe that we can speak of Him as He has manifested Himself to us.

Thus we believe in God the Creator, a force that brings into being. We believe in God the Reconciler, bringing sinful men back into the fold of His fellowship, and we believe in God the Consummator, who sustains us and leads us in the process of sanctification toward harmony with Him and His will.

We believe further that our contact with God has revealed certain qualities or attributes which can be associated with Him: He is eternal, from everlasting to everlasting; He is all-knowing, knowing our needs even before we reveal them to Him; He is All-Powerful, "In the beginning God created..."; He is All-Present; there is no place where God is not found.

But we believe that the greatest attribute of God of which man can speak is God is Love: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him would not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Continued Next Month

Poetry Contest!

A \$1000 grand prize will be awarded in the Seventh Annual Poetry Competition sponsored by World of Poetry, a quarterly newsletter for poets.

Poems of all styles and on any subject are eligible to compete for the grand prize or for 99 other cash or merchandise awards, totaling over \$10,000.

Says contest chairman Joseph Mellon, "We are encouraging poetic talent of every kind, and expect our contest to produce exciting discoveries."

Rules and official entry forms are available from the World of Poetry, 2431 Stockton, Dept. B, Sacramento, Cal., 95817.



Dr. John W. Fleming (third from left) receives the Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Shaw University President Stanley Smith.

Shaw Graduation

DR. FLEMING RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE

Thousands of visitors, friends and well-wishers attended the 116th Commencement Exercises at Shaw University May 10 as more than 270 candidates received undergraduate degrees and four prominent persons were recognized for their contributions and accomplishments by being awarded honorary doctorate degrees.

Dr. Stanley H. Smith, Shaw University president, conferred the honorary degrees, the Doctor of Humane Letters, to Dr. John Wilson Fleming, director of church relations at Shaw University; Mrs. Johnnie Blunt McLester, a noted educator, civic and Christian leader in Durham and associated with the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina; to the Honorable Frederick G. Richmond, U. S. Congressman (D-N.Y.), a member of the Shaw University Board of Trustees; and to the Honorable Umaru A. Dikko, Minister of Transportation for the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Dr. Fleming was presented his degree by Dr. O. L. Sherrill, executive secretary-treasurer emeritus of the General Baptist State Convention, while Mrs. McLester received hers from Dr. Priscilla Brodie, executive secretary of the WBHAFMC.

The Shaw Divinity School awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree to two outstanding Christian educators, the Rev. Paul Wayne Drummond of Charlotte and the Rev. Raymond Lee Lassiter, Jr., of Philadelphia. Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary-treasurer of the GBSC and Dr. C. R. Mosley, pastor of the First Nazareth Baptist Church in Asheville, presented these degrees.

Dikko delivered the commencement address to the graduates and he urged them to pursue success on every level. Raleigh Mayor G. Smedes York presented Minister Dikko with the "Key to the City" and Ben Ruffin, special assistant to Governor James B. Hunt, presented the honoree with the "Order of the Longleaf Pine."

Shaw Evaluation Shows Growth

ROCKY MOUNT—"Shaw University is in the business of taking black high school graduates where they are and moving them to a level where they can be competitive in America," President Stanley Smith told delegates to the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention in Rocky Mount last month.

"We will continue to take those students who would not have been able to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill," he said, "and after graduating from Shaw they'll be able to go on to those universities that would have rejected them in the first place and then perform creditably on the graduate and professional levels."

Therefore, Dr. Smith is proud of the progress at Shaw, where he says a student doesn't graduate without somebody knowing his or her name.

Since the beginning of his administration, the entire Shaw University community has been involved in a process of evaluating all phases of institutional programs, academic offerings, support services, and management of fiscal operations.

In the academic area, curricular offerings have been restructured to strengthen the quality of the educational programs, and the number of faculty members with earned terminal degrees increased from 35 percent to 60 percent.

In addition, student enrollment has increased from 1,273 during the first semester of 1978-79 to a current enrollment of 1,523 students. The major thrust of the academic programs is to prepare students to be liberally educated for the world of work.

Along with the academic restructuring, Shaw has also strengthened fiscal and management operations. With the development of an Operations and Procedures Manual, dealing primarily with four functional areas,

Unified Program Emphasis

More specifically, the accomplishments achieved during the administration's leadership includes the following:

- "The University is operating within the framework of a balanced budget.

- It has reduced its long term indebtedness by approximately one million dollars.

- A new and manageable plan for making payments on the

Academic Building Bond of 1967 has been negotiated with the Department of Education. It is currently negotiating for the same terms for the women's and men's dormitories.

- It has purchased two tracts of land from the City of Raleigh.

- For security purposes, a fence has been installed around the entire campus.

- The number of faculty members with terminal degrees has been increased to 60 percent.

- A Procedures and Operations Manual has been developed.

- Student enrollment has increased significantly.

- Academic programs have

been restructured to offer programs supportive of the University's mission.

- A Board of Visitors has been organized to assist the University in program and resource development.

- Two cars for recruitment and two maxi-vans for Upward Bound transportation have been purchased.

Dr. Smith, in looking at the future, quoted from II Corinthians 4:8, 9, saying, "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed..."

College Ministry

RALEIGH—Black students on the college campuses around the Research Triangle area of North Carolina have been showing an increasing interest in Christian activity. One person who has been assisting and encouraging these students is Rev. Fred M. Williams, campus minister for Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

Inter-Varsity is an interdenominational ministry to college students which has existed in the United States for some 41 years. They employ staff persons like Rev. Williams, a Fuquay-Varina native, to help establish and assist Christian students on the college campus.

Rev. Williams, a 28-year-old 1974 Shaw University graduate, joined the Inter-Varsity staff in 1974, serving for two years as a trainee at Morehouse College in Atlanta before returning to Raleigh in 1976 to serve students at Shaw University, St. Augustine's College, N. C. State University and UNC-

Chapel Hill. By July, 1981, Rev. Williams and his family will have moved to Tallahassee, Fla. to minister to students at Florida A&M University through Inter-Varsity. His ministry here will be continued in part by Inter-Varsity staff who remain in the area.

In his campus ministry, Rev. Williams serves students by offering Christian literature, local and national conferences, campus workshops, Bible studies and training sessions on various topics. He and his wife, Jo Anne, have seen much accomplished through their ministry in five seemingly short years.

Rev. Williams is a licensed minister in the CME Church. He has led weekly Bible study at St. Augustine's College and has spent much time counseling, encouraging and challenging students to develop their fullest potential in Christ.

He desires the prayers of the North Carolina Baptist family.



FRED WILLIAMS

Youth: "You Are Somebody"

BY JEWYL E. DUNN

The following article is the last in a three-part series on youth counseling in the church.

It is not easy to be secure in a world of contradictions, disillusion, and controversy. But our youth seem to have made some progress. In doing so, many of them have turned inward, speaking only to themselves, living portions of their lives without meaning or responsibility. They are engulfed in privacy, their own human values are those in their own immediate lives and these are in dire need of guidance.

The area dealing with lack of self-confidence is important because youth are going through a period of uncertainty. They are often discouraged and worried over mistakes that might make them look foolish. Because of this lack of self-esteem, there is the fear that one cannot compare with others. They are often convinced that they lack talent and must have the approval of others. This discounting of ability makes them withdraw from others and (1) retreat into the world of imagination where they can dream of themselves as worthy; or (2) put up a false front to convince them that he/she is of worth. Both responses tend to separate the person from others.

In addition to a lack of self-confidence, low self-regard tends to walk hand-in-hand. The feeling of worthlessness needs to be dealt with as delicately as possible.

This makes the counselor's job ever so important. The Christian counselor's task is to convey the message of the gospel that "you are somebody. You are loved."

This stage of counseling will give a chance to see youth grow. Their feelings, their values, moral and spiritual, must be strengthened so that when a move in status is done, it can be done with self-confidence and a feeling that one is worth living on this earth, that one is placed here with the purpose to spread love and joy. This cannot be done unless one feels it, for one must first love himself. Research findings made it clear that the family is crucial in forming a positive identity. It is in the setting of a family or community that one comes to sense the reality of being important to others and of being a person of worth.

Church counseling will not be so hard to introduce to young people who attend church. Their belief in Jesus Christ and His teachings is strong. To put them into the right perspective would be the counselor's goal. The findings in this survey indicate that these youth need strengthening; strengthening in their concern about themselves and others; strengthening in their beliefs and values, even though established to some degree; strengthening in their perception of themselves and others.

The findings indicated that the youth's needs must be considered.

Various ways may be used: (1) group counseling involving youth with related problems of various degrees; (2) group counseling just for parents to understand where they are failing and can help their child; (3) group counseling involving youth, lay people and parents; (4) one-on-one counseling; (5) peer counseling; (6) lay counseling; (7) pastoral counseling; and (8) consultation counseling with others involved with youth.

The youth counselor may have a religious commitment that will promote evangelism through the youth, control their environment to a modified extent, supervise their behavior, share the gospel with them, listen and communicate with them on an understanding level. One must be a friend who will share joys and learn from youth by actively participating in their programs.

By building relationships, being genuine, being available, showing interest, communicating, leading, teaching, creating a community, and encouraging involvement, a definite program of trust can be built. Thus, one of the missions of the Baptist Church is carried out—educate the young.

COUNSELING PROGRAM

1. Establish a sufficient counseling staff to help young people with their major concerns, beliefs and values, and perspectives.

2. Organize and train the counseling staff pertaining to their duties.

3. Have the staff responsible to the head counselor who in turn will be responsible to the pastor according to the organization of the Baptist church.

4. Develop the objectives of each counselor pertaining to their area of concern.

5. Educate the youth to the purpose of the counseling program and how they can best benefit from it.

6. Require the counselors to have a strong Christian commitment and to deal confidentially with the youth that they counsel.

7. Organize and train peer counselors for youth-to-youth counseling designed to develop a new approach to the production of strong self-confidence and self-regard.

8. Offer various strategies of counseling with emphasis on personal, education, career, and spiritual counseling.

9. Complement the above specified services with any other services which will facilitate the mission of the counseling program as long as disciplinary and spiritual functions are emphasized.

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Remarriage After Divorce

Is The "Evangelical View"
Scriptural? Dr. Larry Richards
Answers, "No."

WACO, Tex.—With four out of five divorced persons eventually marrying again, evangelical Christians increasingly find themselves forced to rethink traditional limits on remarriage after divorce.

One who started the re-evaluation process is Dr. Larry Richards, a former professor of theology at Wheaton College's graduate school of religion who now heads a Phoenix, Ariz. ministry for training local church leaders.

Until recently, Dr. Richards held the view quite common among evangelicals that a divorced Christian could not remarry as long as the former spouse remains unmarried.

The rethinking started as Dr. Richards kept confronting marital situations that seemed to cry out for more than the rule of "don't divorce, but if you do, don't remarry."

There was Susan, who came in for counseling. A young woman, she was a new Christian and recently divorced. Her husband had abused her, abandoned her, neglected the children. Was her only choice as a believer, she wanted to know, to cope with being alone the rest of her life?

And there was Marilyn, whose husband Jack left her for a homosexual relationship. Is she now free to marry, or must she leave the door open for reconciliation?

Dr. Richards came to know Rev. Luke, whose wife Linda had begun to project deep-seated problems from her childhood upon him, blaming him for her condition, withholding herself sexually from him, and eventually developing a psychotic hatred for her husband. Because he is a minister, Rev. Luke has decided to remain married to Linda, knowing how difficult it would be to hold a pastoral as a divorced or remarried man.

As Dr. Richards realized how ill-prepared he was to deal in depth with these and many other personal tragedies, he began to study the subject of Christian remarriage from the standpoint of the biblical theology.

His starting point was the classical texts of scripture from which he had drawn his conclusions.

One was the statement of Jesus, "Anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to commit adultery, and anyone who marries a woman thus divorced commits adultery." (Matthew 5:32). Dr. Richards also focused on the

Apostle Paul's words, "A wife must not separate from her husband. But if she does she must remain unmarried or thus be reconciled to her husband." (1 Corinthians 7:11)

As clearcut as such passages appear at first glance, Dr. Richards now believes that their actual teaching tends in a far different direction. He describes the results of his study in a controversial new book, "Remarriage: A Healing Gift from God," (Word Books, Waco, Tex., \$7.95).

One of his first breakthroughs came, Dr. Richards says, in his research into Old Testament practices regarding divorce and remarriage. There, to his surprise, he found numerous instructions on how remarriage is to be carried out after divorce. An example is Deuteronomy 24:1-4, which describes procedures for a divorced woman "if after she leaves his (her former husband's) house, she becomes the wife of another man."

Dr. Richards examined dozens of passages that had been used as prooftexts for forbidding remarriage after divorce.

"I approached the passages in what I found to be the only sound approach in biblical interpretation: tracing the line of thought of the total passage in which the focal statements are found."

The teaching of Jesus on divorce, he realized, was part of a debate with the Pharisees over the purposes of the Law of Moses. Jesus tried to show, he concluded that "Law reveals God's willingness to accommodate Himself to our hardness of heart."

And Paul's teachings on remarriage, he realized, needed to be read in light of the Apostle's teachings on grace, mercy, forgiveness, and unconditional love.

Remembering his own earlier firm beliefs to the contrary, Dr. Richards realizes that his book will cut across the views of many fellow Christians. The thought of being attacked as an "advocate of divorce" or "soft on remarriage" bothers him.

"But the thought of the thousands and thousands who are suffering, who need our compassion rather than our condemnation—and my personal conviction that the teaching in this book is in harmony with both the letter and the spirit of Christ's good Word—left me with no alternative."

Council Of Churches To Stress Peace

The House of Delegates of the North Carolina Council of Churches, meeting in Greensboro on May 14, decided to make world peace and a reversal of the arms race a major emphasis during the next three years. The action was taken in response to an escalation of tension between the superpowers and an increase of nuclear weapons in large and small nations.

The group also adopted a policy statement on the church and politics which affirmed the role of the church in the political sector, but warned of the dangers of fanaticism and self-righteousness. An additional statement stressed the duty of Christians to stand up for the powerless and urged a re-ordering of the priorities reflected in the budget proposals of the current administration in Washington.

The assembly also passed a statement supporting public education and another urging that refugee resettlement remain a high priority for

churches in North Carolina.

Mrs. Mildred Fry, former president of Church Women United in North Carolina and a prominent leader in the United Methodist Church, was elected president of the council. She is the first woman to serve in the office since the council was organized in 1935.

"Mildred Fry is widely known and respected in Methodist and ecumenical circles," said Collins Kilburn, the council's executive director. "She is a strong leader with a profound dedication to Christ and to the mission of the church." Mrs. Fry has been active on the council's ERA Committee in recent years.

The 1981 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Mrs. Jean Walker Vickers of Durham, who has served as secretary and bookkeeper for the council for 16 years. Dr. Samuel S. Wiley, former executive director of the council, made the presentation and underscored the fervent commitment which Mrs.

Vickers has had for the work of the council.

During the course of the meeting, workshops were held on subjects related to the program of the council: politics, migrant ministry, refugee resettlement, criminal justice, and ERA.

In his report, Executive Director Kilburn stressed the valuable work being done by the Rev. Ruth Minter, Refugee Resettlement Coordinator, and by Sister Evelyn Matern, who is managing the legislative program of the council.

The House of Delegates is the supreme governing body of the council. It meets once or twice each year to determine general policy directions. The House is composed of delegates from the various member bodies of the council, the number of the delegates being based upon the size of the denominational group.

The North Carolina Council of Churches is a cooperative church agency composed of 27 denominational bodies, plus 11 individual congregations.

Moral
Time
Bomb

BY GREG WARNER

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP)—"TV is a moral time bomb, ticking away in our homes, and little is being done to disarm it."

Harry Hollis, director of family and special moral concerns for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, offered that description of morality in the media at the National Conference on Broadcast Ministries.

Hollis stressed the need to capitalize on the medium's potential for good and said the Bible should be the "Christian's moral TV Guide."

But Hollis also emphasized the complexity of the issue of moral morality. Often it is a case of good people "caught up in a system that is sometimes good and sometimes evil."

Television has a negative impact, Hollis said, when it presents "morally-warped family models," stereotyped and dehumanizing characters, a "greedy consumerism," and "the use of violence as a formula for entertainment" and for problem solving. Television also offers "sex miseducation" and discourages involvement by making viewers passive observers of a narrow slice of life.

While television's influence for good has been less obvious, great potential is there, Hollis said. Television has sometimes uncovered the evils of racism, violence and war. It encourages some family and social interaction on issues and some moral decision making.

But the real potential for good, Hollis pointed out, is when television is used to change the people who watch it.

"The best way to overcome the negative impact of the media is to share the Good News with people, it is the gospel of Jesus Christ that changes us."

Hollis called on Christians to present the gospel's alternatives to television's materialism, sex exploitation and violence.

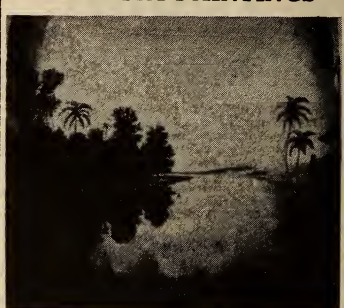
However, Hollis implied censorship is not the way to bring about a chance in television programming. Instead, Christians need to "sensitize" television programmers to the serious individual and social consequences of programming that is morally irresponsible.

"The most certain way to censorship is the refusal of the programmers to tune into the American people to whom the airways belong," he said.

Hollis added that Christians have a right and a duty to communicate their programming preferences to sponsors and stations.

"All television is pay television," he said, since viewers pay for advertised products. "Don't try to make us feel guilty for exercising our free enterprise rights to tell the people we help pay what we like and dislike."

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constantly aware of policy changes that affect their well-being.

Curtis Jackson, the project's director, said, "For us to make a longterm positive impact on any community, we must realize and use the trusted systems that are indigenous to the community. It doesn't matter how expert one may be in his or her area, if no one listens or follows through, that expertise is of no-effect. Therefore, our program emphasizes using the existing influencing networks in the communities because these networks existed and worked before we got there and will be existing and working long after we're gone."

With the aura of self-esteem still changing the atmosphere, the program participants and audience ended the formal session of a memorable occasion with a resounding "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

The finale was a bountiful feast which reflected in its preparation the effect that the training had upon the participants. As stated by Florry Glasser from Policy Development in the Department of Administration, "Did you see the kind of food that was served? Now that's behavior modification if I've ever seen it!" In general, the participants probably thought of the change in food preparation as did Rev. J. B. Wilson, a graduate from Warrenton, who said, "It's just another one of the things we'll have to do if we want to better our health."

The Health and Human Services Project of the General Baptist State Convention, of which Dr. J. R. Manley is president, was granted \$100,000 for the first year in operation by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. The second 10 weeks of the project will begin at 7:30 p.m. on June 16 at the following sites:

Belton Creek Baptist Church in Oxford, North Carolina;
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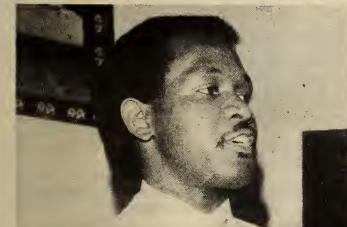
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Dr. Charles A. Cooke, chief of the Health Assurance Section for the State of North Carolina, delivered the keynote address.



Margaret Pollard, Public Health Coordinator for Wake AHEC, introduced the speaker, Dr. Charles A. Cooke.



William Dudley represented the Governor's Office of the State of North Carolina.



Words of encouragement were offered by Dr. Eva J. Salber of the Department of Community and Family Medicine at the Duke University Medical Center.



Rev. J. G. McKnight, host minister of the South Main Street Baptist Church in Louisville, offers words of inspiration and greetings to all visitors and friends of the program participants.



Dr. Joseph G. Gordon, board member of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, which funds the Health and Human Services Project, congratulates Project Director Curtis Jackson for a successful program in the Louisville area.

One Day Session At White Rock, Durham, In '82

building lacks adequate office space and is plagued by inadequate parking.

The Convention adopted a recommendation from the Political Action Committee calling for the GBSC to support Governor James B. Hunt's highway gasoline tax proposal (Senate Bill 360). The issue was approved without debate.

A request from Concord ministers for a contribution from the Convention to help them locate and support a Haitian family in that city was referred to the Committee on Management and Budget.

Moderator's Annual Session
The tone for the Convention was set Tuesday during the evening worship service of the Annual Moderator's Worship, presided over by the Rev. H. B. Ferguson, chairman.

The Rev. J. H. Ferguson, pastor of the Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Rockingham, took the congregation to a spiritual peak as he spoke about the crowds that followed Jesus. His text came from Matthew, the eighth chapter, from Jesus' words delivered in the Sermon on the Mount.

Rev. Ferguson said that many TV sets attracted crowds, but we as Baptists follow Jesus because he makes us

acceptable to God. Because He gives us victory over evils within and without. "Through Him we can achieve the highest possible womanhood and manhood," said Rev. Ferguson. "And it pays to follow Jesus, it pays every day. It pays every step of the way."

The Moderators' session included a welcome from the host minister of the fabulous 1000-seat Ebenezer Baptist Church, the Rev. Thomas L. Walker. Rocky Mount Mayor Fred Turnage brought special words of welcome from the city, along with the Rev. Julius Freeman, representing the Rocky Mount Ministers' Conference; the Rev.

Donald J. Wess, of the city's AME churches; and from Deacon Robert Bynum, chairman of the Deacon Body at Ebenezer.

Earlier in the day, the moderators heard from several co-workers during an afternoon workshop session.

Inspirational sermons were delivered on Wednesday by the Rev. H. R. Cogdell, pastor of Lisbon Street Baptist Church in Clinton; and the Rev. F. O. Bass, Jr., pastor, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in High Point.

The 1982 One Day Session will meet at the White Rock Baptist Church in Durham, the Rev. Lorenzo Lynch, pastor.



REV. THOMAS WALKER
Greetings are extended to the Convention



The 1000-seat Ebenezer auditorium comfortably seated those attending the One Day Session. The Church cost around \$1 million and is pastored by the Rev. Thomas L. Walker.

107-Year Church Builds Chapel

ROUEMONT — Construction has begun on a new chapel for the historic Red Mountain Missionary Baptist Church in Rougemont, the Rev. Curreton Johnson, pastor.

The \$175,000 building will be the sixth chapel constructed for the Red Mountain congregation since the Christian fellowship began in 1874.

The new facility will contain 6400 square feet of floor space which includes the chapel worship area and a full basement for church activities and fellowship meetings.

Plans for the chapel complex were prepared by Samuel C. Hodges, Jr., a Durham architect and planning consultant. The design provides modern conveniences

while capturing some of the old architectural style of the former church house. The chapel will seat approximately 250 worshippers in two rows of angled pews. The choir stand will accommodate up to 35.

Other features will include a church front porch, inside full-length foyer and a tower to house the old church bell, all reminiscent of the old church. Inside, the church will feature a cathedral ceiling, choir

rooms, and year-round climate control.

LETTER

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the "Preacher Burnout" article. I am not a preacher but the article contained an answer to my prayers for self-revelation.

I pray now for guidance in doing God's will.

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DIVINITY SCHOOL:		
Executive Office	29,446.83	
Sent Direct	175.90	
Woman's Convention	10,563.67	40,185.50
FOREIGN MISSION:		
Executive Office	63,832.71	
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Woman's Convention	23,111.12	112,264.99
CENTRAL ORPHANAGE:		
Executive Office	22,578.33	
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Woman's Convention	14,826.63	47,850.98
Executive Office:		
State Missions	149,086.03	
Baptist Informer	2,479.03	
Amnity	20,380.00	
Designated Gifts	41,181.10	
MLK, Jr. Banquet	11,670.00	
Chartered Plane	18,319.00	
WOMAN'S CONVENTION:		
State Missions	167,853.95	
Baptist Assembly	20,546.56	
TOTAL:		\$ 862,857.77

Contributions through the Exec. Office \$ 547,273.74
Contributions sent direct 32,363.79
Contributions through the Woman's Conv. 263,220.24
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$ 862,857.77

ADOPTED BUDGET
GENERAL CONVENTION: \$ 1,020,214.19
WOMAN'S CONVENTION: 281,000.00
TOTAL: \$ 1,301,214.19

OBJECTIVES	BUDGET	AMOUNT
Shaw University	290,000.00	294,632.23
Divinity School	40,000.00	29,631.83
Foreign Mission	160,000.00	89,153.87
Central Orphanage	52,000.00	33,014.35
State Mission	286,214.19	149,086.03
Baptist Informer	5,000.00	2,479.03
Designated Gifts	73,000.00	41,181.10
Amnity	43,000.00	20,380.00
MLK, Jr. Banquet	20,000.00	11,670.00
Chartered Trips	42,000.00	18,319.00
	\$ 1,020,214.19	\$ 599,537.53

General Convention	BUDGET	AMOUNT
Woman's Convention	1,020,214.19	999,537.53
	\$ 281,000.00	\$ 283,220.24
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North Carolina Baptists Meet

The two Baptist conventions in North Carolina will congregate this fall to hold their joint session in Greensboro.

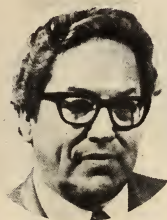
Officials of both the General Baptist State Convention and of the Baptist State Convention will come together Nov. 2-4 at the Greensboro Coliseum.

Dr. J. H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention USA Inc., will be the featured speaker for the Monday night joint session. On Tuesday evening, the Rev. Jimmy Allen, past president of the Southern Baptist Convention and president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission will present the evening message. Both men are dynamic speakers.

These two programs will feature music by a 600-voice mass choir composed of singers from Baptist State and General Baptist Convention churches in the Greensboro vicinity. Dr. Charles W. Fleming, music director at Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington, D. C., will lead the evening worshippers in congregational singing and will direct the mass choirs.

A grand opening parade for the joint sessions is scheduled Monday at 2:30 p.m. when there will be a colorful processional of the associations from both conventions. The associations' moderators will bear a flag representing their areas. Shortly afterward, both conventions will be officially called to order.

"This should be one of the most beautiful things we've ever done," said Ms. Ruth Williams of the



REV. JIMMY ALLEN



DR. J. H. JACKSON

GBSC

Unity Through The Seal Of The

Holy Spirit

Baptist State Convention headquarters in Raleigh.

Both conventions will conduct separate business sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at the Coliseum. Dr. J. R. Manley, president of the GBSC, will deliver his address on Tuesday afternoon, followed that evening at 5:30 p.m. by the President's Banquet in the Coliseum Exhibition Hall.

Persons wishing to present resolutions to the joint session for consideration should have these in by Sept. 15 (See Page 8).

Headquarters for the GBSC will be at the Hilton Inn, 830 W. Market Street in Greensboro, 27401.

Reservations may be procured by calling (919) 275-0811 at \$34 for a single and \$43 double occupancy. Other recommended GBSC lodging quarters are the Howard Johnson Motel, 3030 High Point Road at I-40, Greensboro, 27403, 294-4920, \$39 and \$44; and the Admiral Benbow Motel, 2838 South Elm Street, Greensboro, 27406, 275-0741, \$24 and \$28 (plus tax).

All General Baptists are urged to make plans to attend this important joint session and to make reservations early!

The evangelistic imperative of the gospel was expounded in its fullness during the Annual Church Leaders Conference at Shaw University last month by the wonderful teaching of Dr. Robert Taylor, pastor of the Fourth Baptist Church of Richmond, Va. Dr. Taylor met the theme of the conference head-on during Wednesday's lecture as he spoke from Mark 13:10: "And the gospel must first be preached to all nations." Highlights are included below.

I want to underscore the word must. When we talk about the word imperative, it is indicative of a command; that which is of necessity; that which is urgent. The gospel is the good news concerning Jesus Christ and evangelism is the proclamation both in word and deed of the good news of Jesus Christ.

We place a lot of emphasis on accepting the gospel—but that's just half of it. A lot of us think that evangelism comes when the person accepts Christ, but the other side of the coin is to accept and to live by and according to the redemptive love as revealed by Jesus Christ. Therefore, evangelism is a continuing process.

As the scripture says, "The path of the just is a shining light which grows brighter and brighter until the perfect day."

And so we believe that the road of evangelism is to help this little light that begins at regeneration to grow brighter and brighter until the perfect day.

Therefore, the task of evangelism simply

begins with the conversion experience. But it is carried on until that soul has reached the fullness of the image of the stature of Jesus Christ.

THE CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE OF THE GOSPEL

The concept of evangelism pervades the entire sweep of the Bible. In the Old Testament the emphasis is to bring the Jewish family into redemption as the Word speaks to the seed of Abraham.

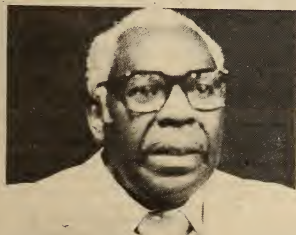
But in the New Testament this evangelistic imperative is presented in its perfect form as expressed by Jesus Christ, embracing the totality of human existence. This is the sweep of evangelism in the New Testament which means that there is no phase of man's life that is not touched by this evangelistic imperative: "Whoever will, let him come and drink of the water."

This gospel must be taught among all people and to all nations.

And the continuation of the church today as a redemptive fellowship depends on evangelism. If the music is up to par, if the people are coming, if the budget is growing, we get the feeling that we've got it made. But the continuation of the church depends upon evangelism. This is the thing that brought the church into existence, and if it is to be that redemptive fellowship, the bride of Heaven, the Lamb's wife, then it must continue to be evangelistic. When it ceases in this task, it ceases to be a church.

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evangelism



DR. ROBERT TAYLOR

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And we must recognize the gospel relevance and its relatedness to our contemporary times and society and situations. The Bible is the living word of God because it is forever contemporary. The Bible is an amazing testimony. Some ask, why deal with a book with information 2000 years old or more? But the Bible is as contemporary and as up-to-date as the 10 o'clock newscast you heard this morning. It is for any age and ageless; for any time, and timeless.

THE URGENT NOW OF THE GOSPEL

Jesus stood in the temple and read that the spirit of the Lord God is upon me, for He has anointed me to preach—NOW; to give release to the captives—NOW; and recovering of sight to the blind—NOW. And to those who heard Peter at Pentecost, he said that you shall repent and receive the Holy Ghost—NOW.

God's eternal NOW is forever! You must discover the urgent newness of the gospel and not at some more convenient time.

We are under a more urgent mandate than this country in 1954 when the Supreme Court ruled that segregation no longer had a place in American life and demanded change with all deliberate speed. But when the Bible speaks it says NOW. It is not even as lenient as the Supreme Court.

Procrastination is one of Satan's most powerful weapons.

REACHING THE UNSAVED

This message first must go to the unsaved. How do we do this?

•**REVIVALS.** Revival is something that we should plan and prepare for. Organize it and make it a telling experience.

•**THE BUS MINISTRY.** This is a coming ministry. We have a mobile population. The

parish church, the community church, we don't have that too much now. People in your church come from all over the county or from all over the city. The congregation no longer walks to church.

But the bus ministry is more than transportation. In this ministry you find the unsaved. I don't think the church can spend a dollar in any more wise a manner.

•**CHILD EVANGELISM.** Go to where the children are and gather them in.

•**HOUSE-TO-HOUSE VISITATION.** The church must be able to reach out and help. If others will do this work and not the church, I ask, "Is the cross on the right building?"

People call on the church for food and for clothing and for whatever their needs are. When folks get hungry out there with Jesus, some disciples want to send them away, but Jesus said let them sit down.

•**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.** We don't teach the Bible just for the sake of teaching the Bible. Teaching should be for the purpose of leading boys and girls and men and women to Christ. The teachers and leaders should plant the seed so that when the child gets old enough he or she is ready to accept Jesus Christ.

•**THE MORNING WORSHIP.** The invitation should be extended at every service and persons given enough time to respond. Nothing is worse than to preach and to then not be prepared to receive those souls who want to give their lives to Jesus. You aren't preaching just to deliver great sermons.

For when Jesus saw the multitude... in their frustration, in the light of their need and their disinclined condition... He began to say blessed are the meek... blessed are the poor... blessed are the hungry. But first He saw the multitude. And on Sunday mornings, people are sitting out there with needs.

FROM THE EXEC. SECRETARY

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents of Unions, District Conventions and Members of the General Baptist State Convention:

We are moving in a progressive way in an effort to reach our financial goal of \$1,302,214.19 on or before Aug. 31, 1981. Your support is needed to help us honor our commitments to Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions and the General Baptist.

We urge all of our pastors to lead their churches to give the 10 percent of their budget to the objectives or give their suggested quotas on or before Aug. 31. If we can get a positive response from each pastor and church, we will have no problem in reaching our challenging goal. As a result of reaching our financial goal, we can meet together in our annual session, Nov. 24, 1981, in Greensboro, and "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Very often, we must be reminded of the fact that we are God's stewards. We belong to God by creation and redemption. God made us and He saved us. As a steward, all that we have must be used to honor and glorify Him as we seek to lead others to come to know Him whom to know is eternal life.

The story is told by one of our missionaries in Africa of the salvation experience of a man who practiced a primitive animistic religion. In one corner of his kitchen, this man had a large stone. It was his household god. He believed that if he worshipped it and revered it, all would be well with his household. He also had another god. This was his god of the harvest. It was nothing more than an ear of corn hanging from the rafters; but he believed that if he worshipped and revered this ear of corn, his crops would flourish and be plentiful. Through the work and witness of our missionaries, this man was gloriously saved.

Would you like to know what happened to his gods?

When he came to know the truth in Christ, he took the stone god that sat in the corner of his kitchen and placed it at his back doorstep, and it became his stepping stone to help him get in and out of his house. He took down the ear of corn from the rafters, he shook it, and fed it to his chickens. It was the first time that either of his gods had done him any good. He no longer needed those false gods, for he had come to know the true God.

This is an example of what happens when our National Baptist missionaries face a sin-darkened world with the light of the gospel. Tragically, however, multiplied millions die every year having never heard the salvation story. Before his salvation experience, the apostle Paul walked in darkness. On the road to Damascus, in a heavenly vision, he met Christ. Jesus revealed the role Paul would play as a missionary to the Gentiles. Listen as Jesus speaks to him. (read Acts 26:15-18). We, too, are commissioned to carry the gospel message to all the world. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

The question is: What are we doing about it?

Part of the answer lies in what we are doing through the Unified Program.

representative sitting on that committee, I resent your editorial which makes reference to the "Battle of the Little Big Horn," with the white man (Custer) as God and the Indians as the devil. Your lack of knowledge as to the true history of that battle is very apparent. The part I cannot believe is a Christian group such as yours, demonstrating such a "racist" attitude. Out

here in Sioux Country, "attitudes and stereotyping are those issues that have kept our people from ever achieving any dignity and respect as Indian People.

Sincerely,
Rosemond S. Goins, RN
Executive Director

Rapid City, South Dakota

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should avoid constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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The Baptist Informer incorrectly reported that the GBSC One Day Session will be held at the White Rock Baptist

Church in Durham in 1982 (June issue). White Rock will be the host for the GBSC's Annual Session in 1982.

GBSC Sponsors Trip To National Baptist Conv.

The General Baptist State Convention has reserved seats with Eastern Airlines and U. S. Airlines for the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., meeting in Detroit, Mich., Sept. 7-11.

Our planes will leave the Raleigh-Durham Airport and the Douglas Airport in Charlotte on Monday, Sept. 7 and return on Friday, Sept. 11.

The round-trip air fare at present, including transportation from the airport to the hotel, baggage handling, and room accommodating two persons per room, is \$388. For those persons who desire a private room, the round-trip fare is \$499.

Please fill out the form and return it to our office with a deposit of \$200 by June 26 and the balance is due by July 20. Make all checks or money orders payable to the General Baptist State Convention for plane.

In an effort to avoid the possibility of an air rate increase, you may send your full amount for the trip before July 1.

Please enroll me for the trip to Detroit, Michigan, September 7-11, 1981. My deposit of \$200 is enclosed.

Name _____
Mailing Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Driver's License or Social Security No. _____
Signed _____

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LETTERS Plus

Dear Editor:

For some time, I have been receiving regularly "The Baptist Informer." I believe this has been through the courtesy of Dr. Corbin Cooper. I write to express appreciation.

You are producing an excellent Christian journal. During my years as Director of Missions for the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, we joined in many mutual programs of service to our people. Since retirement, your paper has provided a way for me to keep up with your continued progress. This progress is evident in reports from your churches and the many conferences and workshops of your convention. Recent articles such as "Preacher Burnout" and "Why Teen Suicides" are top quality and a source of genuine help.

Congratulations to you and the officers of your convention: Dr. C. C. Craig, Dr. John R. Manley, and Dr. Priscille Brodie for impressive progress in the work of our Lord.

Sincerely,
Howard J. Ford

Minus

To The Editor:

At a recent meeting at the National Institutes of Health, your paper was distributed to the "Ad Hoc Committee on High Blood Pressure Control in Minority Populations."

As an American Indian

Love and best wishes permeated the retirement services for the Rev. Dr. Claude R. Trotter at the First Baptist Church in Graham June 21.

Pastor of the church from 1939 until 1981, Dr. Trotter was honored during the morning worship service and during a special "This Is Your Life" program in the afternoon.

The church was filled to capacity Sunday morning as Dr. Trotter delivered his final sermon as pastor. Afterwards, the congregation unveiled a hand-painted color portrait of Dr. Trotter which will be a permanent fixture in the sanctuary of the ultra-modern chapel. Near the choir stand, a banner displayed the words: "Dr. Trotter, God Bless You, Thank You, You Gave Us Your Best 42."

During the evening program, family and friends greeted the honoree and told the congregation about the work of Dr. Trotter.

"None of the people of the First Baptist Church are ashamed of your work," said Deacon Reed Belton, who said that Dr. Trotter was the force behind the church's growth, the construction of a new sanctuary, fellowship hall and educational building. "And just because you are retiring doesn't mean you're out of it yet."

Letters of congratulations were sent from James Z. Alexander, dean of the Shaw Divinity School, where Dr. Trotter is an instructor; from Dr. O. L. Sherrill, executive secretary emeritus of the General Baptist State Convention; by Dr. Samuel Moss Carter of Virginia Union University, a former

instructor of Dr. Trotter; and from many other well-wishers.

The many students who have been directed by the teachings of Dr. Trotter at Shaw were represented by the Reverends Jasper Horne, Lottie Key, Rufus Johnson, Penny and Cureton Johnson.

"I remember having completed my sermon in homiletics class when Dr. Trotter looked at me and said, 'Son, just make sure that somebody is happy other than you,'" said Rev. Horne.

A representative of Oak City Baptist Church in Raleigh stood and told the congregation that they wouldn't have the church facility they currently enjoy if Dr. Trotter hadn't led the way. Dr. Trotter once pastored at Oak City and has built several churches across the state.

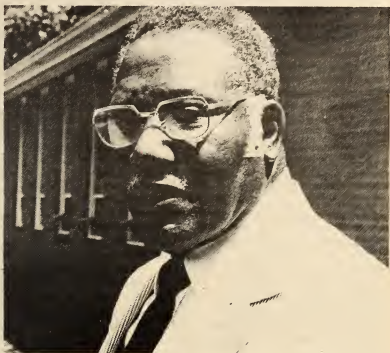
He and his wife sat facing the congregation as the witnesses to God's work through Dr. Trotter paraded by. Afterwards, Dr. Trotter thanked the many people who had worked with him.

"I used to come up here for \$2," he said in reference to the drive from his home in Raleigh. "It's not just around the corner here in Raleigh. It takes about \$16 now."

And Dr. Trotter was especially proud of the history that was presented to the church family chronicling the history of the church from its beginnings. Dr. Trotter authored the booklet.

Dr. Trotter will continue his teaching duties at Shaw and will continue pastoring the Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Raleigh.

Dr. C. R. Trotter Retires From First Baptist Graham



Sunday School August Convention

The 1981 Annual Session of the General Baptist State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress will meet at the Lewis Chapel Baptist Church, the Rev. J. D. Fuller, pastor, Aug. 11-13, in Fayetteville.

Each church Sunday School is requested to register for this convention with a contribution of \$45; BTUs—\$30; District Conventions—\$50; and individual registrations—\$2.

Preregistration is preferred by making checks payable to the General Baptist State Convention and by sending the appropriate fee to the Baptist Headquarters, 603 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh, NC 27601, (919) 821-7466.

Lewis Chapel Church is in the process of making preparations for this annual celebration and teaching session. Reservation cards are available from the Baptist Headquarters for lodging at the convention headquarters, the Bordeaux Motor Inn, 1707 Owen Drive, in Fayetteville (28304).

Meals for the sessions will be catered by a local establishment at a cost of \$2.50 per meal and transportation will be provided for those in need from the convention headquarters to the church.

Rev. Fuller said that the church will host a welcome program at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 11 with music to be provided by the district convention choir.

Directions To Lewis Chapel Baptist Church 5422 Raeford Road

1. If traveling from Raleigh, take highway 401 South. Upon arriving in Fayetteville, take 401 Bypass going towards Raeford (passing Cross Creek Mall) until it connects with 401 Business. Turn left at light and Lewis Chapel will be on the left.

2. If traveling from Laurinburg, take 401 North. There will be an intersection where 401 splits (Shell gas station on one corner) into 401 Bypass and 401 Business; take 401 Business route. Go about 500 yards and Lewis Chapel will be on the left.

3. If traveling from Rocky Mount or Wilson, follow US 95 South to Fayetteville. Take 95 Business South, which will junction with 301 South. Continue on 301 South two stop-lights past the 87 South turn-off. Turn right at the second stop-light past the 87 South turn-off. Turn right at the second stop-light (Owen Drive/All American Expressway). Continue to Raeford Road Exit (401 South Business) passing Cape Fear Valley Hospital. Turn left on Raeford Road. Go two miles. Lewis Chapel is on the right.

4. Traveling from Wilmington, take 87 North (crossing US 95S) to 301 South. Continue on 301 South to second stoplight. Turn right (Owen Drive/All American Expressway). Continue to Raeford Road Exit (401 South Business) passing Cape Fear Valley Hospital. Turn left on Raeford Road. Go two miles. Lewis Chapel is on the right.

5. Coming into Fayetteville on 24 West, continue on until 24 West intersects with 301 South. Follow 301 South two stoplights past the 87 South turn-off. Turn right at the second stoplight (Owen Drive/All American Expressway). Continue to Raeford Road Exit (401 South Business) passing Cape Fear Valley Hospital. Turn left on Raeford Road. Go two miles. Lewis Chapel is on the right.

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CHURCH CIRCUIT



Some of the youth in the Bible camp at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill gathered for a group picture upon completion of a week of activities including Bible study, arts and crafts, swimming, softball, volleyball, fashion shows, and many more. Each youth received a certificate from the Convention for their attendance.

Forsyth Union Institute

BY MRS. MILDRED GRIFFIN WINSTON-SALEM — The 28th Annual County-Wide Institute was sponsored by the Forsyth County Union April 27-May 8 at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, the Rev. G. G. Campbell, pastor. The theme was "Christian Stability—The Whole Armor of God."

The Training Institute began Monday evening with devotion by Union presidents. Mrs. Evelyn Clayborn brought greetings and Dr. M. A. Horne introduced the instructors: Senior Minister—Mrs. Mabel Hester, Bladenboro, WBH&FM Convention; Sunday Church School—Attorney J. L. Lassiter, Winston-Salem; Ushers Union—the Rev. Charles Gray, pastor, Mount Olive Baptist Church; Deacons—the Rev. W. C. Hay, pastor, Gallies Baptist Church; Youth—Mrs. Mary Muldrow, Shiloh, and Mr. Luther Jones,

Mars Hill: Young Adult—Dr. Kelly O. P. Goodwin, pastor, Cedar Creek Baptist Church, presented a skit centered around the theme.

Sponsors of the institutes and

leaders were Senior Missionaries, Mrs. Clara N. Hayes; Sunday School, Mr. Thomas Jackson; Ushers' Union, Mr. Cleveland Griffin; Youth Missionary Union, Mrs. Erma Frazier; Deacons' Union, Mr. William O. Harris, and Youth Adult Union, Mrs. Daniels.

Baptist Calendar

July	
11	Baptist Picnic
14-17	Ushers' Annual Session, First Baptist, Lumberton
27-30	Executive Board Meeting and Eighth Pre-Convention Banquet and Woman's Convention, Civic Center, Charlotte
August	
3-7	Progressive National Baptist Convention and Congress of Christian Education, St. Louis, Mo.
11-13	State Sunday School and BTU Congress Annual Session, Lewis Chapel, Fayetteville
21-23	Laymen's Retreat, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
31-Sept. 4	Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, Charlotte Civic Center

Woman's Page

68 WOMEN ATTEND
LEADERSHIP
TRAINING
CONFERENCE

PREVIEW OF WOMAN'S SESSION

BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRODIE

Though memories of our last annual convention vividly remain with us, it is near time for the observance of the 97th Annual Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. This session convenes July 27 in Charlotte at the Civic Center where Second Calvary Baptist Church will serve as host along with her pastor, Dr. Lemar Foster.

We ask that all members and friends of our Woman's Convention join us in praying God's guidance during our session, and that you bring your love, fellowship, and gifts (spiritual and financial) and be involved in this missionary experience.

Certainly should we seek to experience God's blessings upon us, we shall not be disappointed; for usually we find that which we seek.

Youth Day, Antioch Goldsboro

BY MRS. MABEL ISLER
GOLDSBORO—On Sunday, April 26, at the Antioch Baptist Church in Goldsboro, the Wayne County Missionary Union celebrated its Eleventh Youth Inspiration Day.

The speaker for the occasion was Miss Cheryl A. McCullough from Charlotte, who is president of the State Youth Department.

Miss McCullough's theme was "Youth in a Changing World." She challenged adults to train their children according to the teachings of the Bible, and by living

The following are among the different activities of the 97th session:

1. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Monday at the Charlotte Civic Center.
2. The Executive Board meeting will begin Monday morning at 10 in the Colonel Tryon Room, Radisson Hotel.
3. At 1:45 p.m. is the General Board meeting at which time we shall hear reports from the Executive Board's representative, State Vice Presidents, Youth Supervisors, Special Workers, Youth Bible Camp Director and echoes from National Baptist Woman's Convention.
4. The Pre-Convention Banquet begins at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center. You may secure tickets (\$14.00) from our office now.

5. Study classes for all departments will be on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. The Seniors meet in the Civic Center, the Young Adults in the Colonel Tryon Room (Radisson), and the Youth in the Gold-Mint Room (Radisson).
6. The Life Membership March will be a part of Tuesday afternoon's festivities which begin at 2 p.m. Persons who march are to wear their pins at that time.

7. President Turner will give her annual address Wednesday morning. Please dress in white.

8. The Annual Youth Concert begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Civic Center. The session ends on Thursday morning with the installation of officers.

Second Calvary, the host church, is to present a Pre-Conventional Musical Sunday, July 26, at 7 p.m. -

Banquet

GOLDSBORO—April 10 was a gala affair for the Wayne County Missionary Union, at which time the Second Annual Recognition Banquet was held in the Goldsboro Middle School North Cafeteria.

The theme was "Honorable Servants." All ministers and their wives were honored for unselfish and loyal service to the Union. Each was presented a Certificate of Recognition and gifts from individual churches.

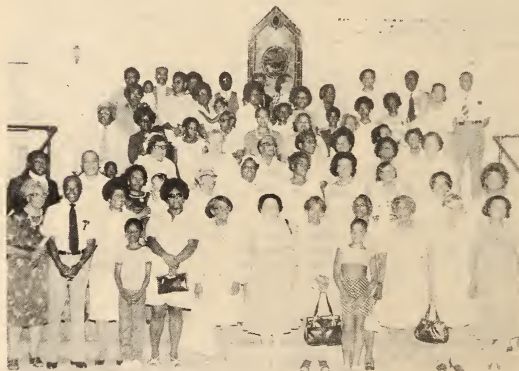
Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Melvin, minister and minister's wife of St. Mark Church of Christ, were guest speakers.



CHERYL MCCULLOUGH

examples. She told the youth to honor and respect their parents.

Rowan Missionary Class



Two hundred and fifty persons registered for the annual Missionary Training Classes sponsored by the Rowan County Baptist Missionary Union at Fairview Heights Baptist Church in Salisbury and directed by Mrs.

Eva H. Johnson, a certified member of the Woman's Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Mrs. Johnson was

assisted by the Rev. John Gaston, moderator of the Rising

Star Missionary Baptist Association, Mrs. Ethel Jones and Mrs.

Loraine Heath. Mrs. Louise Hoover is president of the Rowan Missionary Union. The Rev. R. N. Lockhart is pastor at Fairview.

BY MRS. H. R. HOWELL

LAUREL HILL—The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina presented its 44th Annual Session of the Leadership Training Conference June 8-12 at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill. Sixty-eight enthusiastic women registered for this training session.

The theme was "Examining Resources for the Worldwide Spiritual Fires." and the scriptural reference was "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:16-17. The theme hymn was "God So Loved the World."

On the opening day, greetings were given by the Rev. Theodore Breeden, superintendent of the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly; Executive Secretary Priscilla A. Brodie, who explained the theme and expressed hope that our expectations would begin with an examination of ourselves; Ms. Bettie Chisom, administrative assistant; and Mrs. Jettie Lucas, our conference coordinator and pianist. She also used each day in singing and praising God and directed us in our daily exercises after explaining how important it was to keep our bodies physically healthy, so we could function socially and mentally in order to gain and retain our spirituality.

Our instructor, Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, used the text "Biblical Basis of Missions," by Avery Willis, Jr.

During some of her instructions she reminded us that we are to take a look at ourselves and examine our resources for worldwide spiritual fires. Other resources to examine are the Bible, resource books music, prayer, church, and people. She also stated that we must submit ourselves to God and put Him first, and He will give us strength and direction.

Among the topics studied during the week were: "The Mission of God's People," "The Mission of Christ," "The Mission of the Holy Spirit," and "The Commission of the Church." Our study reassured us that we are all the same in the sight of the Lord and that we must work together in Christian fellowship in order to stamp out Satan's activities.

The following committees and persons helped to make our week successful:

Worship Committee—Sisters Annie Bryant, Gertrude Hamilton, Genetta Patton;

Cabin Leaders—Sisters M. Turrentine, R. Diggs, R. Holloway, M. Stevens;

Assembly Leaders—Sisters D. McNeilly, R. Harris, J. Mack;

Banquet Committee—Sisters J. Lucas, R. Nunn, E. Stanfield, R. Holloway and A. Wilson;

Evaluation Committee—Sisters M. Griener, M. Whitley, and B. Withrow;

Memorial Committee—Sister H. Harris;

Ushers—Sisters R. Diggs, S. Roseboro, L. Spell, E. Griener; Secretaries—Sisters H. Howell, Q. Forbes, G. Patton.

Our "nature study" was conducted by Sister Annie R. Bryant. She told us that when God made the world, He made many natural resources to take care of man; therefore, man must have plant or animal life, water and air to survive. She pointed out the value, purpose, and similarity of the tree to man. We continued our nature study class by touring the grounds and discovering various roots, leaves and plants that are useful to man.

Our arts and crafts class was directed by Sis. Rachel Nunn and other persons from Durham and Gastonia.

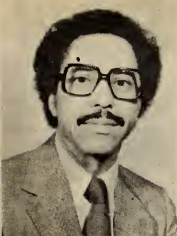
Marionne, flower crafts, patterns for making decorative household articles such as pillows, scarves, house shoes, pin cushions and other things were among the art projects. The featured activity was quilting.

The annual memorial and vesper services were held in the Baptist Assembly Chapel on Wednesday, with Sis. Horton presiding. Names of the known deceased throughout North Carolina were read by Mrs. Horton. Rev. Breeden read the scripture and prayed. Sis. Helen Howell gave the welcome to the special guests and friends.

Rev. W. O. McCullough, Hamlet, delivered the annual sermon. His text was "Be Not Afraid, I'm With You," Matthew 28:10 (The Living Bible). He related the things that are happening today to affect us black people, but that we should not be afraid because there is something within and God is still on the throne, caring for us. The choir from his church accompanied him.

Thursday night featured our annual banquet with Dr. Brodie as our speaker. Her topic was "The Greatest of Dialogues." She stated that the greatest of dialogue was not with the president or some big executive, but that it was prayer, a conversation between God and man which brings resources. She concluded by saying that prayer precedes a revival as well as generates it; therefore, we must seek God first. The following question was left in the minds of all: "How is your dialogue with God?"

Miss Minnie C. Lyon of Durham, a retired missionary, also participated in the program. The members of the leadership training session, workers and friends were dressed in their evening attire, which highlighted the banquet. Beautiful arrangements of magnolia and flowers added color to the dining area. Gifts of appreciation were given to Rev. Breeden, the team of all and Mary Breeden, Horton and Lucas.



NORMAN CAMP, III

Editor's Note: The following address was delivered by Dr. Norman C. Camp, III, last February at the Solid Rock Baptist Church in Laurinburg. The St. John and Pee Dee Baptist Associations, Dr. J. J. Johnson and Rev. J. H. Ferguson, respective moderators, sponsored the program. Dr. Camp is a Raleigh native and serves as Special Assistant in the Office of the Secretary, North Carolina Department of Human Resources

LAURINBURG—Two weeks ago, I met in Washington for three days with some black human services administrators from across the country to discuss and set strategies for resolving some of the problems that will confront us during the next four years—the Reagan years. From what I heard from these professionals with many years of experience in serving people through government and private resources, we've got a lot of problems facing us and a lot of problems to solve. The Reagan years will be a time of what some Reagan people are calling the "creative squeeze." In simpler terms, this means that many people-oriented programs are going to be cut to the bone wherever possible and in relentless fashion.

I am convinced that God, through the toil and suffering of our forefathers, has shown us the way. We have here in this place, and this time, an opportunity to renew our struggle and pursue it to its final conclusion. We can start today to develop a survival plan for the future—a plan built on black people helping black people.

Nowhere in this country is the need greater than in the cities where 55 percent of blacks reside. A great majority of these are lower-income families. After narrowing to less than 39 percent in 1969, this group has widened to 43 percent, about where it was 10 years ago. Black family income has been more adversely affected than white incomes by the state of the economy and by the heavy loss of jobs in the cities. It has not been affected by the influx of white women into the labor force. Whether they are in direct competition with blacks is debatable, but there is no doubt that their wages have raised the incomes of white families compared with black families, where two or more workers have traditionally been the norm.

Black family income has been further eroded by the breakup of black families, a phenomenon which has created most of the new poverty among blacks since 1970. In 1964, one out of four black families was headed by a woman; today it is three out of five. In 1977, of all the black children living in poverty, 75 percent were supported by women, up from 60 percent in 1970. As for black males, roughly 40 percent are out of the labor force—either not working or not looking for work—compared with 33 percent as late as 1969.

Considering that over one-half of the blacks residing in America live in the inner cities, these figures are frightening. They reveal a widening gap in income between upper and lower-income blacks, as well as the growing disparity between black and white families. The net result is a growing and permanent class of unemployed and poor blacks who with the givens of racism, educational opportunity, politics, housing, family disorganization and subsequent low motivation will never be productive. The slums of Harlem, Raleigh, Durham, Fayetteville or any of the cities in this great state.

Given today's conservative mood in the country, government, at every level, may very well shrink from its responsibility and do nothing about the plight of poor whites and blacks over the next four to eight years. We will simply have to help

ourselves! Just as we are doing here today. We must take the attitude that only blacks can save blacks!

The road to our survival, I am convinced, will be built on three processes—a solid foundation of political involvement, economic development, and networking. Politically, we have to continue to organize and educate our communities to the need for political involvement. We've got to realize that we have political power in our communities that for the most part has gone unused. We have to believe that we have the potential for determining the outcome of every election, putting people in office who will be responsive to our needs. We need to know that on election day, as we go to the polls to vote for the candidate of our choice, we vote for black political clout and consequently the destiny of black people in this country. By pulling that lever or marking our ballot, we reassert our insistence that our voice, our demands and concerns must be heeded when political decisions are made.

The price for non-participation in the political process may be measured in terms of cutbacks, a back-off on support for the poor, an affirmative action, and set-asides for minority business—a terrible price to pay for tens of thousands of blacks. All are economic in their effects, but they owe their existence to political decisions. Political clout may not yield us all the economic gains we need; however, it is essential if we are to make any significant economic progress.

Funding for the black community means power. During the decade of the 80s, blacks must move closer to developing a strong economic foundation to assure our survival. We must aspire to put our actions and money where our mouths are. The economic outlook for blacks over the next ten years can be shiny improved. In order to do this, the black community will have to first organize itself in such a way that it significantly enhances its political and economic clout. This must include more intensive voter registration and turn-out efforts. Secondly, increased pressure must be brought to bear on key governmental policymakers in order to obtain a genuine commitment to enforcing equal employment and affirmative action mandates. And thirdly, more sophisticated monitoring and lobbying on the part of the black community and allied groups can insure that there is a more equitable distribution of economic resources and job opportunities to those areas and groups most in need of them.

Our youth must get wise and master the knowledge base of the technical fields as well as the humanities. They must sharpen their entrepreneurial skills for multiple careers and lateral as well as upward movement in the labor force. Strong motivation, a clear set of goals, self-efficacy, initiative, an ability to identify targets of opportunity, imagination, good judgment, and an almost invincible sense of optimism in the face of adversity—these are the qualities of mind and heart that young blacks must try to cultivate in the years ahead.

The truth of the matter is that although more blacks are entering for careers in business, engineering, chemistry, computer science and other professionalized fields where the best positions are going to be in the 80s and beyond, not nearly enough are doing so. We will have to make more headway in securing the better paying jobs in our communities.

When analyzed, the problems confronting black people in this country are deeply rooted in racism, yielding a legacy of poverty and lack of opportunity. Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, sees the 1980s as a bleak future for civil rights. He goes on to say that "if blacks and whites don't work together to eliminate racism, the 80s will be an age of perilous social upheaval."

The imperatives for sustained social action are clear. Being angry is not

enough. Wallowing in despair and self-pity is the road to nowhere. For there to be progress, there must be effort. Not every action produces victory, but we can learn from our defeats in devising bold strategies for overcoming monumental barriers to racial equality.

My friends, we must think of the little children, our children—black children. We owe it to them and to our forefathers to pass on to our children the legacy of faith and survival that the dark past has taught us. If we are going to survive—as survive we must—we must have the will to greatness and the urge to excel! The best of us must accept the responsibility for the rest of us. The strong must bear the infirmities of the weak. For I am convinced as the Rev. Jesse Jackson that "nobody can save us from us for us but us."

Tom Wolfe, a North Carolinian, put it this way...

"If a man has a talent and cannot use it, he has failed."

If he has a talent and uses only half of it, he has partially failed.

If he has a talent and learns somehow to use the whole of it, he has gloriously succeeded and won a satisfaction and a triumph few men ever know."

We each have a talent or in most cases many talents, and we should use these in some measure for the good of our people—to lift them up. Our mission has and should always be to bring black people out of the periphery of society and into the mainstream. To do this, we must commit and dedicate ourselves to the task of a few things that we have not always been willing to do. They are:

1. Registering to vote and encouraging others to do the same.

2. Diligently exercising our votes on election day and encouraging others to do the same.

3. Getting politically involved starting at the precinct level and participating in every level of political activity including elected office.

4. Teaching our children to do each of the aforementioned. As the Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." We need to get back to the basics.

5. Developing networks of support throughout our community—within, among and between groups. We need our young people and senior citizens. We need our white people working with black and brown people. We need Christians and Jews. We need laborers and professionals to kindle a spirit of mutual assistance through networking for the good of us all.

6. Developing a stronger economic base and encouraging greater numbers of black men and women to enter professional, technical, managerial and sales occupations.

I have tried this orientation to give you a broad sense of the realities of continuing black progress in the 1980s. Although the time ahead seems extremely difficult for us, I do believe there is a deep reservoir of fairness, social commitment, and compassion in the American people waiting to be tapped. So there is hope. The Chinese have a proverb that I sometimes use to help me surmount difficult barriers. It says simply this: "A thousand-mile journey begins with one step."

Black people have taken many thousand-mile journeys throughout our history in this country. Yet we have one more to go before we sleep. But this I consider a promise to our forefathers that we must keep. Perhaps it will be the task we will need to take. Perhaps the dream will be realized. Deep down in my heart, I know the dream will be realized when we commit ourselves to taking the steps I have talked about. Then and only then will we take what could be the last journey—the journey that leads to freedom, equality, and a full share of the American dream.

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Retirement Begins Early

When should a person start getting ready for retirement? At 65? 60? Maybe 58? Guess again. "A person should prepare himself in the years between age 35 and age 55 for these important, fruitful and significant retirement years to come," says Dr. Ted W. Engstrom. His new book, *The Most Important Thing A Man Needs to Know About the Rest of His Life* (Revell, \$8.95, pub. date June 15) is written with urgency. Dr. Engstrom seeks constantly to encourage early preparation. "What you will be, you are now becoming," he says.

The Most Important Thing a Man Needs to Know About the Rest of His Life is effective new guide to making the second half of life the best half. The author gives his readers the benefit of a tough, yet sympathetic look at the physical, psychological, spiritual and financial realities of the later years. In addition, he recommends the tools needed to deal with these factors.

What are the tools?

- Intelligence, flexibility, creativity, and potency
- Cultivation of passionate interests and deep friendships

• Liberation from the fear of death
 • Sensible budgeting and investing
 Here's a book based on the fact that God has promised an abundant life—for all of life. In it, Dr. Engstrom shows how to redeem that promise now.

ADULTS ARE ADVISED TO REACH ACROSS THE GENERATION GAP QUICKLY

"Let's reconcile the generation gap," says author Annie Ortlund. "The responsibility is on the adults of this world to reach across the gap, in love and humility, to their children, and to do this quickly, while the children are still moldable and impressionable."

In her new book, *Children Are Wet Cement* (Revell, \$8.95, pub. date May 18), Mrs. Ortlund suggests that from our guidance of children comes a clue to deeper attitudes about ourselves. The secure parent provides verbal affirmations as a simple but powerful technique which will influence the way children think about themselves later on. "So much depends on the way you've talked to them, treated them, handled them," she says.

Children Are Wet Cement is for every adult, parent or not, since it explores how we all are, in a way, "wet cement" children. Even as adults, the author states, we often need to become childlike to bring about the possibility of renewal through apologies and new beginnings. In this way, strained relationships can be restored.

BE ALL GOD WANTS YOU TO BE

"The foundation of success—any success—is the knowledge that we matter to God. We are His children, and He wants good things for us, even to the point of becoming actively involved in the everyday affairs of our lives."

So states Charles Paul Conn in his new book, *Making It Happen—A Christian Looks at Money, Competition and Success* (Revell, \$7.95; pub. date June 15). As a veteran freelance writer who has written about outstanding men and women in religion, business, politics and sports, Mr. Conn observed the ingredients that made them winners. He found that they understood the principle that striving for excellence in all areas of life can be truly Christ-glorying. Mr. Conn bases his ideas biblically on the parable of the talents and urges readers not to be afraid to stretch and achieve nor be ashamed of success once it is theirs.



These young ladies were among the more than 150 participants during the first week of the Youth Bible Camp sponsored by the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill, (L-R) LaKisha Hill and Marcia McClean of Durham, Nikki Trotter of Raleigh, and Teresa Etton of Durham.

MYTHS ABOUT TAX CUTS

Editor's Note: The following information is reprinted by permission from Raleigh Report, a publication of the office of social ministries of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

When fully effective in 1984, the proposed tax cuts would have the following impacts on average families:

- For people with incomes over \$200,000, taxes would be cut by about \$30,000 a year.
- For people with incomes between \$20,000 and \$30,000 a year, the tax cuts would add up to less than \$1,000 a year.
- For those earning between \$10,000 and \$15,000, the tax cuts would be worth just over \$350.
- Fully three-fourths of the total benefits would go to families with incomes over \$25,000.

Note that for all income groups the Social Security taxes have increased in 1981. For low income families, the tax cut in 1981 is barely sufficient to offset the Social Security tax increase. They are left with no real increase in disposable income—nothing to cushion the impact of the budget cuts that will affect them.

For middle income families, one could generalize to say that the combined effect of the tax changes and budget cuts would allow them to roughly break even.

For the wealthy, however, the proposed changes are a massive windfall. The end result of the cuts in individual and corporate tax rates would constitute one of the largest redistributions of wealth and income in our nation's history. Unfortunately, the redistribution is toward less, not more, equity.

Forsyth Union Mass Meeting

WINSTON-SALEM — The 27th Annual Mass Meeting of the Forsyth County Missionary Union was held at Galilee Baptist Church, Dr. W. C. Hay, pastor, on May 3, with President Clara N. Hayes presiding. Other officers present were: Kenneth McCadden, Young Adult President; Mrs. Bronnie H. Daniels, Young Adult Director; Mrs. Warren Miller, Youth President; and Mrs. Erna Frazier, Youth Supervisor.

Dr. Hay was the speaker of the hour during a very inspiring program that was

well planned by the Program Committee: Mrs. Evelyn R. Clayborn, chairperson; Mrs. Clara N. Hayes, Mrs. Emma Frazier, Mrs. Juanita Archie, and Mrs. Bronnie H. Daniels.

Participating churches consisted of: Dreamland Park, Emmanuel, First Baptist, Friendship, Galilee, Holy Trinity, Mars Hill, Mount Olive, Mount Zion, Mount Pleasant, New Bethel, New Light, Piney Grove, Red Bank, Second New Bethel, Shiloh, St. Stephen, Union Baptist, Union Chapel, United Metropolitan, Waightown, Zion Memorial,

Saint Mark, and Zion Hill.

The objectives for the occasion were: State Mission, Shaw University, Foreign Mission, Central Orphanage, and Rowan Woman's Auxiliary. With these in mind, contributing churches reported more than \$6,000.

"Uncertainty An Asset"

LOS ANGELES, Cal. (BP)—The 1980s will be full of stress, but understanding the changes that produce that stress can make religious educators more effective, participants at the 26th annual Southern Baptist Religious Education Association were told.

"God has given us, not so much the colors of a picture, as He has given us the colors of a palette," said Edward Lindaman, president emeritus of Whitworth College, Spokane, Wash. "The uncertainty of the future is an asset, not a liability. We will never be free until we are uncertain—because then we experience a real sense that God is change. And God works through change."

—WORK—

I must work the words of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work.

—John 9:4

Oxford Area Health Project

YOUR RIGHT TO HEALTH

On June 16, the Health and Human Services Project of the General Baptist Convention started its second ten-week training cycle. The sessions will be held each Tuesday night at 7:30 at the following churches:

- Spring Street Baptist Church
- Spring Street
- Henderson, NC
- Rev. R. M. Burnett, Pastor
- Belton Creek Baptist Church
- Oxford, NC
- Rev. P. G. Davis, Pastor

It is your right, as a member of the General Baptist State Convention, to take advantage of this Health Project designed to improve the health status of the Baptist church community.

We encourage all persons from the target area (Warren, Franklin, Vance, and Granville Counties) to come to Oxford or Henderson and share in this ten-week training experience. For further information, please contact Barbara T. Baylor at the General Baptist State Convention, 603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601.

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FREE DEMONSTRATIONS TO CHURCHES

Making Music Viable In Church

The General Baptist State Convention's Church Leaders' Conference was held last December at Laurel Hill. Highlights of this successful gathering, under the direction of Waverly Camp, Jr., GBSC Director of Music, are printed to assist our readers in developing a better understanding of church music and musical groups in the Christian program.

The purpose of the conference is to allow church music leaders such as choir members, church music committees, organists, pianists, directors and interested persons an opportunity to fellowship, worship and share experiences together, said GBSC Music Director Waverly Camp, Jr. As music leaders we must come together and learn and exchange thoughts so that we can do a better job of leading others to Christ through music.

The theme of the conference was "Make Music Viable in Your Church Through Witnessing, Education, Application and Ministry." Workshop leaders included John McQueen from First Baptist Church in Fayetteville; Louise Lassiter, minister of music at First Baptist Church in Lumberton; Mrs. Nancy H. Young of Shiloh Baptist Church in Greensboro where she serves as organist and pianist; and Camp.

Dr. K. O. P. Goodwin, pastor emeritus of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, spoke on the pastor's involvement in the music program of the church.

WITNESSING

"Music is the art of producing significant arrangements of sounds in reference to rhythm, pitch and tone color," said McQueen. "Music is a



WAVERLY CAMP, JR.

combination of musical sounds, especially those which are pleasing to the ear. In the church, musical sounds are intended to be heard in reference to a story.

"Witnessing, then, is to see or know by personal experience. To furnish or serve as evidence of or to give testimony to. Music may be viable in your church through witnessing when the work means something to you and in your life."

McQueen said that there are prerequisites to witnessing through music.

"One must be a Christian," he said. "One must be saved. One must know what it is to say words to music, and those words mean something to you.

Since music is so important in the church, one cannot witness to or testify to that which one has not experienced. To sing, 'O, How I Love Jesus' doesn't mean much if I don't really love Jesus. Your congregation can tell whether you know and whether you believe what you're singing."

He said that it is important for witnessing that we are together.

"I thrive on harmony, and there are a lot of people who thrive on confusion. A choir in harmony with each other is

going to touch somebody on Sunday morning.

"At the choir rehearsal we should have some witnessing. We should have a good time witnessing. The spirit doesn't just have to come on Sunday morning... it should be present at choir rehearsal.

"To make music viable, one must be willing to render service and must have the desire to render service and not be seen or highly acclaimed. A good witness sings for the love of it and will sing just as well on the back row as on the front row. He will sing in the mid-week service as well as on Sunday morning."

McQueen stressed the importance of having the right attitude for singing and serving the Lord.

EDUCATION

Mrs. Lassiter said that church music education is one of the downfalls of "These, our black churches." The music ministry, she said, needs continuous growth. The purpose of the church music program is therefore to glorify God, edify His children, and lead others to a saving knowledge of Christ through meaningful, spiritual, uplifting music.

She said that youth through senior adults must be trained no matter what

type of music they sing.

"We have a problem in our churches. We need a variety of music. People like different types of music and we have to do for all people. Everybody can't relate to patting their feet and clapping their hands."

She said that this variety should include hymns, anthems, choral arrangements, gospels, spirituals and Negro spirituals.

APPLICATION

Application involves using church music to help the congregation grow as Christians, said Mrs. Young.

"The music heightens the spirituality of the person and produces growth in Christian character. Hymns should be selected that express sound doctrines and that bring about a closer fellowship to the congregation. When we sing together, we should seek to understand what the words of the song mean, and what the song can mean to us in our Christian lives."

She said that songs are used in the church for inspiration, for comfort and to help meet people's daily needs.

MINISTRY

"The objectives of music in ministry are to seek opportunities to use music to minister to the needs of persons and to provide opportunities that involve church members in the ministry function of the church," said Camp.

He said that some of these ministries include:

- Home and family worship
- Families in bereavement
- Marriage ceremonies
- Receptions, anniversaries, special services, recreational activities
- Missions to jails, rest homes, hospitals (live and recorded)
- Radio and television broadcasts.

BY PROFESSOR AVRAHAM IBRAN

When the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, the possibility of finding further scrolls prompted archaeologists to survey and explore the caves around the Dead Sea.

BIBLICAL CONNECTIONS

The passionate interest in archaeology in Israel is the result of the study and knowledge of the Bible. So many biblical sites have been geographically pinpointed, and so much of the history of Israel is centered around these places, that for an archaeologist to excavate such a site is more than a matter of a desire to uncover the past or even a search for identity—it is in fact a return home.

Anathoth, Jeremiah's birthplace—Timnah, where Samson lived—Beer-sheba, where the Patriarchs camped—Kadesh Barnea, where the Israelites stayed for 40 years when they came out of Egypt—Dan and Bethel, where Jeroboam set the golden calves—Hazor, which Joshua captured—Modi'im, birthplace of the Maccabees—to name just a few, are sites whose excavation reveals the physical reality of Israel's identification with its past. This past sometimes goes back beyond the emergence of Israel as a people, but is equally relevant.

With surprises liable to spring up at any turn of the archaeologist's spade, Israel is one of the richest archaeological areas in the world, its finds, large and small, from the Golan Heights to the furthest reaches of the desert, continuing to illuminate centuries of the region's history.

HOLYLAND

Archaeology



Roman Amphitheater At Caesarea

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)—Pearl that summer could bring an increase in the murders of young blacks, Atlanta Christians are offering programs to keep children off the streets.

The city remains besieged by fear which has accompanied the murders of 28 people in 23 months. All of the victims have been black, and most of them have been males, between the ages of seven and 17. Four have been small adult males, two have been females.

Investigators believe more than one person is responsible for the slayings, although they think several of the murders are related. One man has been arrested and charged with the murder of the latest victim.

"This summer will be a crucial time for our children," said Martha Creel, director of the Stewart Avenue Baptist Center. "With schools closed, they have more time to run the streets. And with so many of them away from adult supervision, we fear more of them could be caught."

Most of the summer programming has been supported through Help the Children Project, sponsored by the Episcopal Council of Metro Atlanta, an ecumenical group.

More than 70 churches are participating in the project, started after black members of the Christian Council told about tensions tearing at Atlanta's black community, said Dorothy Lara-Braud, communications director for the council.

"Some of the major services of the project include provision of transportation, link-ups with food sources and help in finding summer employment for teens," Lara-Braud said. "But each cluster of churches and mission centers works out its own programs, depending on what the churches can do and what the communities want."

atlanta

BY MARV KNOX

Church support particularly is needed because federal funds for summer programs are insufficient to meet the city's immense needs, Lara-Braud said, noting that this year, it's "doubly important" due to the mass murder danger.

An example of the cooperation evident this summer can be found in the Techwood Homes housing project, in the shadow of downtown. Six churches—three Southern Baptist, a National Baptist, a Presbyterian and an Episcopal—are working with Clark Howell-Techwood Baptist Center to help neighborhood kids.

The churches provide a day camp for older children which includes recreation, Bible study, a noon meal and occasional swimming and movies, said Terry Moncrief, director of the Techwood Center.

In addition, the center receives help from seven church groups from across the South. Together, they're sponsoring another day camp for younger kids, aged three to 11.

However, not all Baptist support has been channeled through the Help the Children Project.

Rainbow Park Baptist Church in suburban Decatur is helping provide recreation, Bible studies and meals to kids who attend Stewart Avenue and Memorial Drive Baptist Centers. Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta supports work done by inner-city Emmanuel Baptist Church, ministries in the city's Grant Park area and help with the Stewart Avenue center's programs, in addition to

manpower provided to the Techwood project.

But whatever their channel for involvement, Atlanta area Baptists are participating in summer projects because of concern for the city's young people.

Rainbow Park Church is involved because "we believe the entire city is our community; anything that happens in Atlanta concerns us all," explained pastor Gene Tyre.

"If our church is to have integrity in Atlanta, we must minister to the city," added Robert Marsh, pastor of Second Ponce de Leon church. "We can't take pride in being comfortable and secluded in suburban areas. We must see this problem as a mission of the church."

And, many people wish, church involvement in the inner city is only the beginning of long-lasting relationships between Christians and decayed communities.

"We hope this is an ongoing project," said Ken Lyle, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle of Atlanta, located downtown near Techwood Homes.

"The murders of these children are tragic," he said. "But they're just intensifications of the problem of poverty and neglect that has always been here and probably will remain after the murders stop."

CHURCHES, MISSION CENTERS HELP ATLANTA'S YOUNG PEOPLE



Support Nimitz Survivors Confess Christ

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Program

NEW ALBANY, Ohio (BP)—

Six persons made professions of faith in Christ at the funeral for a crewman killed in the crash on the aircraft carrier Nimitz.

The funeral for Ronald Lee Wildermuth, 19, was conducted

at First Baptist Church, New Albany, by its pastor, Kenneth Branham.

Wildermuth was working on a parked aircraft when another plane crashed on deck.

The accident occurred in the Atlantic Ocean

service, and of spreading the good news of reconciliation and salvation. He established a pattern for Christian living.

We further believe in the Christ of Experience, the spiritual Christ, who can possess us and help us move toward Christian maturity.

We also believe that Christ calls us to discipleship and to apostleship, to take on His yoke and learn of Him, and to go forth as messengers of the good news which He brought to mankind.

Finally, we believe that Jesus Christ, through His life, death and resurrection, has shown us what God is like and what God wants us to become.

Joint Session

BY REV. CLIFFORD A. JONES, SR.

CLINTON—The Joint Resolution Committee, representing the General Baptist State Convention and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, had its initial organizational meeting June 1 at the Baptist Headquarters Building. At this session, the Rev. Charles Hinson of Aberdeen and the Rev. Clifford A. Jones, Sr. of Clinton were elected co-chairpersons and Ms. Martin Godwin of Oxford was elected secretary.

The following procedure was adopted regarding the submission for proposed resolutions. Any person who has a proposed resolution is requested to submit it in writing by Sept. 15, 1981 for consideration by the committee. ANY RESOLUTION NOT SUBMITTED BY THIS TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED! Send your resolution to either:

Rev. Clifford A. Jones, Sr.
900 College Street
Clinton, N.C. 28232

or

Rev. Charles Hinson
P.O. Box 1066
Aberdeen, N.C. 28315

Your input is desired and will be immensely appreciated. The members representing the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina are: Rev. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., co-chairperson; Rev. H. A. Chubb, Rev. Charles Bullock, Rev. J. Johnson and Rev. Gilbert Campbell.

Baptist Beliefs

The following doctrine was commissioned several years ago by the GBSC and was written by Dr. John W. Fleming, presently director of Church Relations at Shaw University.

MAN

We believe that God created man "a little lower than the angels and crowned him with glory and honor." We believe that man is what God's creative act was all about, that man was the epitome of creation and that man has been given dominion over the earth and is accountable to God for his stewardship.

We believe that the image of God in man has made him unique among the creatures of the earth. Man alone has mind. Man alone has free will to make choices for himself. Man alone can aspire to be God-like.

We further believe that this image of God in a physical body is the source of internal conflict, that the flesh at times rebels against the spirit and alienates man from God.

Finally, we believe that God through His grace provides the way of salvation, but man must cast aside his rebellion, humble himself and respond to God's grace with faith.

SIN

We believe that sin is rebellion against God, whether it is something done (communion) or something left undone (omission). Since God is All-Good, man, by his rebellion, falls out of favor with his Creator.

Thus, we believe that sin is the Great Separator, the Grand Alienator that cuts man not only off from God but closes the line of fellowship with his fellow man. Sin, then, is personal and social, personal in that it alienates man from God; social in that it separates man from man.

We believe in the chronic nature of sin; that is, the sin of rebellion against God as seen in Adam is also seen in modern man.

We further believe that whatever causes man to be out of harmony with God and his fellow man is sinful, and that the "wages of sin is death."

JESUS CHRIST

We believe that Jesus Christ is the central fact of the Christian faith, that the act of God in Christ was an act of redemption, and that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself.

We believe in the Jesus of history who went about doing His good, that through His life and teachings He became a model of what life in the kingdom is like. In His life of fellowship, of

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10,000 To Carey

BY S. R. JOHNSON

CHARLOTTE—More than 10,000 delegates are expected to attend the 84th annual session of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention here Aug. 31-Sept. 4, with headquarters at Radisson Plaza Hotel No. 2—NCNB in downtown Charlotte.

Mount Carmel Baptist Church, 3201 Tuckasee Rd., where the Rev. Leon C. Riddick is pastor, will be host. Delegates will come from the United States and foreign countries.

According to Dr. W. C. Sommerville, Washington, D. C., executive secretary for Lott Carey, this year's attendance is expected to be the largest in the history of the organization. Meeting here for the first time in over 25 years, several hundred churches have already reported over a thousand dollars per congregation, which is already pushing the million-dollar mark—a record for Lott Carey.

Opening on Monday night, Aug. 3, will be a pre-convention musical directed by Mrs. Juanita David of New York City's public school system and by the musical staff at Convent Avenue Baptist Church there. An ensemble of 250 musicians is to be heard during the recital. In keeping with this year's theme, "Mission in Power," a pageant will be presented along with the musical.

Dr. George L. Bodwick, Pittsburgh, Pa., president of the parent body, is to preside and Miss Helen Benton, Baltimore, will chair the Woman's Auxiliary meeting at the same time. John W. McQueen, Fayetteville, will direct the Laymen's League and Mrs. Carolyn Pope Middleton, from Landover,

Africa, in 1921 with other free slaves and with a savings account of \$700. This marked the first missionary effort by blacks to the third world continent. The convention has a membership of several thousand churches throughout America that supports its work in Africa, India, Nigeria, and Guyana. Liberia, where the Rev. Jeremiah Walker is superintendent, is the convention's major effort. The honorable Angie Brooks, a former president of the United Nations Security Council, is a graduate of Lott Carey's mission school in Liberia.



DR. SOMMERVILLE

Being the only independent organization of its kind among blacks, Lott Carey operates on over a half-million-dollar budget. Eighty-six percent of this is used for foreign missions, with 14 percent set aside for operational expenses at 1501 11th Street, N. W., in Washington, D. C.

Over 96 missionaries are employed on the mission field.

Dr. Sommerville, the convention's chief executive officer, is listed to make his annual report on Wednesday morning when certificates are to be awarded to several hundred churches which have reported a thousand dollars or more for missions during the year.

Lott Carey's convention calendar schedules its executive committee meeting for Tuesday morning at 11:00, and the executive board on the same day at 3 p.m. Both meetings are to be at the Radisson, where reports from the foreign field are to be heard and a budget for the new year is to be formulated.

The Rev. Isaac James of Richmond, Va., will conduct a local inspirational hour made up of local ministers on Tuesday morning. John W. McQueen of the Laymen's League has programmed his annual address for Tuesday evening and the Rev. James Coleman, Hackensack, N. J., is to bring a challenging message on missions.

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REV. THEODORE BREEDEN

Athlete Switch Hits From

Pirate To Preacher

BY CURETON JOHNSON, EDITOR

LAUREL HILL—Five years ago, Theodore Breeden was beating the base paths to stardom with Pittsburgh's Columbus, Ohio baseball franchise. As player of the year for the Pirates' International League club, the 22-year-old Laurel Hill native saw visions of "big league" sugar plums dancing in his head.

But since being drafted by Jesus Christ to preach the gospel two years ago, Rev. Breeden has hung up his glove and dropped his bat to seek first the kingdom of God.

He returned to Laurel Hill in 1979 as camp superintendent at the 50-acre J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly. The camp is supported by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

But the transition from baseball to Baptist preacher wasn't so smooth.

Rev. Breeden was the star of Scotland High's baseball team, earning the school's first all-state sports honors. As a senior, he passed up a draft bonus from the Cincinnati Reds to attend Hampton Institute in Virginia.

"Some young athletes see a bonus as a ticket for life, but your health can end at any time," Breeden said. "I wanted to go to college and I learned something out of it."

At Hampton, he became a first-team small college all-star.

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Woman's Convention Report Next Month

Md., will lead the young people who will meet simultaneously during the week.

Lott Carey is the oldest black foreign mission convention among black religious organizations. Organized Dec. 16, 1867 at New Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., it is named for the slave, Lott Carey, of Chase City, Va. Carey purchased his freedom from the sale of tobacco and sailed to Liberia, West

"A Bad Dude"

Walter Fauntroy is a good preacher, a good singer, a good politician and a good humorist.

But that wasn't his calling card recently before the N. C. Black Leadership Caucus at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh.

The energetic D. C. Congressman was out recruiting. Recruiting troops to war against those who are "turning back the clock" on black America.

From his opening analogy to Jesus' final approach to Jerusalem until his closing rendition of "The Impossible Dream," Fauntroy used adroit style to unveil the substance of his visit.

"I have come to North Carolina like Jesus at Jerusalem. He knew what faced him but He came anyhow," proclaimed the chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC).

"I've come to a state where 22 percent of the population is black and only three blacks sit in the state house and one in the senate. But I came anyhow!"

"I have come because you are the hope of the black nation and you are the hope of the world," he said, offering a humbling challenge and a golden opportunity to those blacks who hold leadership positions in the state.

"I came in the spirit of Joshua and Caleb, because even though the opposition looks like giants and we seem like grasshoppers, I know that we can possess the land."



REV. WALTER FAUNTROY

"Beware of false prophets in sheep's clothing..."

In From D.C.

As one who stalked racism with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., during the 60s, Fauntroy knows the land can be possessed. A product of the renowned Dunbar High School in Washington, D. C., and a graduate of Virginia Union University, where he graduated cum laude in 1955, Congressman Fauntroy earned his divinity degree at Yale University. He went home in 1959 to pastor New Bethel Baptist Church, where he still serves.

After working in many capacities with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, coordinating the Selma-to-Montgomery March in 1965, Fauntroy blazed the trail in Washington, pushing a renewal project that revitalized housing in the District.

Since election to Congress, he has become a member of the House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee and he is chairman of its subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy. So he is in a good position to label recent Congressional budget actions as "the most devastating month against blacks in the history of the country."

Over the past month, the malicious right wing coalition has cut off aid to the poor and needy to the tune of over \$200 million "in the name of the Lord," Fauntroy said. Referring to the Rev. Jerry Falwell, Fauntroy painted a picture of right-wing

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D.C.'s "Bad Dude"

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demagogues who have nestled in the pulpits of some born-again Christians "who once thought it was evil to participate in politics."

"They have taken a few narrow attitudes and have not come armed with the whole gospel," said Fauntroy.

These people—Falwell's "Immoral Majority," Richard Viere, the brains behind the conservative computer-based direct mail fundraising; Jesse Helms and his multimillion dollar Congressional Club; John East, David Stockman and big boss Ronald Reagan—came up because a number of black mayors across the country increased; because black elected officials increased; because the Voting Rights Act was effective. And they have organized to out-organize us, said Fauntroy. And 25 million born-again Christians have been broken down by congressional district.

"When they want (Reps.) Fountain and Andrews to cut poor people's throats, they go to their computer."

"From the pulpit we've got to tell our people about Rev. Falwell. Tell them to beware of false prophets in sheep's clothing. For their tongues are smoother than butter."

After concluding that what's happening in England may be only a forerunner of things to come in America, Fauntroy forgot the things that have gone before and he looked toward the things ahead.

"We've got to establish our own action alert system. We've got to plan to break down the memberships of the Baptists, Methodists, the fraternal orders, the AKAs, the NAACP's, and all of our organizations into congressional districts and put them into computers."

"Between now and 1982 let us organize because they'll (N.C. congressional delegation) be back. They'll say 'I voted to cut off your jobs, your food stamps, your lunch programs, but I need your vote!' Then we'll go to our computers."

Fauntroy's plan is simple but not easy. It is viable and vital. His enthusiasm is a credit to a man wearing the scars of many civil rights battles. And his zeal appears sincere. His indignation at the prevailing political winds is warranted. But will he return to the Tar Heel state during the 1982 elections to find a black leadership army mobilized to knock down the walls of Jericho or to discover a majority report calling the enemy "like giants?"

Now the N.C. Black Leadership Conference will be organized for seeking out such a man of wisdom. And now is the time for our statewide leaders to follow a "bad dude," as Fauntroy labeled himself. The black nation within America is in need of "bad dudes" in the sense of dedicated, courageous, energetic and devoted black Christians who are prepared to go 10 rounds or more for "freedom and justice."

POLITICAL POSTSCRIPT

The Reagan administration fundraising computer is getting tuned to raise \$425,000 in the next 30 days. The President has his heart set on electing a Republican majority to the House by 1982 and is sending letters to those sympathetic to the GOP victory plan. All told, the party is hunting \$9.4 million for the 1982 campaign. They want \$75,000 of this for candidate recruitment; \$100,000 for campaign schools for candidates, managers and volunteers; and \$250,000 set aside in special reserves to launch some campaigns early.

Principal Named

The Durham City Board of Education selected John Thompson as principal of Durham High School. Thompson is a trustee at the First Baptist Church in Reidsville, the Rev. O'Kelly Lawson, pastor.

Thompson holds a BS degree from Livingston College and a MA degree from N.C. A & T.

State University, and the Ed.S. degree from Appalachian State University. The 37-year-old educator has served as an assistant and as acting principal of Reidsville Senior High School and is presently assistant principal of Southwest High School in Guilford County.

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the writer reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

Cureton Johnson, Editor

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Letter

REACTION

To The Editor:

I cheer and applaud your editorial in the June 1981 edition of The Baptist Informer. The thoughts and feelings which you express regarding the Moral Majority echo my own thoughts and feelings precisely. I believe that we have a clear task ahead of us to help people have a fuller understanding of the word "moral" than the one represented by the Moral Majority type groups.

Sincerely,
Collins Kilburn
Executive Director
N. C. Council of Churches

Health Class Progressing

The Health and Human Services Project of the General Baptist State Convention is well on its way to the second ten-week training cycle at the Spring Street Baptist Church in Henderson and at the Belton Creek Baptist Church in Oxford.

Each Tuesday night at 7:30, over 65 community leaders from the Oxford-Henderson area attend a health information and training session covering topics such as hypertension, diabetes, maternal and child health, cancer and emergency first aid.

The community leaders were either selected by their church or volunteered to learn specific information about health problems which plague black communities everywhere, and particularly the black communities in the four-county area of the project (Franklin, Granville, Vance and Warren). These dedicated leaders realize the necessity of preventing diseases and promoting health if the health status of the black community is to be improved.

Therefore, they are willing to sacrifice their time and learn simple self-help techniques to share with friends, relatives and neighbors.

Below is a list of the community leaders who are participating in the training sessions.

Persons Attending Sessions At Spring Street

Thurston Boyd, Dorothy Brame, Robert Brown, Cleo Burnett, James Burwell, Susan Foster, Vivian C. Gill, Mary B. Hawkins, James H. Hawkins, Adam Hicks, Margert Hicks, Ernest Hinton, Annie M. Mason, Linda Mason, Coralia Lovena Mitchell, Helen McDowell, Lloyd L. Peace, Wilma F. Rodwell, Valerie C. Royster, Ann Sanders, Mary. Dannie Stewart, Ora R. Vase, George W. Wright, Jesse Young, Ralph George, Mary L. Michell, Josephine Richards, Louise R. Burnett, Beatrice Burwell, Coralia Evans, Carlester Gibbs, Etta M. Gill, Vivian C. Gill, Betty Gregory, Harry Gregory, Virginia Hayes, Ernest M. Harrison, Edith M. Jones, Charles R. Marable, Lee N. Marable, R. W. Perry, Mildred Vase, Magnolia Whitfield, Mary C. Williams, Anita Williams, Louise C. Evans, Sallie M. Fuller, Lucy Jefferys, Louise Williams, and Maggie Williams.

Persons Attending Sessions At Belton Creek

Arthur J. Holloway, Dorothy M. Holloway, Mary Harris, Mary Williams, Annie W. Davis, Virginia Green, Annie Bell Cheatham, Charlie Bell, Leila Eaton, Edith Holloway, Maria Eaton, Kim Eaton, David Holloway, Roosevelt Allen, Sonya Holloway, Alicia Green, Leila Gregory, Cheryl Preddy, Kathy Johnson, and Maggie Jackson.

FROM THE EXEC. SECRETARY

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators and Presidents of District Associations and Conventions, and members of the Baptist Family:

Your best wishes, prayers and cooperation make it possible for the Convention to move in a progressive way toward achieving our financial goal of \$1,302,214.19 for the fiscal year 1980-81. We have done well thus far in meeting a part of the needs of our objectives. We reached our financial goal for Shaw University and the Divinity School on June 30, which was the close of the fiscal year. However, Shaw University and the Divinity School must have our continued support. We are in the process of reaching our financial goal for foreign missions during the month of July. We hope to reach our goal for state missions and the Central Orphanage during the month of August.



DR. CRAIG

We would like for each pastor to lead his church or churches to give the total of their suggested quota for all objectives on or before August 31, 1981. We are depending on our regular support which will enable us to say to you at our annual session in Greensboro, Nov. 24, that we reached our financial goal for the fiscal year 1980-81.

We have done well thus far during this fiscal year. However, in light of God's goodness and blessings, we are capable of doing greater things in our outreach ministry for others. We are held accountable to God according to our capabilities.

Some people debate the idea of what a Baptist can do or cannot do. I have come to realize that a Baptist can do anything that he or she has the will to do.

As Missionary Baptists, we must keep before us the solid truth that Christian mission is the heartbeat of the Missionary Baptist Church. Jesus commissioned the church in Matthew 28:19-20 to "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

The church has a far-reaching worldwide concern. According to the teaching of the New Testament, the Church was born on the Day of Pentecost when the power of the Holy Spirit descended upon the waiting congregation and united people without reservation. In this new fellowship, young and old lived together without friction, rich and poor were united without references to what they possessed, and there was a new kinship among the people of God which transcended misunderstanding.

The Church must be involved in the task of its own maintenance and existence. It must be involved with its own local obligations and community projects, but more than this, the Church must have a social conscience and be concerned with people without reservation. The Church must be concerned with everybody from everywhere, even those we sometimes call the "good-for-nothing nobody from nowhere."

It is said that the ministers of the Gospel should never take lightly their high calling. They should keep open the channels of divine and human fellowship and keep the cleansing stream of Grace flowing full and free.

As gospel preachers, one must be faithful to the task and proclaim the gospel of Christ in this hour of chaos and corruption. The truth is, if gospel ministers hold their peace and the tongues of the people of God are hushed, God through nature will find a way to issue the message of salvation, and silent rocks will preach and lend their support to missions, sleeping stones will proclaim the eternal gospel, and floods will clap their hands for joy.

ANNUAL SESSIONS OF TWO CONVENTIONS

We would like for all moderators, pastors and General Baptist members to take note of the fact that both the General Baptist State Convention and the Baptist State Convention will meet in their annual sessions in Greensboro, Nov. 24. The General Baptist State Convention and the Baptist State Convention will have two joint sessions together. Dr. J. H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., will be the featured speaker in joint session on Monday night, On Tuesday evening, Dr. Jimmy Allen, past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will deliver the message. Both men are unusual preachers. Because of a large number of Baptists from both conventions that will be meeting in Greensboro, I would urge all moderators, pastors and messengers to make their reservations immediately.

We have blocked a number of rooms for our General Baptist pastors and members at the following hotels in Greensboro:

Hilton Inn, 830 W. Market Street
(Headquarters for General Baptist State Convention)
(919) 275-0811

Howard Johnson, 3030 High Point Road
(919) 294-4920

Admiral Benbow Hotel, 2838 South Elm Street,
Greensboro, 27406, 275-0741.

Rev. D.D. Williams Honored

ROCKY MOUNT—An anniversary program was held to honor the Rev. David D. Williams, pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, June 28.

The theme for the service was "God Will Pay Every Man According to His Work," from Revelations 22:12. Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary-treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, brought the

evening message.

Rev. Williams, who also pastors the Calvary Baptist Church in Wilson, is a "soft-spoken, humble servant for the Lord," according to those who know him. In his own words, "All credit and honor belongs to the Lord, for with God all things are possible."

He has studied at the Shaw Divinity School and in 1979 he retired from his public occupation to devote more time

to serving God.

Rev. Williams was born in Wilson County and is the son of the late Henry and Effie Williams Dauthry. He attended the public schools of Wilson County and later completed studies at Britt's school near Enfield. Throughout his formative years, he was exposed to a Christian home.

It was during hospitalization for a serious illness that God sent an angel to his bedside,

said friends. It was then that Rev. Williams accepted Christ in his life and was miraculously healed. This experience caused him to unite with the Cherry Chapel Baptist Church near Elm City.

He is married to the former Elizabeth Bullock and they have five children and three grandchildren.

A fellowship social was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church after the program.



Dr. W. T. Bigelow, pastor of the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church of Durham, celebrated his 16th anniversary at the church July 28 at 11 a.m. The guest speaker was Dr. Robert Laws, pastor of the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N.Y. The Mt. Lebanon choir rendered the music.

Baptist Calendar

31-Sept. 4 Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, Charlotte Civic Center

September

7-11 National Baptist USA, Inc., Detroit, Mich.

7-11 National Baptist of America, Phoenix, Ariz.

19 Laymen Study Commission

26 Family Missions Conference, Woman's Convention

August

3-7 Progressive National Baptist Convention and Congress of Christian Education, St. Louis, Mo.

11-13 State Sunday School and BTU Congress Annual Session, Lewis Chapel, Fayetteville

21-23 Laymen's Retreat, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill

CHURCH CIRCUIT



The Rev. S. J. Jones (third from right) and members of the First Calvary Baptist Church of Rocky Mount were proud to contribute \$1,000 to the NAACP recently.

Gives \$1,000 To NAACP

ROCKY MOUNT—On June 14, the First Calvary Baptist Church paid \$1,000 to the NAACP. Rev. S. J. Jones is the pastor.

The First Calvary Baptist Church is also working on its fourth Golden Heritage. The church also supports foreign missions, state missions, the Central Orphanage and Run For Your Life, which is in the starving part of Africa called Package Town. Rev. J. O. Shorne brought a very fine message and was accompanied

by his choir and congregation from the Greater Mt. Herman Baptist Church.

This is good news. Cherry Chapel Baptist Church, Hobgood, has gotten its contract to build a new church. The contractors are supposed to start work on the church the first of August. The church will be built on a two-acre tract of land on Highway 122. The church is expected to be finished in seven months, at which time the congregation is hoping to pay off the debt.

Rev. Jones told the members of Cherry Chapel that the interest was too high to borrow money and that it was cheaper to raise money. He has been pastoring at Cherry Chapel Baptist Church for seven years. He said, "We don't have any salary payers. We have gone all the way on tithes and offerings." Jesus said "teach them to observe all things whatsoever I command you. Lo, I am with you always." This means God is concerned about the whole man, and not just the soul.

Hundreds Enjoy Homecoming

BY MRS. MARY M. HEGGIE
FUYUAY—In observance of the New Providence Baptist Church annual homecoming, the theme, "From the Brush Harbor in 1860 to the Present New Providence Baptist Church of 1981," was chosen.

The church doors were opened Saturday morning to receive visitors from Camden, N. J. and other locations and breakfast was served.

Saturday night marked our church's first annual banquet. It was held at the FEW in Garner. Our opening selection by the congregation was "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Invocation and grace were given by Rev. Charles Ray. During the banquet feast, selections were given by different choirs of the church. Welcoming remarks were given by Mrs. Gladys Booker with the response from Rev. Paul Matthews, Camden, N. J. A brief history of the church was given by Deacon Robert Leach.

Dr. Percy High, Durham, was the guest speaker. He brought a message on "Drinking From the Wrong Cup." Remarks and recognition of special guests were made by Rev. William H.

Brook, pastor. Mrs. Portia Brandon presented the congregation with a copy of the Desiderata and a rendition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. followed by the closing of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Morning worship began at 11 a.m. with the call to worship by Pastor Brook. The combined choir from Camden, N. J. was in charge of the music. The scripture lesson was taken from Ezekiel 37 by Rev. Roger Berdell from Philadelphia, Pa. Morning prayer was offered by Deacon Stuart Simmons from Atlanta, Ga. The announcements and

Baptist Briefs

Neuse River Women, Youth Congregate

TARBORO—Youth Fellowship Day, organized by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Neuse River Association, Sis. Arlene Gee, president, was held July 11 at the Harts Chapel Baptist Church, Route 3, Tarboro. The Rev. J. H. Staton is pastor. Devotion was held by the youth of all counties; welcome came from Miss Donna Birth of the host church; response was by Miss Fleming of Halifax County.

Sis. Daisy Foster was in charge of the business sessions. A talent program by the youth of Halifax, Northampton, Nash and Edgecombe Counties was followed by a king and queen rally of the participating counties. The program was spiritually and financially a success. Miss Terry Rich was chosen as queen from the Quakey Baptist Church, the Rev. R. H. Kidd, pastor. Miss Alethia Peeler was chosen as

first runner-up of the Harts Chapel Baptist Church, Rev. H. J. Staton, pastor. The second runner-up was Miss Jennie Williams, Foster Memorial Baptist Church, Rev. Jeremiah Webb, pastor.

The king was Eric Cherry, Daniel Chapel Baptist Church, Rev. T. L. Bullock, pastor. The objective of the Fellowship Day was to send the youth fellowship president to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention in Charlotte on July 27.

Supervisors for the youth are: Halifax County—Sisters Roena Johnson and Dorothy Fleming; Northampton County—Sis. Eva Johnson; Nash and Edgecombe Counties—Sis. Daisy Foster; reporter—Mrs. Mary B. Moore; president of Youth Fellowship Day—Miss Renea Faulcon; and secretary—Miss Verniere Pierce.

Middle Ground Meets

BY BEULAH CROSS
GOLD POINT—The 17th annual session of the Women's Auxiliary of the Middle Ground Association was held with the Willow Chapel Baptist Church, Gold Point, Saturday, June 20, Dr. G. E. Brown, pastor.

It was a great inspiration and it was also educational. The highlight, the president's annual address, was entitled, "Waiting Upon God." Mrs. Carrie Alexander was the speaker. The message was

taken from Isaiah 40:31. All they who wait upon the Lord shall obtain a marvelous addition to their resource. "They shall renew their strength." Their life shall be endowed with mysterious equipment. They shall obtain wings to soar above the earth with its burdensome problems. Life will gain new power, extraordinary capacity; it will receive heavenly help, endowing it with buoyancy and strength.

recognition of visitors were made by Deacon Robert Leach. Visitors were present from as far as West Germany. Remarks were given by Sheriff John Baker. Offertory service was followed by the altar call, offered by Rev. Burwell from New Jersey. Rev. Brock introduced the guest speaker, Rev. Paul Matthews, from Baptist Temple Church,

Camden. Rev. Matthews used as his topic, "What Shall We Preach?" taken from Jeremiah 7:1-10. The invitation to Christian discipleship was then followed by Holy Communion conducted by the church pastor.

Dinner was served immediately after the service, with the afternoon service beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Woman's Page

"Blest Be The Tie"

By Executive Secretary Brodie

Should we reflect on our 97th annual session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, we would recall that the bond was evidence of the tie which binds the hearts of those who are members of supporters of this missionary movement under the watchful eye and protecting hand of God. We are reassured that the tie which binds us together is Jesus Christ. For He lifted us by His love, energized our spirits for work, led us in service, met us in prayer, and reminded us of His greatest giving through our giving. Oh, it is most wonderful to be, as the song states, "wrapped up, tangled up, tied up in Jesus." He has bound the constituency of this convention across the many years of yesterday, and he binds us in these years of today because we too are co-laborers with him just as they were yesterday. However, in some ways we have more than the founders, our foreparents, had; thus He exacts more from us.

Having returned home, let us launch out on a more involving program in promoting the mission which God has given to the convention, that is enlisting other persons for fellowship through the TIE OF LOVE, Jesus Christ, His Son.

May we, the officers, express our gratitude for your prayers, attendance, participation, greetings and fellowship, and funds. Our sincere appreciation is extended to Second Calvary Baptist Church and Dr. Lemar Foster who worked zealously and shared with us in preparations and coordination of the event. We must also express thanks to the office staff and committee persons.

For the fiscal year of 1980-81, we reached and exceeded our budget of \$281,000 in the amount of \$309,183.82 as gross receipts. Our suggested goal for this fiscal year is \$314,521.00 in the amount of \$300,000 for foreign missions, \$20,300.00 for the Central Orphanage, \$33,700.00 for Shaw University, \$16,100.11 for the Shaw Divinity School, \$22,000.00 for the

Baptist Assembly, and \$192,420.89 for state missions. Glory be to God in the highest and praise be to all of you.

Yes, in a paraphrase, in times like these (fragmented and uncertain times all around us) we need a tie that binds; this tie is Jesus Christ; He's the one; let us then be very sure that we are bound together by Him, THE TIE, and ALTHOUGH of our commission and mission. "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love" until we meet again at our next annual session. Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

Family Missions Conference

Now is the time to begin making plans to attend the Second Annual Family Missions Conference Saturday, September 26, 1981, at First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Dr. W.B. Lewis, pastor. The conference begins at 9:00 a.m.

Parents, children, grand members, individuals, churches and associated family groups, all persons are invited to attend. Free literature will be available. (See the Family Missions Conference application on page 8.)

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Both the beginner and the more advanced student will turn again and again to the 400-plus pages of The Word Topical Bible. Its unique treatment of each topic helps the reader to find what the Bible says and teaches, what this means today, and how to apply it in daily life. Compact and easy to use, The Word Topical Bible of Issues and Answers will be a valuable reference tool in preparing sermons, Bible lessons, worship services, and home devotions.

Dr. Pinson, an editor of The Word's Twenty Centuries of a Great Preaching series, is a former professor of Christian ethics at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Pinson is the president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. He has published three books and dozens of articles of practical Christianity.

THERE'S A LOT MORE TO HEALTH THAN NOT BEING SICK

Bruce Larson believes that living full and exciting life, our best protection against disease and accidents. Larson's latest book sends us on an eye-opening journey into the new world of "well-person research." Each chapter in this book asks the reader a question that opens up an area of life where poor health often begins. And each chapter teems with practical ideas for feeling good about life.

Bruce Larson is one of this country's most astute analysts of human behavior. He's also one of the most effective communicators of the Good News, taking the insights of Christ into the hidden reaches of human personality. Among his many best-selling books are Risky Christianity, The Meaning and Mystery of Being Human, Dare to Live Now and The Passionate People with Keith Miller, which have sold nearly a million copies.

Trent River--Oakley Grove Mission Hears Leader



Sister Annie Lee Chadwick delivers her final address.

HUBERT—The 47th annual session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention to the Trent River Oakley Grove Missionary Baptist Association, April 24-26, was held at the First Baptist Church of Kellumtown, Rev. A. M. Kelly, pastor.

Theme: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Psalms 133:1.

Many significant reunions unfolded during the course of this convention, but none were more touching than the smiles, the Holy Ghost, and hospitality that existed during the different sessions. Spiritual devotion preceded each session of business.

Special sermons were preached during the convention for the benefit of feeding hungry souls by the following:

Introduction—Rev. E. W. Wooten. Subject: "That's Me," Matthew 18:1-5. **Educational**—Rev. C. D. Bell. Subject: "That's What He's Done For Me," Acts 17:22-23.

Doctrinal—Rev. A. M. Kelly. Subject: "There Is One God," Matthew 28:19-20.

Missionary—Rev. W. K. Raynor. Subject: "Winning Souls for Christ," Matthew 18:19-20, Acts 5:42.

Closing—Rev. D. H. Vaughn. Subject: "Jesus Opened My Eyes," John 9:1.

Rev. W. K. Raynor, counselor for 31 years and secretary of the Trent River Oakley Grove Missionary Baptist Association, delivered an outlook (sermonette) on "Christian Fellowship," John 13:35-34.

Many impressive thoughts were instilled and we must accept Christ.

Without Christ as our head and ministers as earthly weapons, the devil will steal our joy. We must pray more, be more humble, and work in love for Christ to be established in our lives.

YOUTH HOUR

Theme: "Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord."

Their program was very spiritual and meaningful. It is our prayer and hope that they will continue to give and hear the word of the Lord.

The Queen's report finalized their program.

QUEENS

Union No. 1—Total \$837.27.

Sheryl Hart—\$528.78

Martha Kornegey—\$308

Union No. 12—Total \$769

Elywanda Dilliant—\$349

(Queen) Renita Lee—\$420

Grand total of Queen's report:

\$1,690.40.

Youth supervisors were Mrs. Blanche

W. Jones and Mrs. Queenie W. Hayes.

The Registration Committees

reported \$588 plus 36 new members by

Mrs. Pauline Humphrey, Mrs. Mary

Thompson, and Mrs. Alex Jarman.

The 21 subordinate churches and

delegates made their reports and the

various committees made theirs.

Donations for Faithful Workers,

widows, and sick were taken up. Also,

special prayers for the sick were

rendered.

Sister Annie Lee Chadwick,

president, gave her final (13th) annual

address.



Queens: Sheryl Hart, first place; Renita Lee, second place.

LORD KNOWS I'VE TRIED

In the name of Him who scooped out the sea and said, "I will be with you to the end," and by the Grace of God, I have tried to do my best to maintain the many challenging events. Let us think of this day as a new beginning and make the world a better place in which to live.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR FALLEN COMRADES

I am grateful to God for lives lived and shared foundations on which we now build. Let us remember that the grave is an intermediate stop but not the end of the line. Blessed are the dead in Christ.

I joined in 1952 and was a good member. In 1968, I became President for 47 years of rooted, sturdy work. Mission sisters should consider Christ and be established in Him. In John 14:31, we find that Jesus wants us to arise and desire wisdom, live with patience, live with a desire for righteousness, live above temptation, live a life of obedience, praise, and service to God. Try patiently and persistently, because it is neither easy nor cheap; the price of souls is great. Jesus knew it on the Cross. We are clinging. We are to tell the story of one world, one mission. Then we can say, "Lord, I've tried."

Being a true Christian is a life of holiness, sacrifices and self-denial. The challenges of the Cross is eternal life. We must see Jesus for what He is. He is Prince of Peace, Lily of the Valley, Bright and Shining Star. I can recommend Him to you. I tried Him a long time ago. I studied the four gospels and found that Jesus had power for little and weak people. He struck at little minds and little faith. He hushed the raging waves of the deep to sleep, he met lepers in open fields and cleansed them. He broke loose eardrums and reactivated brains. He straightened stiff spines and stopped bleeding hemorrhages. This man, Jesus, I tried, and victory is certain. Jesus met His problems and conquered them. He is love and power in action. If you are not born again, you cannot understand the power of God, because a change of heart means a change of behavior. We know that our Christian



Rev. W. K. Raynor delivers the Outlook sermonette.

actions and our Christian services today determine the new era in the life of our great convention.

As I step down to close my 13 years of service as your president, I say, "Lord Knows I've tried." I've cried, I've rejoiced. I have grown spiritually and intellectually. I have no regrets and no apologies, because the convention was a part of me. I walked through the valleys of the shadow of death, but God was with me, leading me as a lamb and as a protecting Angel behind me. I pray that God may continue to give guidance, depths, dignity and directions to the new officers and the convention as you continue your task. Although I may not have reached perfection, "Lord I've tried."

The election of officers followed. They are: Rev. W. K. Raynor, counselor; Sis. Janie James, president; Sis. Lillie O. McDaniel, vice president; Sis. Hagar Jarman, second vice president; Sis. Sarah E. Pearson, secretary; Sis. Jessie Alexander, secretary; Sis. Abbie Ward, treasurer; Deacon C. B. Chadwick, Sr., auditor; Sis. Mittie Gray, usher; Sis. Indiana Knott, usher, and Sis. Edna Shepherd, field supervisor.

Convention's Grand Total—7,929.08. Humbly submitted by the Highlight Committees, Pauline Humphrey, Ella M. Johnson, Rebecca Jarman.

Challenge To Grads

"I dare you to live"

BY COHEN N. GREEN

Shiloh Baptist Church, Shelby
SCRIPTURE TEXT: "They could not, but to steal and to kill and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

To have eternal life is great—but there is more. Christ came that you might have life more abundantly. All believers have life, but not all have abundant life. You are living beneath your privileges if you are a believer and are not enjoying the abundant life.

I dare you young men and young women, some of whom have come from homes of poverty and with one parent, to have the qualities of a Martin Luther King, Jr., a Thurgood Marshall, a Jesse Jackson, or a Rev. R. E. Devoe.

I dare you young heirs of a proud and God-fearing people and heirs of Jesus Christ. I dare you to achieve something that will make the future point to you with even more pride than the present is pointing to those who have gone before you.

Graduates, I dare you to believe and hold fast to your beliefs. Christians, I dare you to keep your faith amid all adversity—when everyone about you is losing theirs in defeat. Sinners, I dare and CHALLENGE you to believe in the name of Jesus Christ, and become partakers of the MORE ABUNDANT LIFE IN CHRIST.

Shiloh Baptist Church, I dare you to live up to your potential as a body in Christ. I challenge you to read and to study, and to believe and live by the living word of God. Second Timothy

2:15 states: "Study to show thyself approved unto God...." I challenge you to live a more abundant life. I dare you to exercise mountain-moving faith: for as Christ said in Matthew 17:20, "...if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place, and it shall be removed, and nothing shall be impossible unto you." Shiloh, I dare you to make this church one of the best spiritual churches in this state, nation, or world.

Graduates and Shiloh, I challenge you to use the spiritual gifts that God has given you. I dare you to live a defeated life in Christ, and to start to exercise your faith and live a more abundant life in Christ. I dare you to unshackle the bonds of Satan, through faith, that have kept many of us from being free and successful in life. Hebrews 11:1 tells us: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Graduates, I ask you to accept Christ as your personal savior and to live an abundant life. I ask you to cast aside the lies that Satan has told you and practice the teachings of Christ that you have learned about since you were a child.

The more you pour out, the more you will find to pour out. I dare you to give that to God which is due Him. I challenge you to begin tithing, and to allow the Lord to pour out a storehouse of blessings upon you. I tell you this because it explicitly states in Malachi 3:9: "Bring ye all the tithes unto the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, said the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, THAT THERE SHALL NOT BE ROOM ENOUGH TO RECEIVE IT."

Our most valuable possessions are those which can be shared without losing them. Many of you graduates today are starting out on a road in which you hope will lead to success. Many of you will look at men and women who have gone before you and try to select those attributes which will lead to that circle of successful people. You will find, however, that it is pretty difficult to determine just what are the essentials of a successful career. Most of all, however, Jesus is the main essential in a successful, abundant life.

As I speak to you today, the world is passing through an economic crisis. Inflation is rampant; the government is cutting back on services, and many of us can barely make ends meet. Everyone is being called upon to bear extra

hardships—especially the people who are recipients of social programs. How fortunate are those among us who have a savior who is capable of carrying this extra load for us—for through faith we are to cast all our cares upon the Lord. It tells us in 1 Peter 5:7: "Cast all your cares upon Him, for He careth for you."

I dare you to think creatively. Daring people cannot afford to think. It is a shame to see so many young minds slow down after their former schooling is completed. In order to become rooted and grounded in the knowledge and truths of life, you must continue to study. The Bible teaches us to study to show thyself approved. Not many of us are willing to do this today.

I dare you to build character. Character and courage are essential in the development of our spiritual, mental, physical and social aspects of our lives.

Real Christianity involves real courage. It gives us a power beyond our own to hold and to win. Our choir sings a beautiful spiritual entitled, "Hold Out, O 'erance Will Come." This can be applied to our lives today. I am not asking you to become a Peter or Paul, or a Martin Luther King, Jr., or a Thurgood Marshall. But I am challenging you to consider the idea of having the courage to make a life that you and Jesus would be pleased with, and to live this life abundantly with the help of Jesus.

Don't be tempted and dare beyond your capacity. This may cause disappointment and discouragement. On the other hand, make your goals worthy of your best, and consistent with the teachings of Jesus Christ. And I would like you eager graduates now starting out on a daring program to seriously consider this. There are two parts to any program—the START and the FINISH. Paul said, "I have fought a good fight—I have run a good race." Paul accomplished his goals.

Finally, I dare you, whoever you are, to share an abundant life in Christ with others. You men and women, I dare you to catch a passion for helping others, for loving others as Jesus has loved you—and to live a richer and more abundant life here on earth, and life everlasting will be yours in heaven. I encourage each of you to pray for one another.

I dare you to preserve in whatever career you choose in life. I dare you to rise above racial bigotry, prejudices and hate. I challenge you to counteract these vices with love and understanding. I challenge you to hold onto your moral principles and beliefs when temptation arises, and to rise above the circumstances of life.

From this moment on, determine not to be satisfied with anything less than God's best, living life abundantly.

Baptist Beliefs

The following doctrine was commissioned several years ago by the GBSC and was written by Dr. John W. Fleming, presently director of Church Relations at Shaw University.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the divine life of God operating in man. While the concept of the in-dwelling God is an old concept, older than the New Testament, the term Holy Spirit is a New Testament term.

Many early people believed that at times they could be possessed by a god. Black people came into contact with that tenet before the slave experience, and black Baptists have viewed the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit as a distinctive and unique principle.

We believe that out of our struggle against oppression that we can, as Jesus predicted, find the Holy Spirit to be a Comforter, bringing consolation and solace.

We believe that out of this struggle the Holy Spirit is the source of zeal and enthusiasm that gives us the endurance, the perseverance and the courage to continue even at times against overwhelming odds. We believe that the old slave who sang, "I prayed and I prayed until I found the Lord," helped set the tone for our unique belief in the zeal which the Holy Spirit produces.

We further believe that out of our struggle for human dignity, the Holy Spirit moves us to service, to good deeds, to sharing each other's woes and joys.

And finally, we believe that our survival as a people has been due in a large measure to our belief in the in-dwelling God bringing comfort, giving love, and moving us to service.

THE CHURCH

We believe that church has a dual meaning: the Church Militant and the Church Triumphant. We believe that the first is the agent and the second is the goal, that the Church Militant is an imperfect institution made up of sinners seeking forgiveness for their sin, while the Church Triumphant is the perfect organism made up of saints who are in harmony with God.

We further believe that the Church Militant, the earthly institution, the terrestrial organization wears the mantle of Jesus Christ and has been commissioned by Him to carry on His work.

We believe with Paul that "...Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for it; that He might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the working of water with the word, that He might present the church, to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or one such thing; but that it should be holy." In fact, in this statement, Paul shows the transition from the Church Militant with all its imperfections to the Church Triumphant, perfect, spotless, holy.

We further believe that the path to the Church Triumphant, the goal, is through the Church Militant, and that this agency is an army of baptized believers in Jesus Christ, and as He died to make men holy, those who have enlisted in His army are willing to die to make men free.

We also believe that the Church Militant must be a model of what is expected in the Church Triumphant, that it must be a witness to Christ in the world community through preaching the word, through rendering service and through showing itself to be a fellowship of believers in which the good news is spread abroad and man's needs are ministered unto.

THE OFFICIALS OF THE CHURCH

We believe that the New Testament policy advocates and supports two church officers: the minister and the deacon. By the consent of the church which called him, the minister is the visible head of the church family, and an ex-officio member of all groups within the organization. Deacons, elected democratically by the church membership, and the minister's "armor bearers," his helpers, his cabinet who are to work with him and under his guidance.

We believe that both officials should fit into that dynamic organism, the Church Militant, as leaders dedicated to the struggle of good against evil.

We believe that the minister must advocate training for himself and for his people, that education must be a continuing process with him. He must be a leader who gets involved in the life of the church and its community. He must give himself to meditation and to prayer. He must be a counselor and a comforter, a dreamer and a doer, a thinker and an activist, but more importantly, he must be a channel through which God who was in Christ speaks to all sorts and conditions of men.

We believe that the deacons must be men of good report, full of faith, and of spirit, and that they should be models of the life in Christ. They should know the meaning of goodwill and good peace relations and how to work cooperatively with the pastor and congregation. Their roles as church leaders should be exemplified in community relationships.

We believe that all other leadership in the church is a product of the situation and circumstances; that state laws, for example, require churches to have trustees.

We further believe that the New Testament policy calls for flexibility in electing other leadership; that is, need becomes the determining policy.

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Neglect Ruins Marriages

BY CHARLES WILLIS

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—“More marriages are ruined by neglect than by any other cause,” Baptist author Deana Blackburn told more than 300 persons at a Married Young Adult retreat.

Co-author with her husband Bill of “You TWO Are Important,” an enrichment book published by Convention Press, Blackburn, of Dallas, Tex., blames false assumptions for many broken marriages.

“We assume that if we prayed for God to direct us in the choice of a mate, then that’s all we need to do,” she said. “Because we have Christian marriages, we assume that there won’t be problems and within the church there is a tendency to keep up a facade of

“no problems.”

The difference in a Christian marriage, she said, is that Christians have special resources to meet their problems. “We should acknowledge our problems and see them as growth points,” she said.

“The two most important goals in a marriage should be intimacy and communication, but many times our attention after marriage goes elsewhere, she claimed. “When courtship stops, the spark in marriage diminishes, and inattention replaces love.”

Another barrier to marital happiness can be unrealistic expectations, she said. Efforts to duplicate the marriages of parents or to pursue the standards set by an authoritative figure are among

hindrances to a mutually satisfying relationship. “Nurturing love opens the doors for the intimacy that makes love grow,” she said. “When love is ignored, a distance naturally develops that is increased by activities and responsibilities that draw our attention elsewhere.”

Conversations between mates that major only on the routine events of life also contribute to the widespread problem of state relationships, she feels. Real communication should help couples direct their lives through sharing ideas, feelings, hopes and needs.

“Each marriage is a gift from God,” she said. “The most precious thing we can give to God and our mate is ourselves.”

American Evangelistic Festival
Floods Kansas City, Mo.

Christians from across the nation converged on Kansas City, Mo. July 27-30 for the American Festival of Evangelism, a remarkable, historic expression of unity and commitment among followers of Christ.

The undercurrent of this event—featuring 200 topical workshops and theology seminar sessions—was oneness of spirit. Joining together to learn and share were Christians from 150 denominations and Christian organizations from high church Episcopalians to Roman Catholics to Pentecostal groups to the Salvation Army—not to mention other mainline and evangelical Protestant bodies. The geographical diversity of festival participants matched the spiritual diversity. Church-

goers who are concerned about evangelism in their local communities know no boundaries, and Kansas City played host to delegations, families, and to individuals from Virginia, California, Texas, and Minnesota—and every place in between.

The festival is unique in its diversity and in its openness. It is not a gathering of ivory-tower strategists, but of pastors, lay leaders, and others who are eager to express the love of Jesus Christ to unchurched friends and neighbors.

Thomas Zimmerman, chairman of the Festival Planning Committee and superintendent of the Assemblies of God, opened the festival by focusing on this theme. He remarks: “As we

study the lives of people who have accomplished much for God, we are looking at people who have made a total commitment to God. If we are to faithfully obey the Great Commission, we have to recognize again that evangelism is not the responsibility of a few but of all believers.”

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Program

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Dr. R. G. Williams, chairman of the executive board, is to preside on Wednesday morning when board reports are to be made and approved by the convention. Dr. E. C. Kent, Richmond, Va., is to read the report. Miss Benton, head of the woman’s auxiliary, has been scheduled to present her annual address on Thursday evening, Dr. Albert Hill, a former president of the Virginia Baptist State Convention from Washington, is to bring the inspirational message.

President Stanley Smith of Shaw University, Raleigh, has been programmed to be heard on Friday morning and is expected to tell how the school now operates in the black. Shaw is one of the oldest black colleges in America. On the same morning, the Rev. Charles E. Booth, Columbus, Ohio, convention preacher, will be listed to be heard on the subject, “Preaching At Its Best.” In the evening, the convention Baptist Church choir of New York is to present a musical extravaganza directed by William Kyles, Jr.

Dr. Johnnie B. McLester, Durham, is to direct annual missionary study courses that are to be taught by Dr. James A. Scott, Newark, N.J.; Dr. E. A. Parham, Columbus, Ohio; James Oliver, New York City; and Mrs. Doris R. Griffin, Norfolk, Va., and Walter Max Robinson, ABC Television anchorman. Other teachers will be Mrs. Dorothy Harris, Washington; Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Raleigh, N.C., executive secretary-treasurer of the

Woman’s Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; and Mrs. Nettie Gaither of McKeesport, Pa.

Others scheduled for the week-long program include Rev. Marvin A. McMickle, Montclair, N. J.; the Rev. Cassell Ward, Washington, D. C.; the Rev. William C. Calhoun, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. J. B. Manley, president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; the Rev. W. D. McFarland, Dayton, Ohio; Rev. Kenneth B. Wright, Roanoke, Va.; the Rev. Carroll A. Baltimore, Hendon, Va.; the Rev. Michael Turner, Providence, R. I.; Rev. Ollie Wells, New York, and Rev. Prince Vaughn, Wilmington, N. C.

Music director for the meeting is the Rev. Lonnie Simmon, Youngstown, Ohio. Mrs. Raba Gilbert, Landover, Md., will be the convention soloist. The Rev. Marcus Woods, Baltimore, Md., is to present a pictorial scene of the convention’s foreign area at the closing on Friday night.

A convention highlight will be a meaningful mission symposium to be led by the Rev. W. D. Jackson and Rev. William Montgomery of Washington, and the Rev. Thomas Turner of Columbus, Ohio. The Rev. Joseph D. Martin, Clariton, Pa., and Rev. Abraham Walton, Graysburg, N. C., Rev. M. L. Dillingham, Pittsburgh, will be among the devotional leaders.

Pirate To Preacher

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American and was drafted by the Yankees in 1975. Playing in Syracuse and Columbus, Breedren’s batting average usually exceeded his spiritual percentage. And that drive for success was emotionally draining.

“I was trying to be such a great, great baseball player that I was more concerned about money than spirit. I could have been gaining the world but losing my soul,” he concluded.

“Part of my problem was trying to reach too far too fast. I saw stardom and fame and money.”

Contract disputes and repeatedly long family separations contributed to his frustrations. And Breedren found the world of pro ball sometimes cold, callous and racist as players were viewed in terms of dollar signs.

“You have to beat another guy out for a job and often they’ll [management] discourage you so much that you’ll want to leave. There’s too much uncertainty in it [baseball] and I couldn’t sacrifice my family,” he said. “I’d rather have a little and be happy than a lot and be miserable.”

As advice to young players, Breedren suggests joining a group such as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He said that many professionals are Christians and that fellowship with them is one positive aspect of baseball.

“You need to have a broad knowledge of the Bible,” he added. “If an athlete doesn’t know God, he should try to find Him.”

As host, director, coordinator and overseer of all activities at the expanding Assembly site, Rev. Breedren’s top priority is to teach children about the commission of Christ and how to share and fellowship among themselves.

The summer youth camp is the largest single activity at the Assembly, running from June until July annually with about 500 children and teens participating. Besides Bible study, campers enjoy swimming, horseshoes, softball, volleyball, singing, dancing, sewing, arts, crafts, and many other activities. The Assembly is also used by associations, BTUs, Sunday Schools, and other groups for picnics, retreats and workshops.

The facilities include a male and female dormitory, a dining hall, kitchen, chapel, snack bar, swimming pool, basketball courts and picnic areas. Rev. Breedren would like to see tennis, lights for night activities, and amusement attractions added in the future.

“This camp and the ministry make it [leaving baseball] all rewarding. Though things are tough sometimes, I’m living better now than I ever have. Now I’ve learned to live beyond baseball and to appreciate life.”

And much of his “newness of life” is directly attributable to his wife Mattie.

“She has always been a Christian. She was able to deal with things better than I was. She kept my head up when I felt like crying. She taught me that ‘trouble don’t last always.’”

Rev. Breedren was ordained in December, 1979, by his uncle, Dr. J. J. Johnson, moderator of the St. John Association and former president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The Breedrens have two daughters, Michelle, 10, and April, 3.

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Decade Is Crisis For American Poor

BY BETH WILDES
GLORIAITA, N. M.
(BP)—Just as the 1960s were a time of racial crisis for the United States, the 1980s may be a crisis time for America's poor, says hunger consultant Nathan Porter.

Porter, a consultant with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, said one reason for this possible social revolution is that affluent Americans have little understanding of the cause of poverty.

Porter spoke to more than 2,000 church mission leaders at the 1980 New Life Conference sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union and SBC Brotherhood Commission.

"We have a great American ideal that anyone who wants to make it in America can," he said. "They can learn to read. They can get a job. They can go to college."

However, Porter, son of retired foreign missionaries, believes most poverty stricken people are victims of society's social situations and circumstances.

"People in middle and upper income levels have many prejudices and stereotypes about poor people," Porter contended, such as the average person receiving federal aid is a male who won't work.

In reality, he said, most who benefit from federal aid are children. Others receiving

large shares are the elderly and families headed by a single woman. Nationwide, only about 50 percent of all persons eligible for federal aid actually receive it.

Porter opposes President Reagan's budget cuts of social programs, but he is far more concerned about what Southern Baptist churches do to help the poor. "Our ministry should

Prayer And Worship Are Keys

BY REX HAMMOCK
CHARLESTON, S.C. (BP)—British theologian Barrington White challenged Baptist educators to start a new emphasis on the importance of prayer and worship.

White, addressing the annual meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, also predicted the world's religious future "does not lie with the minority of large churches practicing crude nationalistic fundamentalism, but lies with those who can live and proclaim truth."

Principal of St. Regen's Park College, a Baptist school affiliated with Oxford University, White called on college presidents to put a new emphasis on their personal prayer lives and to consider a new structure in campus chapel worship services.

"There should be less emphasis on visiting speakers addressing the congregation

always be right, regardless of what the government does or doesn't do," he said.

However, Porter warned that those who want to minister cannot be judgmental toward those they are trying to help. "How can I help you if I think you're to blame for what you are?" he said.

"To witness, you have to allow them to have dignity.

and more emphasis on the congregation addressing God," he explained, saying that is what worship is supposed to be. White delivered the "H. I. Hester Lectures" during the three-day meeting of the association, which consists of teachers and academic deans from the 72 Southern Baptist related seminaries, colleges and schools.

Also addressing the association was member Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

McCall, current president of the Baptist World Alliance, said his travels among Baptists around the globe have given him a new appreciation for "the Baptist educational task."

For instance, Baptists in the USSR "have a mystical reverence for education but with a misunderstanding of what education will do," he reported.

Baptists, Muslims Talk

POMONA, Cal. (BP)—A score of Baptists and Muslims discussed in detail their differences and common beliefs during a Muslim-Baptist dialogue, focusing on their common beliefs in one Almighty Creator and their differing views on Jesus Christ and the prophet Mohammed.

The dialogue was jointly planned and sponsored by the interfaith witness department of the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board and the Islamic Center of Southern California with sessions at the Kellogg West Center of California Polytechnic University in Pomona.

Akbar Muhammad, associate professor of history at State University of New York, called the dialogue "another landmark in the long road to mutual understanding and respect."

"In view of the past hostilities between our two groups, it seems that our optimism must be tempered by historical and religious realism and with patience and forbearance," Muhammad said.

Former Southern Baptist missionary to Iran George Braswell observed that the dialogues had accomplished a lot in mutual respect and understanding.

"Patience allows us to both seek and listen, to agree and disagree, to search and to find, and to actively wait upon the other in openness to the truth of our religious traditions and experiences," said Braswell, professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Glenn Ingleheart, director of the interfaith witness department for the SBC Home Mission Board, said he felt the meeting, the first of its kind, resulted in significant agreement, yet open disagreement, and an honest willingness to deal with the differences.

Maher Hathout, a medical doctor and chairman of the Islamic Center of Southern California, said that during the sessions of the dialogue, he was apprehensive and fearful of the 10 Muslims and 10 Southern Baptists invited to attend would not be honest in sharing their disagreements.

"Any such meeting without disagreement would be a total waste of time, because we would look silly if we claimed you are Baptist for no specific reason and I am Muslim for no different reason," he said.

Most disagreement centered around the Muslim's view of Chris, and the Baptist views of Mohammed.

"Muslims believe that Jesus was a prophet whose mission was to the Israelites (Jews), but that he was no more than a messenger," said Muhammad. Mohammed based his views primarily on the passages from the "Qur'an" (Koran) and Hadith (sayings attributed to the prophet Mohammed).

Muslims believe Jesus could perform miracles, but he was neither killed nor crucified. Instead, another person was substituted for Jesus on the cross and it was made to appear that he was crucified, he said.

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary professor William L. Hendricks compared the chronology of Mohammed's life to that of Jesus.

Mohammed performed few miraculous events, while Jesus' life was full of the miraculous, Hendricks said. Mohammed had a long life, Jesus a brief one. Mohammed was a political leader, Jesus was not. Mohammed claimed to be a prophet, while Jesus claimed to be uniquely related to God. Mohammed married and had children, while Jesus did not. Both Jesus and Mohammed sought to improve social conditions for the disadvantaged. Mohammed's death was due to natural causes, but Jesus was executed as a criminal and was resurrected from the dead, Hendricks said.

"I would like for us to think of this being branches of a common tree, receiving sustenance from a common source, and determine to spend these days in peace, tranquility and mutual respect, despite our apparent differences," said Muhammad.

In his closing evaluation, Hathout pointed out that Muslims are in America to stay, and Christians should face that reality. "We are not planning to be a Muslim minority in America, for we reject the minority mentality," he said.

CANCER Victim Dies Inspiration

BY CHARLES WILLIS
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Her fight is over, but Ruby Orr's ministry of inspiration did not end when she died July 11 after a five-year battle with cancer.

Orr, 58, a secretary at the Baptist Sunday School Board, was a model of determination, courage and faith as she battled the illness diagnosed in 1976.

An employee of the board since 1952, she continued her duties. In 1977 and 1978, she wrote articles for the board's employee magazine, detailing her emotional and physical battles with cancer.

"I have never lost hope," she said, despite the original prognosis that she would live only three months. "Incurable, yes. But not hopeless! Whether I have five days or five months, if I can honor the Lord through my illness, this is my deep desire. If I can honor Him by living, I want to live. Our Lord may feel I can honor Him more in death. From the very beginning, I have said with Job, 'Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him.' "But oh, how wonderful the Lord has been. I've felt His hand upon my body and I've come to know what it is to trust Him for every day."

Of her physical condition, she wrote, "The days I am free of pain, I find myself like a racehorse going as hard and as fast as possible to make each day count."

Cancer patients need help with recuperation and rehabilitation, she observed, "because they experience depression, humiliation and fear. For want of help, cancer patients lose hope—and then they lose life."

"Hope is a necessity if I am to survive, and I shall continue to push my way through chemotherapy treatments, depression and fear and to stretch myself Godward. The will to live helps me to respond quickly to cancer."

Her articles, reprinted by other publications and circulated by readers to family and friends who have cancer, brought her letters and calls of encouragement from across the United States. Many people also contacted her seeking mutual support. Just a few weeks before her death, Orr continued to receive requests for reprints of her articles.

"Because of my sense of gratitude for life and for all the help I have received, I want to help others in return," she had said. "I want to share what the Lord has done for me."

Death did not end Orr's ministry of inspiration or her testimony to God's goodness. Today, many of those with whom she corresponded can say as she did, "I place myself and all that concerns me lovingly in the hands of the Father, knowing that He is in charge and all is well."



MOGADISHU, Somalia—The field director for International Christian Aid (ICA) reports Ethiopian jet fighters recently bombed two provincial capitals during a three-day period, as fighting between forces of the two nations increased this week.

Citing Red Cross reports, ICA's Somalia director Phil Maxson said as many as five persons died in the raid on Hoddur, and approximately 50 were wounded. No estimates of casualties are available on the bombing of Gelaica, in central Somalia near the border with Ethiopia.

ICA's Mogadishu office has maintained constant radio contact with its field workers in the Lugh area, just west of Hoddur, in case of new raids in

the area. Refugee relief work continues in Lugh, and no injuries to ICA workers have been reported.

The Ogaden region, a triangle-shaped area in Ethiopia, is contested by the two countries and is an active war zone that is getting "hotter." Thousands of refugees, who are ethnically Somali, have fled their homes in the Ogaden for the safety of camps inside Somalia, where ICA and other voluntary agencies provide medical aid and emergency feeding to more than 1.5 million refugees.

The Ethiopian air strikes bring the threat of war closer to the refugees, who have walked hundreds of miles to escape the Ogaden's warfare.

Joint Session

CLINTON—The Joint Resolution Committee, representing the General Baptist State Convention and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, had its initial organizational meeting June 1 at the Baptist Headquarters Building.

Any person who has a proposed resolution is requested to submit it in writing by Sept. 15, 1981 for consideration by the committee.

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No Magic Formula For Church Growth

BY LINDA LAWSON

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—There is no magic formula for growing a church, say five ministers of education in rapidly growing Baptist churches.

Doyle Braden, David Cunningham, Jack Naish, Russell Oldham and Laverne Plett agreed that pastoral leadership, members' commitment to outreach and the priority of the Sunday School have been the key factors in their numerical increases.

Other significant factors include adding new Sunday School classes and departments, providing parking and meeting facilities, maintaining a broadcast ministry and having a staff that has been at the church a good while.

At First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla., where 5,000 new people have enrolled in Sunday School since 1977, Cunningham called the pastor "the single most important factor" in church growth. He said the pastor must demonstrate by his presence his conviction that the Sunday School is important.

"If the pastor wants his Sunday School to grow, he should be out on the front steps of the church 30 minutes before Sunday School time, shaking hands with people and letting them know that he's glad they are there," said Cunningham. "Occasionally, he's going to have to teach a class and get involved firsthand to see what is happening in the learning experience in a Sunday School program."

Braden, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., which has experienced an average annual gain in Sunday School enrollment of 11 percent every year for the 11 years since John Bisagno came as pastor, said the pastor must be knowledgeable about education programs and lead visitation.

"If the pastor doesn't lead visitation,

it's probably not going to take place," said Braden. Also, he noted, the pastor, should be an information center about any changes that have taken place in the Sunday School ministry.

"When our pastor says something about 8.5 by '85 (SBC goal to increase the denomination's Sunday School enrollment to 8.5 million by 1985) from the pulpit and we then begin talking about it with our Sunday School leadership, they understand that what we're saying is important," he said.

Plett, minister of education at North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz., said pastor Richard Jackson's commitment to the basics of Sunday School helped and we then began talking about it with our Sunday School leadership, they understand that what we're saying is important," he said.

Plett also noted a direct relationship between Jackson's commitment to evangelistic outreach through the Sunday School and the fact that 400 to 500 persons participate in visitation each Monday night.

"We have not done any evangelism program other than what could be worked through the Sunday School," said Plett. "We believe firmly that when you start another organization you take energies away from the organization that was supposed to do it in the first place."

Naish, minister of education at Wieuka Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., said Sunday School leaders and members must understand that reaching people is their primary purpose. In 1980, more than 1,600 persons were enrolled in Sunday School at Wieuka Road.

"We're not teaching the Bible to teach the Bible," said Naish. "Good quality Bible teaching is nothing unless it teaches people that our role is redemption, our role is reaching

people."

Naish also believes that failure to add new classes and departments as growth takes place can actually "put a lid on the growth."

"Our ministry is based on the concept that we are to reach people to win and develop people so we can reach more people," he said. "To do that, we need smaller classes and more units because we need this personal touch."

Growing churches continually need additional leaders. Cunningham runs a continuous potential workers training program at First, Orlando, with 80-100 persons being trained each year.

The fact that the three senior staff members of First Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tenn., have a combined tenure of 40 years has been a vital force in the 30 percent increase in Sunday School attendance since 1977, according to Russell Oldham, minister of education.

The increase in attendance from 700 to more than 1,000 has occurred in a city not experiencing rapid population growth.

"Growth takes time," said Oldham, who has been at the church 11 years. "The longer you spend with your people, the more you realized there are spiritual needs you can fulfill with them and they can fulfill with you. I'm a strong believer in letting things happen over a period of time. If you're not putting out brushfires all the time, you can do your ministry."

While growth is exciting, it also creates inconvenience—crowded classrooms, inadequate parking and constantly changing groups when new people join. The ministers agreed that space must be monitored continuously.

"We are firmly convinced that when a department fills up the space they have, they are not going to grow any more," said Plett. North Phoenix is

now finalizing plans to begin two Sunday Schools because "we've got some areas that are full and overflowing."

Lack of space was one reason for a slight decline in 1974 at Wieuka, according to Naish. However, he is quick to emphasize that growth is not automatic with a new building. "Space will only provide opportunities for growth," he said.

Cunningham, whose church is currently seeking land for an expansion, said a visible location is a vital factor for growth.

All five churches maintain some form of broadcast ministry, and the ministers said many persons visit the worship services after seeing or hearing the broadcasts.

Also, Oldham noted that the Clarksville church includes during the Sunday morning offertory a special prayer for needs of persons in the community. Names are called into the church on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings.

"People have become aware of this partially through our monthly radio broadcast. They hear who we are praying for and it makes a difference. We feel we're ministering to a city," said Oldham.

While some Southern Baptist churches have been criticized for giving too much attention to numbers, Braden believes much can be learned from compiling and studying statistics.

For example, "We know that we enroll one of every 10 people who visit our church. And every time we enroll three people in Sunday School, we average baptizing one person. That becomes a real good clue to being able to understand what's happening," he said.

GBSC & BSC "Search" For The Unserved

A statewide search for the unserved will begin in October by the General Baptist State and Baptist State Conventions in preparation for the 1982 Joint Evangelistic Crusade.

Called People Search, the project is designed to discover the names, addresses and the

information concerning unserved and unchurched in the communities of the state. Cooperative efforts by the thousands of Baptist churches in North Carolina will be undertaken during October, 1981.

Results and findings of

People Search will be made available to all participating churches providing each with names of prospects from its immediate community and other areas it may serve. A search in October '81 will allow enrollment in Bible study and cultivate witnessing leading

toward revival crusades in the spring of 1982.

Associations in the General Baptist Convention are teamed with Baptist State associations with task leaders and an overall chairman functioning as the steering committee. Associational People Search

chapters will be trained at Shaw University Aug. 4 and they will assist churches with

planning. The associational People Search Committee will be available to assist the churches during the summer.

Family Missions Conference

REGISTRATION FEE: None. However, envelopes will be given to individual families to give a missions-information offering.

SUGGESTION: It is suggested that as an offering each family give a tenth of its weekly income, including the children's allowances. It's your CHOICE to give as God has indicated or your own way. Why not give this tenth and see how God blesses those who give His way?

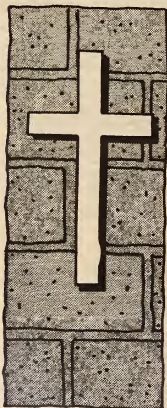
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WHEN: Saturday, September 26 1981
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
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Dr. W. B. Lewis, Pastor
1515 Cross Link Road, Raleigh, N.C.

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Women Install Horton President

BY MS. AGUSTA WHITE

3000 Attend

CHARLOTTE—More than three thousand adults and youth from every corner of North Carolina converged on the Charlotte Civic Center and the Radisson Hotel to be a part of the 97th annual session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, auxiliary of the General Baptist State Convention.

Our illustrious president, Mrs. Georgia Turner, called the convention to order promptly at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 28. She stated that she was happy to see so many faces present. "The Lord has truly blessed us and we should be grateful," she said.

After inspirational moments of meditation conducted by Mrs. Georgia Thompson and the worship committee, an impressive memorial service was presented by Mrs. Betty Lassiter of Eden.

The President and Executive Secretary presented the Lydia Circle, which is composed of churches contributing a thousand or more dollars to the Convention during the year. The following churches comprise the 1981 Lydia Circle: Catawba, Old Fort, Rev. J. H. Sullivan; Washington Baptist, Waco, Rev. H. L. Hedrick; Antioch, Charlotte, Rev. Preston Undergrass; Ebenezer, Charlotte, Dr. A. Sutton; First Baptist, Charlotte, Dr. J. Humphrey; Friendship, Charlotte, Dr. Herman W. Kerry; Gethsemane, Charlotte, Dr. C. E. Dewberry; Mayfield Memorial, Charlotte, Dr. H. S. Diggs; New Hope, Charlotte, Rev. B. R. Moore; New Zion, Charlotte, Rev. B. R. Robinson; Salem, Charlotte, Silver Mount, Pineville, Rev. William Lee, Jr.; Emmanuel, Winston-Len, Rev. S. W. Mack; First Baptist, Winston-Salem, Rev. W. S. Epps; Friendship, Winston-Salem, Rev. S. E. Randall; Mount Zion, Winston-Salem, Rev.

Gilbert Campbell; New Bethel, Winston-Salem, Dr. Jerry Drayton; Shiloh, Winston-Salem, Dr. J. Ray Butler; Mount Sinai, Eden; First Baptist, Fayetteville, Dr. C. R. Edwards; Friendship, Fayetteville, Rev. B. L. Rich; Mount Sinai, Fayetteville, Dr. Aaron J. Johnson; First Baptist, Lumberton, Dr. E. B. Turner; First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh, Dr. W. B. Lewis; Mount Vernon, Durham, Dr. Percy High; Shiloh, Henderson, Dr. R. W. Perry; Mt. Olive, Rocky Mount, Rev. G. C. Battle; Saint Delight, Walstonburg, Rev. Roosevelt Taylor; Hooks Grove, Pikesville, Rev. J. C. Sherrod; and Gaston Baptist, Gaston, Rev. James E. Barham.

"Is There No Balm In Gilead?"

Rev. R. N. Lockhart, pastor of Fairview Baptist Church, Salisbury, presented Dr. I. B. Horton, pastor of First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, for the morning message. Dr. Horton stated, "This Convention has been good to me through the years and I am grateful. It has been the hands of God that carried me through the years and enabled me to carry on. Your theme, 'God's Will: A Cause, A Concern, A Conviction,' is a good one. What is God's will for His people? It is not God's will for us to be sick in body, mind and soul." The text was taken from Jeremiah 8:22, "Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people?"

"In spite of all the physicians we have in the world, there is still a lot of sickness. I am more concerned about the spiritual drought that we have in the world than I am about the physical sickness. We have computers now that we can get information about individuals in a split second. In spite of all our knowledge, the question still comes back, why are we still sick today? Why are our cities still dying? Why are the jail houses still running over with our young people? Why is it that their minds are still being controlled by drugs and alcohol? Why is it that our congregations are not ready to hear the Word of God? Why are our preachers afraid to preach the gospel? Why, Lord, why? I know and my soul knows that there is a balm in Gilead."

"God is tired of seeing sick people. There is healing in the Word of God. There is a healing that no other but God can give deep down in the 'marrow of the soul.' We are living in a generation where men and women are looking wild and crazy and they seem to be proud of it. Man needs God a whole lot worse than God needs man. If you fall in a hole, you can't get out unless there is someone on the outside interested enough to help get you out. God has sent us a Savior to help us out of the hole. God always has something to heal the body with. 'I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses and the voice I hear (faling on my ears the Son of God) discloses and He walks

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Twenty-seven young people participated in the junior and senior divisions of the James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest during the State Sunday School and BTU Congress in Fayetteville last month. Winners in the junior division (pictured left, front to back) are Karla Mitchell, first place; Henderson; Renee Adkins, second, Clinton; John Johnson, third, La Grange; Roderick Davis, honorable mention (center), Rocky Mount. Senior division winners were (front to back) Marvin Connelly, first place, Valdece; Adrian Davis, second, Henderson; and Rebecca Slade, third, Pelham. (See story page 7)

Family Conference Crowns Christ

Calling all men, women and youth to attend the Second Annual Family Mission Conference sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina on Saturday, Sept. 26, at the First Cosmopolitan Church on Crosslink Road in Raleigh. Dr. W. B. Lewis is host pastor. The theme of the Conference is "Crowning Christ Through the Home."

Cooperating and sharing provide the basis for happy relationships within the family and with people in general. How do families learn to share and cooperate, to solve their problems, to get what they want and think is best for everyone? There are at least three ways to accomplish this:

1. Do things together.
2. Talk things over.

3. Give each member opportunities to try out new ideas.

Working, praying and playing together also builds family unity and happiness.

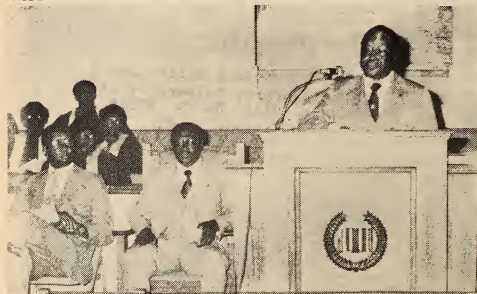
As you prepare to attend the Family Missions Conference, organize a family council in your home to talk things over, to draw the family closer together. Begin a Bible study period during your family council meeting at least once a week. Select a project for mission and make plans for carrying it out. Ask God to be in the midst of your council. Ask Him for divine guidance and direction to solve family problems and to help you form worthwhile goals for mission in your home, church and community. Together, decide what you as a family will bring to the Family Mission Conference as a token of togetherness. Have a safe trip to Raleigh.



President Thelma Horton

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Dr. A. D. Mosley, pastor of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church of Durham, delivered the closing sermon for the convention. Looking on are Dr. C. R. Edwards, (left) and Dr. C. C. Craig, GBSCE executive secretary.

From The President

"The Challenge Of A Lifetime"

The forthcoming session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, which will convene in Greensboro on Nov. 2-4, promises to be the challenge of a lifetime.

Not only will our convention make record-breaking reports in gifts received from the churches, but we will also get a look at the Health Care Program financed by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. We will also use for the first time the constitutional amendment that provides for the election of officers by ballot.

In addition, we will hold three joint sessions with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and these three sessions will feature messages by presidents of both conventions and Drs. Jimmy Allen of Texas and J. H. Jackson of Chicago, Ill. We will also hear a special report from a select committee on resolutions. Preparations are now being made across the state by many pastors, white and black, associations of

both conventions and the leadership of both conventions are sparing no pain to see that we are exposed to one of the greatest spiritual experiences of our lifetimes.

I urgently appeal to all pastors, members, associations, and auxiliaries to help us meet the challenge of this unusual opportunity. My experience with the leadership of both conventions, the joint committees for the joint sessions, as well as other members of the Convention, leads me to believe that God Himself will be in our midst and use this venture of faith to effect some much-needed changes in our day and age. We hope the associations have made their flags and all the auxiliaries as well as associations will be developing special means to get our members to the sessions and properly housed. Let us work and pray for God's will to be done among us as never before.

—Dr. J. R. Manley

General Baptist State Convention President

Lott Carey To Honor Missionary M. Lyons

BY REV. S. R. JOHNSON
CHARLOTTE—Miss Minnie Lyons, the oldest black retired foreign missionary, will be honored for thirty continuous years of service in Liberia, West Africa, at the 84th Annual meeting of Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission convention in session here at the Radisson and Sheraton Center, as headquarters. The women's de-

partment, headed by Miss Helen Benton of Baltimore, Md., will honor the veteran missionary, who is now living in Durham.

"Miss Minnie", as she is known here in America, has lived among the natives longer than any other employed black missionary worker now living. One of her prized students is Ms. Angie Brooks, a native of Africa

who was discovered by "Miss Minnie" and graduated from the Lott Carey Foreign Mission school in Liberia. Miss Brooks became president of the Security Council of the United Nations and also Attorney General for her native Liberia. Members of the Woman's Baptist State convention of North Carolina are to present to the honoree a special recognition on Thursday led by their newly elected president, Mrs. Thelma Horton of Goldsboro. Miss Brooks is an alumna of Shaw University at Raleigh.

Opening here at the Civic Center on Monday night, August 31st, with a pre-convention musical directed by Mrs. Juanita David of New York, assisted by local persons and a two hundred and fifty voice choir is to be heard. Mrs. David has been working in conjunction with local musicians for the past several weeks. This year's convention will be a mixed variety of music that will give special attention to

National Baptists In Detroit

DETROIT, MICH.—The first convention of the second century of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc. will be held September through 13th at Cobo Hall in Detroit, Mich. More than 25,000 are expected from congregations throughout the United States.

The "Open Door" theme of this convention will emphasize the civil rights struggle and encourage a return to reflecting the basic laws of people.

The major address of the convention will be by Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, who has been president of the 6.3 million member group since 1953. He will discuss current domestic and international issues in his annual message on September 10th.

Last year in celebration of the Centennial, Dr. Jackson authored a history of the convention. A Story of Christian America relates the actions of the Convention over the last 100 years to civil rights, political, social and religious happenings in both domestic and world affairs.

Plans for investing a one hundred dollar (\$500,000) endowment fund which was initiated last year will be announced. Dr. Jackson attributes the success of the fund "not to the amount of money we handle, but how we handle it."

The first-time religious organization has made such a venture. In the past we have usually raised money to pay debts. This money will be used to make money."

Negro spirituals. Dr. Wendell C. Southern, of Washington, D.C., the convention's chief executive, will present auxiliary officials and staff during the evening.

Study courses in Missions will begin on Tuesday, directed by Dr. Johnnie B. McClester, chairlady of Durham at the Radisson. Credit will be given and certificates are to be awarded. She is being assisted by Dr. James A. Scott of New Jersey; Dr. E. A. Parham of Columbus, Ohio; James E. Oliver of New York City, New York and Mrs. Doris Robinson, Griffin of Norfolk, Virginia.

BY BARBARA PULLEN
The Health and Human Services Project of the General Baptist State Convention is proud to announce the upcoming graduation of the participants in the second ten-week training cycle. The graduation ceremony

FROM THE EXEC. SECRETARY

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents of District Conventions and Members of the Baptist family of North Carolina:

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING

Before this letter reaches your desk, our books for the fiscal year 1980-81 will have closed. I hope to see you in our Annual Session in Greensboro, Nov. 2-4, and report to you that we reached our goals and objectives. Yes, we thank you for everything; your prayers, best wishes, support and cooperation. Our Convention would not be what it is today if it were not for dedicated people like you.

As we move nearer to our Annual Session Nov. 2-4, I would urge all moderators, pastors and messengers to do five things:

1. Put forth every effort to attend;
2. Encourage others to attend;
3. Make your reservations in Greensboro for lodging immediately;
4. Make plans to attend the President's Banquet at 5 p.m. on November 3;
5. Pray for the success of the Convention.

"I Thank God"

Thanksgiving is basic to all genuine worship and to the whole of Christian life. The Church of Jesus Christ has inherited from Judaism a treasure of praise and thanksgiving which has never been matched for richness and fervor. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!" These words stand as a text for all Christian worship.

To remember everything God has done for us individually and as the people who claim His name is the "chief purpose" of thanksgiving.

William Ernest Henley, British editor and poet, died in 1903 at the age of 54, but for more than 40 years of his life he had been a cripple, racked with constant pain. The one poem for which he is remembered is "Invictus":

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be,
For my unconquerable soul.

This is the cry of a man who is not thankful to God because he finds nothing to be thankful for—except his own godless courage by which he has managed to survive. Grimly, he affirms: "I am the master of my fate! I am the captain of my soul."

When Paul in Colossians 3:12-17 urged the Christians to live a life of thanksgiving, he did not imply that it would be a life free from cares, sickness, disappointments, trouble and death.

It may not be possible for us to be thankful for everything that happens—when it happens. Given sometimes, however, we are likely to find that, with God, many things "add up" which at first seemed brutal, senseless, and unbearable. Paul reminds us again that "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose."

Thanks for everything, yes, everything. I am thankful for the Baptists in the state of North Carolina who have shown their interest and given their support and who have also included the state members in their prayers. I am thankful, yes, for the unjust criticism and the unfounded fault-finding of those who have sought to make the burdens heavier. All of these things remind us that we must always watch, fight and pray until the battle of life is over.

Hostilities and trials of all kinds teach us that we live in a land of many foes. For with the glory of the hills must also come the solitude of the valleys, and the dark nights of being grieved and sorrow must settle upon the lovely path of the weary travelers.

The fiscal year 1980-81 has been a good year, therefore, to all of you: Pastors, Moderators, Presidents and Members of the General Baptist State Convention family. Thanks for everything!

—C. C. CRAIG

Curleton Johnson, Editor

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Health Class Graduation Sept. 11

will be held on September 11, 1981 at 7:00 p.m., at the Spring Street Baptist Church in Henderson, N.C.

Approximately forty community leaders from the Henderson-Oxford area will be certified as Community Health Coordinators. The guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. John Hatch, Associate Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Everyone is welcomed to come and share in this memorable occasion.

Pastor Gives Farewell To Lillington 1st Baptist

LILLINGTON—Dr. James A. Raye, Sr., resigned his charge at Lillington First Baptist Church in July.

He was a dedicated master shepherd, a great leader, and an educator of "The Works of God's Kingdom."

He is a native of Robeson County and was reared in Fayetteville. He was educated in the public schools of Fayetteville; a member of the United States Air Force, received the BS degree from Fayetteville State University; Master of Divinity degree from Shaw School of Religion, Raleigh; studied at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary of Wake Forest; honored with the title "Doctor" by "The People" of the BTU and Sunday School Convention of the Union Baptist Association, for service as an instructor, and his ability to "rightly divide the words of truth."

He is married to the former Wilhelmina Baxter of Fayetteville and to this union there are five children.

He is a member of First Baptist Church in



DR. JAMES A. RAYE, SR.

Fayetteville. As a layman of First Baptist, his activities included: Sunday School teacher of 15 to 16-year-old youth; director of BTU; usher; member of the male chorus; Scout master; explorer advisor; Loyal Workers' Club; Floral Club; and secretary of the Laymen's League.

He has served as instructor of the BTU Congress on the state level, under Dr. C. C. Craig, of the General Baptist State Convention; currently serving on the board of visitors of the Shaw Divinity School; pastor of the New St. James Baptist Church of Timberlake; Lillington First Baptist Church; presently serving Cedar Grove Baptist Church, St. Pauls, and First Baptist Church, Parkton. He served Lillington First Baptist Church for 13 prosperous years. He will always be remembered in Lillington and Harnett County for his love and devotion to all who knew him.

The call to First Baptist in Parkton was a great "plea" for a good shepherd to help them. God directed Dr. Raye to answer that call. We, the members of Lillington First Baptist Church,

ask God to continuously lead and guide him in this new adventure.

From his heart, he thinks "God's will" was done by his accepting this call. We pray that God will help us to overcome this sudden change, and that we will ever be mindful of his teachings of God's Word, and how to rightfully carry on with God's help. We'll carry on in the spirit of "peace and love" for one another.

His last sermon will always give us lasting memory of duty, as he so beautifully admonished us thus:

"Finally, brethren, farewell, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you." II Corinthians 13:11

"The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all." II Corinthians 13:14.

—The Deacon Board and Members of Lillington First Baptist Church
Deacon L. K. Boston,
Chairman

CHURCH CIRCUIT



The Rev. John D. Fuller, Sr. and the Lewis Chapel Baptist Church family served as hosts for the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress in Fayetteville Aug. 11 through 13.

Hilliard Named Man of Year

From The Weldon Sunday Herald
WELDON—I. H. Hilliard of 414 West Fourth St. here has been selected as First Baptist's "Outstanding Man of the Year for Christian Laymen" for 1981-82.

Hilliard is a deacon and Adult Men's Sunday School teacher at the church; president of the General Baptist State Convention Laymen's League Auxiliary; first vice president of the Full Gospel Businessmen Fellowship International, Roanoke Rapids Chapter; legislative president of the Halifax-Northampton Branch of the Association of Retired Persons; and commander of the Walter Ashe Post 407 American Legion.

Married to the former Ruth

Alexander of South Hill, Va., he is a retired U. S. Department of Agriculture employee. The couple has one son, Alexander, who is working on his master's degree in criminology at Memphis State University in Memphis, Tenn.

Stanley Edwards, member of the men's day committee said Hilliard was selected by the church men, "using a set of criteria that all Christian men should strive to follow."

Continuing, Edwards said, "To review a few of the most important, this man should maintain active membership in the church and support it otherwise; should be rendering some form of productive service; should have fulfilled his responsibility as head of his household; if married,

could be a tither with a record of giving to support of the church; could have rendered or is presently rendering service to this church which require considerable time and effort.

"The men of First Baptist, using the above mentioned criteria chose a man who, for years, has been both leader, follower and one they consider more closely satisfies these attributes. His leadership abilities and capabilities have been demonstrated through service in some capacity in all departments of the church, the Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, the official board, music department, to name a few.

"More than 20 years ago, upon coming to the area, this

gentleman immediately associated himself with First Baptist because, in his terms, "it was the only church that offered services every Sunday and it had a progressive program."

"In the years that followed he has demonstrated his personal commitment to God's service through years of teaching Sunday School, teaching in institutes in area churches, directing and giving leadership to the church's monthly youth day activities, and counseling with members on both personal and church related concerns.

"Like all good Christians, his efforts have not always been considered praiseworthy and oftentimes he found it necessary to take positions and make decisions that were

COMO — The Mill Neck Baptist Church family of Como dedicated its new chapel during an 11 a.m. service August 9.

The 115-year-old church is pastored by Dr. H. L. Mitchell, who also celebrated his 47th anniversary as pastor on the same day.

The morning message, "Dedicating the Lord's House," was delivered by Dr. E. A. Parham, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Parham is a

member of Mill Neck Baptist and is a graduate of Shaw University. Dr. W. R. Strassner conducted the litany of dedication.

Mill Neck's new facility was constructed at a cost of around \$164,000. The church has had only three pastors in 115 years of Christian service, the first being the Rev. William Reid of Murfreesboro, who served as shepherd of the flock for 51 years. The second pastor was Rev. C. S. Brown of Winton, who served 10 years.

Baptist Briefs

Dedicates New Church

Music Course Offered

A seminary extension course, the Fundamentals of Music, will be held beginning Sept. 21 at the YWCA, 354 East Hargett Street in Raleigh.

The course will be conducted by Mrs. Willie Mae Jordan-Williams, professional singer and music educator, for choir directors, organists, pianists, choir members and all persons interested in music.

The sessions will begin at 8 p.m. and will be held for nine consecutive Monday nights.

Total cost of the course is \$15 which includes text books. The course is also allowable as credit toward a diploma in Educational Ministries or for a Christian Vocations Certification from the Shaw Divinity School.

The course is sponsored by Dr. G. A. Jones, Sr. and the Wake Baptist Association.

Baptist Calendar

September

31-Sept. 4 Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, Charlotte Civic Center

7-11 National Baptist USA, Inc., Detroit, Mich.

7-11 National Baptist of America, Phoenix, Ariz.

19 Laymen Study Commission

26 Family Missions Conference, Woman's Convention

November

2-5 Joint Sessions—General Baptist and Baptist State Conventions, Greensboro Coliseum

not popular. Yet, he withstood the storms and shouldered the burden in the heat of the day. Not only has his Christian stewardship been

exemplary, these same attributes have been carried over into his civic and social life.

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Woman's Page

Messages Inspire Thousands To Missions



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with me and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own and the joy we share as we tarry there none other has ever known."

Music for the session was rendered by the Convention choir, with Mrs. J. M. Lucas as pianist, Donald Crawford as organist, and Mrs. M. C. Grier as directress.

Tuesday Afternoon

Mrs. Thelma Horton, first vice president, presided over the Tuesday afternoon session. Following an inspirational devotional period, Mrs. Horton presented Mrs. Omega Johnson, chairman of the Ministers' Wives, who presented the ministers' wives of Cleveland County in a program. The program centered around the theme, "God's Will: A Cause, A Concern, A Conviction," as it related to the ministers' wives. The participants included Mrs. Ruby Elms, narrator; Mrs. Odessa Devoe, A Cause; Mrs. Marian Ramsure, A Concern; and Mrs. Ethel Costner, A Conviction. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Lizzie Pender of Shelby.

The deacons' wives presented a skit depicting 12 biblical women of distinction. They included Eve, Deborah, Dorcas, Esther, Hannah, Lydia, Martha, Mary

Magdalene, Eunice, Ruth, Priscilla, and Mary, the mother of Jesus.

H. V. Bryant, superintendent of the Central Orphanage of Oxford, thanked the Convention for \$21,000 sent to the Orphanage.

"Because of the concern of the Convention for the children at the Orphanage, your contributions have made it possible for all of the children to live in a self-contained cottage. In August, the Orphanage will be 99 years old and we have weathered the storms because of people like you."

One hundred thirty-five members participated in the march for life members.

President Turner presided at the evening service. She presented Dr. and Mrs. Lemar Foster, the host pastor and his wife. A unique welcome program was presented by Second Calvary Baptist Church, with Mrs. Klara D. Vinson presiding. Music was rendered by the combined choirs of Second Calvary Baptist Church.

Ben Ruffin represented the Governor in bringing special greetings to the Convention. He stated that we were meeting at a special time when someone should speak when the seniors are being denied



many programs to benefit them and our children are going hungry because food stamps are being denied because of our president's budget cuts. There are some 40,000 girls 15 years old and younger who are unwed mothers; this is a great challenge for the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention.

"The Stones Will Cry Out"

Mrs. Eva Pratt, editor of the Missionary Helper, then came and urged the missionaries to use the Helper along with the Bible.

Music for the second part of the program was rendered by the Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church of Charlotte. Rev. Owens presented Dr. H. S. Diggs, pastor of Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, for the evening message. "There is a spirit of silence that is damaging the cause of Christ. Good men don't need to say anything, do anything and evil will triumph." The scripture text was Luke 19:40. "I tell you if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." The subject was "If These Keep Silence."

"This was spoken to a group of indignant Pharisees as Jesus rode into Jerusalem and

the children and people cried hosanna. The Pharisees went to Jesus and told Him to tell His disciples and the people to hush. The devil is still telling the followers of Jesus to keep quiet. Jesus said, 'If these should hold their peace, the very stones would cry out.' Those who stopped praising God were the devils. The devil is always wanting men to stop following and speaking out for Jesus. There are some people who go to church merely because others are going. We are too quiet and the rocks of sin are crying out all around us. We are too quiet in our civic and political arena. It is an insult to God when you are given an opportunity to govern and we do not register and vote. We have unscrupulous folks in office and we sit around and say that we are going to run it so let them. On Sunday morning, we sing hymn No. 54, 'This is My Father's World,' and who better can run our world than our Christians?"

"We are too quiet in our homes. Boys and girls have no respect and they go to school for 180 days and learn 'nothing' and we are sitting around being quiet. In our homes, our children have a better relationship with a knife and fork than with Jesus Christ. We

Family Missions Conference



REGISTRATION FEE: None. However, envelopes will be given to individual families to give a missions-in-action offering.

SUGGESTION: It is suggested that as an offering each family give a tenth of its weekly income, including the children's allowances. It's your CHOICE to give as God has indicated or your own way. Why not give this tenth and see how God blesses those who give His way?

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need to expose our children to Christ. We are too quiet in our community. Everything goes. We peep from behind our curtains and say nothing. If you sure enough love the Lord, you can't keep quiet. We are too quiet in our churches. The more the Lord blesses us, the less appreciative we are. If you would own the Lord, He will stand by you. Don't be afraid to speak out."

Wednesday Sessions

Wednesday morning was a glorious and exciting day because the people came by busloads and crowded the Civic Center for the combined session with all three departmental present. Mrs. Thelma Horton, first vice president, presided. Greetings were extended by Dr. C. Craig, executive secretary of the General Baptist State Convention. "Praise you and thank you for the wonderful work you do. If it were not for you, our credit would not be what it is today. You executive secretary lives not for herself, but for others. We are well on our way to reaching our goal of more than a million dollars. Thank you for what you have done and for what you will do."

Mrs. Horton presented Dr. Priscilla Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer, for her annual report. Dr. Brodie said, "I want to thank God first and you next for giving me this opportunity to serve. It has been a challenge and a task greater than I could ever expect to do. We are grateful to God for bringing us through another year. God has said to the Convention, 'Come and follow me,' and you have. We have raised this year for our objectives \$309,183.82. Our budget for next year is \$314,521.00. We serve a great God, a providing God. It's His will. He will help us supply these funds. Some of you were here yesterday to testify, and others were not, but you are here today and you have the chance." Dr. Brodie then led the audience in singing "I am so glad I'm here, I am so glad I'm here in Jesus' name."

Departmental greetings came from Mrs. Bronnie Daniels, young adult director, and Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, youth superintendent.

Special music for the session was rendered by the First Baptist Church of Lumberton.

Outgoing President's Address

Mrs. Horton presented President Turner for her fourth and last annual address as president. She spoke on the Convention theme, "God's Will: A Cause, A Concern, A Conviction."

"It's good to be here today. 'I will life up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth,' " Psalms 121:1-2.

"The past year, 1980-81, has been an unusually special year for us and for the objectives and all facets of our convention work. Enough words of gratitude cannot be expressed for the mammoth support you have given."

"As my tenure as president ends with this 97th annual session, I would like to suggest that we continue with these things and ideas that have served us well. We know that our mission as missionaries is to strive toward bringing someone to Christ by our concern, by our lives—the way we live in this frustrating age, and generally by our daily witness. If every person here would just live so that you can bring one, what a crowd of witnesses that would be!"

"In three years, this 'Old Ship of Zion' will be 100 years old. Love, dedication, and much prayer have kept us going through the



President Turner is awarded the President's Plaque for her four years of service from Mrs. Clara Hayes, Executive Board chairman, and from Dr. Priscilla Brodie, executive secretary of WB&FMC.

years. This Convention is a institution; many wonderful blessings have come forth from her. Keep love, faith, dedication around her and things will go all right.

"So long as women—mothers—are Christians, there is not much to fear. But if we should give ourselves to selfishness and worldliness and pleasure-seeking, what will become of the next generation, or of the church today?"

"Our concerns in serving Christ are directed by God's will. Missionaries, when we made our commitment to be followers of Jesus Christ, that really put a label on us: 'Worthy Christian.' 'Count on me Christian,' 'Dedicated Christian.' But surely the label should be 'Christian.' No adjectives to add. If we have a conviction, He has power to bring things to pass in our lives."

Dr. Brodie presented a special plaque to President Turner on behalf of the Convention for her outstanding leadership.

Mrs. Eva Johnson, third vice president, presided over the afternoon session with the young adults and youth.

The young adults presented a skit, "Roses of Repentance." The youth presented their contest winners.

At 6 p.m., Mrs. Luella Edwards, second vice president, presented the youth for their annual concert. The youth electrified our souls with a soul-stirring concert with Sherwood Davis as pianist; Tony Brown, Second Calvary, Charlotte; and Linda Inman, Mt. Moriah, Chadbourn.

During the evening session, music was rendered by the combined choirs from Lewis Chapel of Fayetteville.

In the absence of Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, Dr. C. R. Edwards, past president of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, extended greetings. He stated that the Lott Carey Convention is a body of distinction. "The Lott Carey is exclusive; it does only foreign mission work. It boasts of the fact that it is only permitted to spend 25 percent for operating expenses and 75 percent is used on the foreign fields. Lott Carey has to recognize North Carolina, not only for the finances but because of the minds in leadership positions. Lott Carey convenes in Charlotte Aug. 31-Sept. 4."

Dr. Brodie presented Dr. M. A. Horne, who carried us on an interesting tour of our work in Africa through slides made during her four visits to Africa. She stated that it is not where you come from, but where you are going.

"A Bold Mission Program"

Rev. A. C. Jones, moderator of the Union Association, presented Rev. John D. Fuller, pastor of Lewis Chapel Church of Fayetteville, for the evening message. Scripture text was Acts 1:8, and the subject, "A Bold Mission Program." Many churches think they are mission minded and they are only rendering service in small vineyard. They can't comprehend going into all the world

witnessing for Christ. There are four ideas of understanding bold mission:

1. Understanding mission in Jerusalem—for a strong commitment for working in the Master's field, we must have bold mission in our hearts.
2. We should be faithful witnesses in Judea. We must give to state mission; charity begins at home and spreads abroad: here in North Carolina, Shaw University, Shaw Divinity School, and Central Orphanage and J. J. Johnson Assembly. If you are not helping, you are a hindrance to the convention.
3. Performing Faithful Stewardship in Samaria is extending mission outside of these boundaries. As black Baptists, we should wake up and help our black Baptist colleges, the NAACP, and other causes.
4. Focus in on witnessing across the world. We must share witnessing worldwide. We are indeed our brother's keeper. Until people everywhere are liberated, no one is liberated. As Christians, we must be the voice, the feet, the arms of Christ. "Wherever He leads me, I will follow."

"On Foreign Mission Night, I will follow Him to the utmost parts of the world where men are starving and in need."

\$83,000 Announced At Closing Session

The closing session of the Convention was called to order by Mrs. Robbie Diggs, fourth vice president. Music for the session was rendered by the Convention choir.

Greetings were by Dr. Stanley Smith, president of Shaw University. Dr. Smith expressed gratitude for everything that was done for Shaw last year. "As you move around, we want you to remember your religious commitment and talk about Shaw University. Religion and learning go hand in hand. Shaw University is concerned with character building. We train the heart as well as the mind and stress morals as well

as intellectuality."

Dr. Brodie made the partial grand total for the 1981 annual session as \$83,650.00.

The following officers were then installed by Dr. O. L. Sherrill: President, Mrs. Thelma C. Horton; first vice president, Mrs. Luella D. Edwards; second vice president, Mrs. Eva Johnson; third vice president, Mrs. Robbie Diggs; fourth vice president, Mrs. Maggie H. White; executive board chairman, Mrs. Clara Hayes; secretary, executive board, Mrs. Mildred L. Chavis; recording secretary, Mrs. Marion Bass; assistant recorder, Mrs. Delores Moore; historian, Dr. J. B. McLester; organist, Mrs. Jettie M. Lucas; associate organist, Donald Crawford; choir director, Mrs. M. C. Grier; young adult director, Mrs. Bronnie Daniels; young adult associate director, Mrs. Julia McDonald; young adult president, Rev. Wayne Hines; youth supervisor, Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell; youth associate supervisor, Mrs. Percie Norman; youth president, Michael Battle.

The Convention was closed with prayer and the singing of "A Charge To Keep I Have."

YOUNG ADULT DEPARTMENT

The highlight of the Young Adult Department was the Young Adult Fellowship at Gethsemane Baptist Church, with nearly 300 persons in attendance. A testimonial was given in honor of Mrs. Luella Edwards, who served as the first director of the Young Adult Department. Following the presentation to Mrs. Edwards, Rev. Gregory Moss, pastor of First Baptist Church, Concord, delivered a very timely message to the Young Adults on being an example of spiritual growth and teaching.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

"I'm going to turn my life around," said one convention youth. "I really wanted to be an officer and when I didn't hear my name called, I was so angry. After that message

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Mrs. Luella Edwards (right), former director of the Young Adult Department of the WB&FMC, receives tokens for her service to the young adult department advisors.



A scene from the well-attended sessions of the Youth Department, Ms. Cheryl McCullough, youth president, presiding.

books Nixon Aide Ministers In Prisons

Chuck Colson shocked the country seven years ago with his proclamation of faith in Christ. Believers and skeptics alike watched cautiously to see if his was a true conversion, after his Watergate involvement and imprisonment.

After reading **LIFE SENTENCE** (Revell: \$5.95, Pub. Date: April 20) there will be no doubt. In this second book, Colson traces his life from his release from prison to begin his "life sentence" of serving and following the Lord. He shares his struggles as he grew to uncompromised commitment and his decision to return to prison—this time to minister the gospel to the inmates. He encourages all Christians to dedicate themselves to boldly walk in faith in the midst of today's crumbling morality.

"Life Sentence" belongs on the reading list of every pastor and every Christian worker. It carries us beyond Born Again into the sphere of Christian service as a vital reminder that the Christian life begins—not ends—with regeneration.

Minister's Wives Cope With Marital Pressure

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)—Wives of church staff members need sincere communication of affection from minister-husbands whose time demands frequently leave the wife feeling isolated, lonely and abandoned, said Louis McBurney, psychiatrist from Marble, Colo., and his wife, Melissa, at a recent conference for ministers' wives.

The McBurneys said problems common to ministers' wives are loss of privacy, lack of close friends and a feeling of abandonment when on many occasions, the wife is left out of her husband's life.

The feeling of abandonment, which the McBurneys say is the most common problem, is exaggerated because it is difficult for the wife to complain about the time spent by her husband when the third party is the church.

Most ministers' wives tolerate a lot of problems because they share the husband's calling and commitment, the McBurneys say. The wife feels comfortable with the minister's heavy time commitment

even though she may have interpersonal conflicts about their relationship.

Loneliness may compound problems because the wife often does not have a close circle of friends to whom she can turn in times of crisis.

Many wives have told the McBurneys they feel they shouldn't have close friends because it could be construed as playing favorites among the congregation. However, they emphasize, if the wife feels she is left out of her husband's life, there must be somewhere to turn for support.

Very often, McBurney says, anger resulting from continuing problems results in blame toward the church.

To begin resolving the conflict, both partners must sit down and uncover the problems in their lives. They must communicate, so both can understand the problem and work toward forgiveness, the other, say the McBurneys.

Schedule changes alone probably are not enough to get them together and

achieve marital maturity which can be a goal for church members and give them the happiness they want. More time together is not necessarily better time together.

The minister and his wife should look at their relationship measured by the ideal of oneness in the Bible, the McBurneys suggest. The husband can recognize the wife's importance by not taking her for granted and by telling her how much she means to him.

The wife can encourage and prompt her husband's new relationship-building efforts by being more responsive.

The McBurneys conclude: If the minister and his wife can succeed in solving their problems, two immediate results will be obvious. One is a happier home situation, which in turn makes the minister a better servant to the church. The second is the positive model provided for church members who are experiencing the same problems in their marriages.

Preacher Divorce Rate Is Higher

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (BP)—"If you're not interested in family and marriage counseling, you'd better be," says Bill Little.

Little, pastor of Christ Memorial Baptist Church in St. Louis, said 51 percent of American marriages now end in divorce and that the highest rate of increase is among clergymen.

"Remember, everyone on every level, including the ministers in this room, has some problem with interpersonal relationships in his or her marriage," Little said. He emphasized the necessity

of making a commitment to make marriage "work" and encouraged the pastors to let members know they have problems of their own.

"Don't leave the impression that because you're a minister, your marriage is problem-free," he said.

"Getting along means accepting the personality differences of your husband or wife," he explained. "If there are no differences in your marriage, there's no growth, only an echo. Accept the weaknesses and strengths of each other—but don't try to reform the other!"

GBSC Church Life And Leadership Workshop Set For November

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and its Department of Christian Education will conduct the second Church Life and Leadership Workshop on Nov. 3, Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill, Saturday, Nov. 21.

There will be five areas of concentration: (1) church officers (deacons and trustees) and church budgeting; (2) church financial record keeping; (3) church clerks and secretaries; (4) church music in worship and other occasions; and (5) church programming and annual preparation. Competent and experienced persons will conduct each area of study and work.

Registration and organization will begin at 9 a.m. and devotion will begin at 9:45. The first class will start at 10:00. The cost of registration is \$10 each, which will include handout materials, certificates, and a full course lunch. Churches which sponsor participants will receive credit in the annual report of the General Baptist State Convention.

All checks should be made payable to the General Baptist State Convention. Please preregister by sending registration fees to the General Baptist State Convention, 603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601-2399.

Baptist Beliefs

EDUCATION

We believe that Christianity is taught as well as caught and that it is usually taught before it is caught. Jesus was teacher. At the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount, we are told that "...He opened His mouth and taught them" (Matthew 5:1), and in the Great Invitation, the Master beckons us to COME, and TAKE His yoke upon us, and to LEARN of Him (Matthew 11:28-29).

We believe that one of the major functions of a church following the teachings of Jesus is to educate its members. Christian education is the process of nurturing people in their progressive development toward Christian maturity. It includes leading, teaching, training and involving persons in the Christian maturity process. Christ rules in His church as members hear the word proclaimed and taught (Matthew 28:20). And, because the Master has set the goal of Christian maturity in lofty realms: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48), education in the Christian framework never ends.

We believe that a church which fails to educate its members hinders not only their progress on the road to maturity, but its own progress to the point that it ceases to be a church.

SOCIAL SERVICE

The black Baptist church is a religious institution, but it is also a social institution in a distinctive way. Rendering service has always been a cardinal principle among black Baptist believers. From this service-oriented philosophy has come schools, orphanages, burial associations, and mutual organizations.

We believe in meeting social needs with social service. When someone needs consolation, we offer counsel. When someone needs a companion, we offer friendship. When someone has a problem, we offer counsel. And when someone finds talking to God difficult, we offer intercessory prayer.

We believe that even in rendering service to the most humble among us, we are rendering service to Christ.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

We believe that the life and teachings of Jesus pointed the way to the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom essentially non-physical, established in the hearts and souls of men and women who give themselves in total submission to God.

The basic quality of Kingdom-living is love divine and love excellent manifesting itself in and through service and sacrifice.

We further believe that the Kingdom represents the rule and reign of God, that it has been here in nature for He rules and reigns over the natural world which He created. It is here in men and women who have given themselves totally and completely to God as exemplified in Him who said, "...Not my will but thine be done." But we believe that in terms of fullness, the Kingdom is yet to come, for there are men whose hardness of heart prevents them from becoming submissive to God, and who refuse to bow and to confess that Jesus is the Christ and that in Him the Kingdom has come.

We further believe that the Kingdom in fuller fruition will be ushered in more and more as His will is done on earth.

THE LAST THINGS

We believe in the eschaton, the doctrine of the Last Things, that the Kingdom in full fruition will be the culmination and the highwater mark of the Last Things.

We further believe that what is, our daily life, stands under the judgment of what is to be. It is the Kingdom of God that there will be a final judgment of our life based on what we did to promote the Kingdom. In a word, both our daily life and our completed life stands and will stand under the judgment of the perfection of heaven.

We believe, then, that the doctrine of the Last Things emphasizes the life of Kingdom living, and that every time we participate in Kingdom living, it is as though we move nearer and nearer to the outstanding example of that life of Christ. The doctrine of the Last Things is not an event, but a process. It begins in the here and now and moves toward the hereafter and the then.

"And now may the spirit which was in Jesus be in us also, enabling us to know the TRUTH, to do the WILL of God, and to abide in peace, for ever and ever. AMEN."

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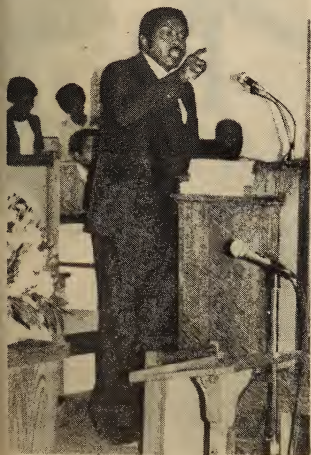
ORATORICAL WINNERS



The final day of the Congress was one of the best attended in history.



Dr. J. R. Manley (left), president of the GBSC, and Dr. C. C. Craig, GBSC executive secretary, addressed the Congress on Wednesday.



Dr. Leo Williams, director of Christian Education for the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, addresses a session of the Sunday School and BTU Congress on Wednesday.

FAYETTEVILLE — Twenty-eight young people participated in the James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest during the final day of the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress last month at the Lewis Chapel Baptist Church in Fayetteville.

Seven winners emerged from the junior (9th through 11th grades) and senior (12th grade and college freshmen) divisions. The contestants, who all memorized their addresses, were judged on the content, composition and delivery of their messages.

Roderick Davis of Rocky Mount earned an honorable mention with his talk on "Friendship With God." He said that when you have a friend in God you "have a friend who will stand with you, stand by you, and most of all, stand for you."

Third place winner John Johnson of La Grange spoke on the topic, "The Grace of God Our Salvation."

"We are now living in a complicated world, a world of widespread confusion, a world of constant fear. There is a widespread use of drugs among us, nations are fighting against nations, daughters will no longer obey their mothers, and sons have turned their backs on their fathers. And when I think of the 28 black youth killed in Atlanta," he said, "my very soul trembles with fear."

"But the Grace of God is still sufficient and it's time to listen to that still small voice inside of us. For this is our guide and strength."

Speaking on the subject, "Reach Out and Touch," a second place junior winner Renee Adkins of Clinton said, "We have lost the personal touch and have just become numbers." She said that "computers can never

do what mankind can do for each other and that is to reach out and touch. Where would we be if Jesus hadn't been willing to reach out and touch us?"

The winner in the junior division, Karla Mitchell of Henderson, also spoke on "Reach Out and Touch." She captivated the judges by proclaiming that there are many people in the world who feel no one cares for them.

"God cares for us all," she said, "even when it seems like we don't have a friend in the world."

"It is our duty as Christians to reach out and touch the hearts of these people. To reach out and show them that they can depend on God. To show them that God can reach in and touch their lives. We need to let people know about the wondrous things that God has performed in our lives."

In the senior division, third place went to Rebecca Slade of Pelham, who emphasized "God's Love."

"God's love will help us to make a way of life, not just a standard of living," she said. "Many of us are ready to call on a Moses to lead us out of our troubled times into lasting peace, but I say to you, try God's love. It will help us to find rest and peace. Our lives should be so dedicated, so full of God's love, that we can cry out with absolute assurance, 'When the Roll is Called Up Yonder I'll Be There.'"

Adrian Davis of Henderson, a student at Shaw University, spoke on "The Elements of Success."

"We are the most successful people in the world, but until we put Jesus into our lives, we will never have true success." He then went on to outline four

elements of success: **positive thinking, determination, self-worth, and love.**

The first place award of \$150 in the senior division went to Marvin Connelly of Valdese, who will enter N. C. State University this fall. He was the only speaker to address the subject, "The Christian's Inventory."

Citing a passage from the Book of Daniel saying you are weighed in the balance and found wanting, Connelly asked, "What is our closing inventory on your own set of scales? What is the closing inventory in your life?"

"I've done many things in my community and I've done many things in my school," he recalled telling someone when asked for a resume of his life. "But what I want you to put on that resume," he told them, "is what I've done for God. This is what counts."

He challenged the congregation to "Take an inventory of your life and see what happens. Take up the pieces of your life and give them to God."

All of the participants in the contest were awarded certificates by Mrs. Emarretta T. Felton, director of the contest, and by Mrs. Beatrice Branch, assistant director.

Old Testament

And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. Daniel 7:14



Members of the Vance County Sunday School Convention, the Rev. W. T. Ramey, III, president, attended the Sunday

School and BTU Congress and are supporters of the Baptist Informer.

Virginia President Keynotes Pre-Convention Banquet



Mrs. Dorothy Allen (left, immediate past president of the Woman's Convention of the Virginia Baptist State Convention, was the featured speaker for the Pre-Convention Banquet.

Staff Honored

BY MS. AUGUSTA WHITE

CHARLOTTE — Approximately 1,000 people from across North Carolina attended the Eighth Annual Pre-Convention Fellowship Banquet of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina at the Charlotte Civic Center Monday evening, July 27.

Mrs. Dorothy Allen, past president, Woman's Auxiliary of the Virginia Baptist State Convention, was the keynote speaker at the banquet. She spoke on the topic, "God's Design For A Christian Lifestyle." The Biblical background was taken from John 4:31-39 and Matthew 28:19-20. "Jesus told His disciples to go and

make witnesses of all men. He set the pattern and has shown us the way. Jesus had been traveling and teaching for quite awhile, and on His way back for some reason He decided to travel the Samaritan route. He chose the Samaritan route to teach His disciples that they were not only to share the gospel in Jerusalem, but also in Samaria. When Jesus stopped in Samaria He saw a woman at the well and in spite of the fact that the woman was a Samaritan and Jesus a Jew, He still asked a favour for a cup of water. Jesus said that if she knew who He was she would ask Him for a drink of everlasting water. Jesus told the woman all about herself and she

finally asked Jesus to give her a drink of the living water to keep her from becoming thirsty again.

"It is God's will that we become witnesses for Christ. Wherever we go in the world we should be aware of our witnessing. Jesus communicated with a common everyday thing, 'water,' in talking to the woman. We must work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work.

"There are so many forces working against us. This is a terrible time we are facing including drugs, the energy crisis, the rising crime rate, child abuse, doors being closed in our faces due to the president's budget cuts.

"The rising crime rates really put our churches on the spot because we wonder what the churches are doing to help check crime. Many times our voices are not heard. As Christians let us try 'faith lifting'.

1. Practice trust in God.
2. Search the scriptures. We can draw principles for our own actions from the scripture.

3. Lifting in prayer. Keep the channels open. There is no secret what God can do. God speaks during quiet times and He will help you if you turn to Him.

4. Try lifting through the gift of love. Love enough to give of yourself. When you give yourself to God you grow.

The speaker admonished the convention to continue to work and be mindful of the fact that God will help us to grow in strength if we would accept the challenge.

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer presented tokens of appreciation for dedicated and loyal service to members of the office staff: Ms. Bettie J. Chisolm, administrative assistant to executive secretary; Mrs. Gladys S. Wallington, bookkeeper; Miss Ivory M. Williamson, secretary.

Special music for the fellowship banquet was rendered by Master Derrick Roddy, Second Calvary Baptist Church, Charlotte, and by Ms. Bonnie Sue Boston, Liberty Grove Taylorsville.



Over 1000 members and friends of the WBA&FMC attended the annual Pre-Convention Banquet July 27.



Soloist Derrick Roddy sings during the Woman's Banquet.



Ms. Bonnie Sue Boston, Liberty Grove Baptist Church, Taylorsville, sang for the banquet audience.

Youth Missions Contests Net Over \$13,500

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by Mike, the anger left; now I am just happy to be a part of the group." These were testimonies by two of the 241 registered delegates, supervisors and visitors who attended the 97th Annual Session of the WBA&FMC Convention this year. More than 22 counties were represented.

Each morning, Timothy Cobb and Milton Todd led the worship period. A class period followed. Bread: Living With It, Making It, Sharing It, a book on youth stewardship, was studied. Betty Lassiter, Michael Battle, and Yvonne Mitchell shared the teaching.

Following a short business session which included the reading of minutes by Secretary Greta Miller, President Cheryl McCullough gave her annual address. She

challenged the youth to move on up by the grace of God, to learn and know God's will and be willing to let it be done in our lives. The youth officers' march which followed brought youth from across the state, presenting money for the March of the Young and Foreign Missions. The Supervisors' March for Foreign Missions netted a total in excess of \$2,000. Rev. Hendricks from Brunswick County led the group in prayer for Jeremiah Walker and our mission school in Liberia. Signatures from those present were presented. An offering of \$100 was received.

The Shaw and Have a Heart for Missions contests were the featured events for Tuesday afternoon. The winners of these events were Lacy Simpson, Jr., first place;

Jill Solomon, second; Jeanette Evans, third, in the Shaw Contest; Sherman Joyner, first; Deandrea Gause, second; Cassandra Mathis, third, for Have a Heart Contest. In the money division, Angie Caldwell was first, Sherman Joyner second, and Deandrea Gause third, for Have a Heart. April Wilson was first, Lamia Howell second, Franklin County co-representatives third, for the Shaw Contest. The two efforts netted a total in excess of \$13,544.44. All counties received a special thanks for their participation. Miss Percie Norman presented the Mecklenburg County youth who concluded our afternoon program with an inspirational skit on missions. Sherwood Davis and Linda Inman, accompanied by other youth, presented more than 100 youth

in concert. With only three practice sessions, a revelation of excellent church training was exhibited. The youth ushered in the spirit in song. The session closed with an inspirational message by vice president Michael Battle. He told the youth to let the Holy Spirit put out the fires of sin in their lives and stop using their water guns of partial Christianity, to become totally committed to Christ, to be His witnesses everywhere they go. An altar call followed the message.

Rev. Leander gave the benediction. A \$50 lei in cash was placed around the supervisor's neck by Miss Percie Norman on behalf of the youth and supervisors present.

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"We Are One In Christ" is the theme of the 114th annual session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. and the 151st annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, which meet jointly in the Greensboro Coliseum Nov. 2-4, 1981.

Joint sessions will be held Monday afternoon and evening, Nov. 2, and Tuesday evening, Nov. 3. Separate sessions of the two conventions will also be held with General Baptists meeting in the War Memorial Auditorium adjacent to the coliseum.

DR. C. C. CRAIG HOLDS HIGH EXPECTATIONS

"I am enthused about our forthcoming annual conventions. I hope that as a result of our joint sessions, we will have a better understanding of what the Lord wants the church to be and what the Lord wants the church to do.

"We are clear about some things and in doubt about others. It is clear that we have the theory for practice, and laws to govern, and the established rules by which to play the game of life. We have a worthy constitution for the United States of America, we have a charter for the United Nations, and we have a Holy Book for the Christian church. Our greatest problem is that we are so deficient in men in whom theory has become practice. We need men to match the mountains that we face today.

"When the ancient Hebrews needed a new birth of faith, an Abraham had to be found who was willing to divorce himself from the comforts of home and from the joys of kin and country. Abraham had to go out into the dark unknown, unconscious of where the untried trail would lead. But he took the venture, became the friend of God, and laid a foundation of an undying faith.

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Dr. J.H. Jackson Urges

Patriotism Among National Baptists

DETROIT, Mich.—The leader of the nation's largest black organization recently urged his 6.3 million members to have civic pride, a sense of patriotism and refrain from using the church as a civil rights front.

Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., delivered his address to 20,000 delegates convening in the Joe Louis Arena here in behalf of the membership. This is the 101st celebration of the group's existence.

Tracing the past one hundred years of Negro freedom, Dr. Jackson outlined this nation's superiority throughout those years and illustrated how we have now moved into a position of weakness.

"Our economic strength is not what it used to be. Foreign capital has invaded our banks and much of our economic power is in the hands of strangers who do not love us. Inflation has cheapened the economy and the dollar's value has been deflated. We lag behind in the development of natural resources. Our military power has been greatly reduced. Polarizations, classes and conflicts pose internal threats to American life. Americans are being used one against another, against the ideas, principles, and policies of the nation."

Dr. Jackson describes the Convention as big business and said the accomplishments of the church have enabled the membership to acquire real estate, provide educational facilities and church buildings, build cultural edifices and maintain strong economic stature in communities throughout the nation. A million dollar fund wisely invested produces income for scholarships and other programs.

"National Baptists do not rely on grants and gifts from the federal government. We understand the principle of separation of church and state, a fundamental doctrine of the Baptist faith. National Baptists feed and clothe themselves. We do not

expect others to do this for us."

"For the past 27 years, there has been an intense struggle for civil rights. We have gained a great deal but we have lost much. In many ways we have struggled against freedom in the purest sense of that word, as one race has been pitted against another. We have seen this struggle degenerate into civil strife.

"Although many lunch counters have been opened to us, we have closed many of our own restaurants and hotels that we once operated

in our neighborhoods.

"All of us desire integration that is in harmony with the principles of the Federal Constitution. But integration does not mean the negation of that which is positive and which represents initiative.

"In the present struggle, the race must deal with obvious handicaps. Our individualism is contributing to a continuing process of racial segregation. This individualism among us will pit groups against their own leaders. Some of these individuals are more concerned about their

personal success than they are about the growth of the race or the on-going program of Christian culture. Some white organizations have learned this and they use our own divisiveness to encourage and promote segregation among us. Some of the strongest opponents of Negro teachers in mixed or in predominantly white schools are the Negro students themselves, who resent teachers of their own race who demand of them first class standards, first-class thinking, and first class behavior."



Scene From National Baptist Convention

From The President

A WHEEL IN A WHEEL

BY J. R. MANLEY, PRESIDENT, GBSC

The discovery of the wheel some 5,000 years ago represents one of the most important events in the life of man. For without the wheel, civilization as we know it today would not exist. It is the wheel that transports millions of people and tons of cargo from place to place. It is the wheel that turns the humming engines of industry, making all kinds of products for the life of man. It is the wheel that helps us keep track of the time of day and night. It was the wheel that formed a part of the vision of Ezekiel that called him to the office of prophet. In fact, it was the wheel in the middle of a wheel.

This picture of a wheel in the middle of a wheel seems to be a symbol of our present situation as we face the decade of the 80s. For the many groups and forces that play and interplay upon our lives turn like wheels

in the middle of wheels. The wheels in Ezekiel's vision intersected each other at right angles, making all distances equally as near and as far away, suggesting that all of us are subject to the winds of change that blow upon our age. And of all the wheels that turn today, it is important that the church, and especially the black church, be a part of the movement that turns in a direction unlike any other. To be sure, the black church is similar to other churches in that it is rooted in the saving blood of Jesus Christ. But to be similar is not to be the same.

The special experience out of which the black church was born and has been nurtured, like ancient Israel, prepares it to fit a certain place in the clock of time unlike any other. And if this wheel does not turn effectively, the whole of our age will be in trouble. To be sure this wheel is to turn in conjunction with other wheels, that have their own reason to be. It is, you see, a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

Our fourth upcoming Joint Session in Greensboro, Nov. 2-4, will give General Baptists an opportunity unparalleled in its history to be a wheel in the middle of a wheel, just as the 1982 Evangelistic Crusade will give our local churches and associations the opportunity to be a wheel in the middle of a wheel. It is hoped that we have not lost our vision of the Divine and His mission for our Branch of Zion while looking at the television of our time. But if the vision tarries for us, as Habakkuk 2:3 tells us, "wait for it because it will surely come. Be a wheel in the middle of a wheel."

FROM THE EXEC. SECRETARY

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators and Members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina:

The fiscal year 1980-81, which has just closed, was a good year. You played an important part in making it so. Therefore, I would like for you to know that I personally appreciate the excellent financial support that your church gave to the objectives and purposes. I must say again and again that our convention would not be what it is today, if it were not for dedicated leaders and followers such as have in our Baptist churches in the State of North Carolina.

I feel sure that the thoughts of what your church gave for the fiscal year 1980-81 for missions and Christian education will give you real happiness and that what your church expects to give during the fiscal year 1981-82 will bring you substantial rewards.

I am convinced that whenever we "attempt great things for God, we can expect great things from God."

We must continue to emphasize the "Unified Dollar for the Unified Program" as we seek to keep before us the objective of the Convention, which is to give financial support on a percentage basis to Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions and the Central Orphanage.

We urge all of our churches to send monthly contributions to the "Unified Program." Through the "Unified Program," we can: give greater assistance to Shaw University and the Divinity School, extend a longer arm of outreach to Foreign Missions through the Lott Carey Convention, serve a larger number of churches, associations, conventions and unions through the Central State Missions, and share our Christian love with homeless children through the channel of the Central Orphanage.

As we move nearer to our 114th Annual Session in Greensboro on November 2-4, I am urging all pastors and moderators to do five things:

- 1) Put forth every effort to attend;
- 2) Encourage others to attend;
- 3) Make your reservations for lodging immediately;
- 4) Make plans to attend the President's Banquet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, November 3;
- 5) Pray for the success of the Convention.

I shall look to see you in Greensboro. The officers of the Convention join me in thanking you for the support and cooperation that we know you will give.

November GBSC Church Life And Leadership Workshop

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and its Department of Christian Education will conduct the second Church Life and Leadership Workshop at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill, Saturday, Nov. 21.

There will be five areas of concentration: (1) church officers (deacons and trustees) and church budgeting; (2) church financial record keeping; (3) church clerks and secretaries; (4) church music in worship and other occasions; and (5) church programming and adult preparation. Competent and experienced persons will conduct each area of study and work.

Registration and organization will begin at 9 a.m. and devotion will begin at 9:45. The first class will start at 10:00. The cost of registration is \$10 each, which will include church certificates, certificates, and a full course lunch. Churches which send a delegation will receive credit in the annual report of the General Baptist State Convention.

All checks should be made payable to the General Baptist State Convention. Please preregister by sending registration fees to the General Baptist State Convention, 603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601-2399.

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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William J. Shaw

NAACP Freedom Award Winner

Grady D. Davis

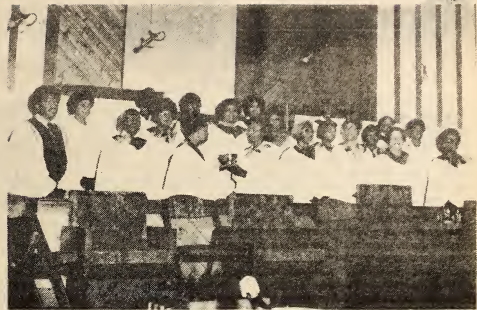
Dr. Grady Demus Davis, Sr., professor of behavioral sciences at Shaw University and pastor of Union Baptist Church in Durham, was honored by the Durham Branch of the NAACP during its seventh annual Freedom Fund Dinner on Aug. 29. Distinguished persons from across the state in and nation attended the affair, all to pay their respects to one of the area's most dynamic civic leaders. Dr. Davis was awarded this year's NAACP Freedom Award for his numerous exemplary efforts in the area of civil rights, and was recognized for his many years of outstanding service to the local communities.



Grady D. Davis

Speaker for the occasion was Bishop John Hurst Adams, presiding bishop, Second Episcopal District, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Other program participants included Durham Mayor Harry E. Rodehizer; Benjamin S. Ruffin, special assistant to the governor; Dr. Wilmoth A. Carter, vice president for academic affairs and research, Shaw University, on behalf of Dr. E. B. Turner of the UNC Board of Governors; Durham attorney and civil rights leader Floyd B. McKissick, Sr., a representative for Fayetteville State University chancellor Charles Lyons, Jr., and a host of other pastors and personal acquaintances. Rev. Vernon Thompson, pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church, Durham, served as master of ceremonies and the affair included musical selections by Ms. Ella Crawford and the Union Baptist Church male chorus.

Dr. Davis is a native of Pleasant Hill, located in Northampton County. An outstanding scholar, he earned the bachelor's degree at Shaw University. Davis left Raleigh to pursue graduate studies and received the master of divinity degree at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary in Newton Centre, Mass. He later earned the doctorate degree in the psychology of religion at Boston University. Davis also completed further studies in psychology at the University of California-Berkeley and at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, sponsored by the National Science Foundation.



Choir Renders 61 Years Of Service

SIXTY-ONE YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE—Rocky Mount—The senior choir of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Rocky Mount celebrated its 61st anniversary recently. It was organized by the church's founder and first pastor, Rev. Erastus Lucas, in 1920, four years after the church was founded in 1916. The choir has led the congregation in singing the praises of God during the leadership of all of the church's eight pastors. Mrs. Fannie M. Phippen was presented a gift from the choir in appreciation of her service to the choir, as a member for 52 years and its director for 35 years. Presenting the gift is Mrs. Mary Horne, a member for 22 years. Other members are, L-R: Deacon Louis Phippen, a member for 55 years; Mrs. Leo McCloud, Mrs. Augusta Suggs, 25 years; Mrs. Almira Clark, Mrs. Barbara Hunter, president; Mrs. Sarah May, vice president; Mrs. Selma Wiggins, Mrs. Victoria Joyner, director; Mrs. Rosella Rodgers, Mrs. Marie Carlisle, 42 years; Deacon William Wiggins, 21 years; Mrs. Sandra Green, Rev. Thomas L. Walker, pastor; Mrs. Doris Lewis, Mrs. Geraldine Doward, Mrs. Annie Parker, Mrs. Helen Foust, and Deacon Andrew May, 43 years. Other members not in the picture are: David Bastick, 43 years; Mrs. Vashli Harris, Mrs. Sudie Ruffin, Mrs. Wilma Sweeney, Mrs. Viola Brown, Mrs. Ethel Brake, Mrs. Geneva Barlow, a member for 50 years and organist for 35 years; and present pianist, Mrs. Paula Jones.

CHURCH CIRCUIT



SHAW DAY PRINCIPALS AT CHURCH—A Shaw Day service was held Sunday at the Martin Street Baptist Church. Shown above are, L-R: Dr. Paul H. Johnson, pastor, and a member of the Shaw University board of trustees; Bennie Singleton, national Shaw University Alumni Association president; Dr. Stanley H. Smith, Shaw president; and Dr. John W. Fleming, director of church relations, Shaw, who delivered the morning message.

Martin Street Crowd Enjoys Big Shaw Day

Scores of worshippers filled the sanctuary of Martin Street Baptist Church on Sunday when Dr. Paul H. Johnson and congregation hosted Shaw Day Services there. The featured speaker for the occasion was Dr. John W. Fleming, director of church relations at Shaw University.

A Shaw University alumnus, Dr. Fleming earned the doctorate degree at Vanderbilt Divinity School and is considered a leader in the field of religion.

Shaw President, Dr. Stanley H. Smith and members of the institution's staff and faculty attended the service as did many Shaw University alumni. During the service a

group led the congregation in the singing of the Alma Mater and a special collection was taken, the proceeds of which were donated to Shaw University. National Shaw University Alumni Association President, Bennie Singleton traveled from Washington, D.C. to participate in the service.

Trotman To Corner Stone

ELIZABETH CITY—The historic Corner Stone Missionary Baptist Church in Elizabeth City has called the Rev. John Ervin Trotman as the eighth pastor. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. John Robert Rudolph McRay, the pastor for 58 years who is now the pastor emeritus.

Rev. Trotman is the son of the late Rev. William Henry Trotman and Mrs. Alice Johnson Trotman, and is a native of Elizabeth City. He was reared and completed his elementary school education at the H. L. Trigg Elementary School in Elizabeth City. He is a graduate of the P. W. Moore High School, Elizabeth City, and he then matriculated at Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va., and was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree in the field of history. As a young man, he recalls that he was torn between the ministry and medicine. However, he had an "inner compulsion" to become a minister and "a passion for people" which he still has. He then secured his formal theological training from the Virginia Union School of Religion, receiving a Bachelor of Divinity degree. He earned the Master of Divinity from the Richmond Theological Seminary. Being one of 17 ministers from North Carolina, Rev. Trotman was awarded a Ford Foundation

Grant to study at the Urban Training Center for Christian Missions in Chicago, Ill. for one year.

Rev. Trotman is excited about his return to Elizabeth City, where he has found a big challenge as "shepherd" of a flock of over 500 members. Corner Stone is one of the largest predominantly black churches in eastern North Carolina. Reflecting upon his moving under the leadership of God, he says his ministry has been involved in a great deal with young people in the life of the church and ministering to the community.

He is married to the former Josephine Grant of Conway.

Rev. Trotman is father of two girls: Tanya Monic and Yolanda Michelle, and one son, John Ervin, Jr.

A formal installation service was held for Rev. Trotman at Corner Stone on Sunday, Sept. 6, at 4 p.m. The installation keynote speaker was the Rev. William Henry Davis, moderator of the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association. Rev. Davis is also pastor of Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, and the Greater Welches Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Tyner.

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Craven Corner Revival Reaps Harvest

Three weeks of worship were beautifully concluded by a soul-saving and spirit-lifting revival in August at the Craven Corner Baptist Church, Havelock. Dr. Joseph R. Person, Sunday morning in a neighboring lake.

Under the dynamic leadership of pastor Person, more than 200 souls have been reached for Christ during his six-year tenure as under-shepherd of the flock.

Dr. C. R. Mosley, pastor of the Nazareth First Baptist Church of Asheville, has served as evangelist for these six years.

Woman's Page

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BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRODIE

May we again express our sincere gratitude to all pastors, moderators, presidents, sisters and brothers for your contributions (spiritual, financial, and mental) so graciously shared with the Woman's Convention during the past fiscal year, for it is together that we must minister or serve this age in His name. Having done so well, then, with God's help we anticipate doing more together this year for missions, and we would solicit your prayers, your fellowship, your service, and your finance.

We desire to reach more of the unchurched; to share more with the orphans and estranged; to mend and heal more broken minds. SECRETARY BRODIE spirits; to share more with those whom airways, water ways and mountains separate from us; to help provide more Christian education for a world that implies a philosophy of educating the head but not the heart, although someone has said, "What the heart knows today, the head will understand tomorrow."

Certainly it is a blessed opportunity for which we, your convention leaders, are grateful, to be co-laborers with you, a concerned and spirit-filled people, in His vineyard.

Institutes

On Saturday, October 10, at 10 a.m., at the Baptist Headquarters will be the Institute Workers' Clinic. All instructors are urged to be present so that they can receive their materials.

It is now time to begin contacting the Woman's Baptist State Convention's office concerning mission study institutes so that we can schedule dates and instructors. Last year, there were many institutes across the state, but this year, we desire to implement many more and we are depending on you to help us.

Session of Prayer
Let us not forget that October is the special month which is set aside to emphasize prayer for our two institutions, Shaw University and the Shaw Institute School, which foster Christian education. As we pray, let us keep in mind the president, trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni, friends and finance. Let us

pray that God will continue to bless these institutions with the kind of spirit, love, character, wisdom, knowledge and stability needed to implement His assigned mission to them in these the best and worst of times.

Mid-Year Session

Time approaches very fast for our Mid-Year Session. Saturday, January 9, 1982, is the date. Please begin making plans to attend this session in great numbers, to bring new persons, and to bring accountable funds for state missions. At this session are the newly-elected officers to be presented and persons who have not received their 25-year certificates are to be given their certificates.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Each year, as a part of her mission, the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance observes a World Day of Prayer.

Mrs. Kerstin Ruden, president of the Baptist World Alliance Women's Department, has stated, "Once again we shall be praying together on our worldwide Day of Prayer..."

The world is in great need today. Baptist women are called to meet the challenge of evangelism, education, and relief work. Let us put our love into action by giving generously in the Day of Prayer offering."

The day set aside for world hunger is Monday, Nov. 2. This will be an opportunity for all Baptist women, regardless of race, age, wealth, education, or nation to pray together for world situations. The Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance has prepared a prayer booklet as a guide for conducting this day of prayer for your church circles. The theme is "Free to Receive." The booklets are free and are available from the Woman's Baptist State Convention. You may desire a booklet for your circle president or worship chairperson or whoever you designate as leader for that day.

Since time is very short, please contact the office immediately and inform us of the number of booklets you will need.

Come, let us lift our voices in PRAYER. For according to James, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

BY MRS. THELMA HORTON

My first message to each of you is one of love, peace, joy, hope and appreciation. At the close of our 97th Annual Session at the Charlotte Civic Center, many of you came to express your willingness to continue to support the task the Lord has entrusted to our convention with your humble servant as your president. The love that flowed from your hearts reinforced my faith in your commitment to the new administration. Realizing the awesome responsibility of heading the largest auxiliary of our General Baptist State Convention, and after much prayerful consideration, I humbly submitted myself to the will of God and to the will of this magnanimous convention. My heart was filled with the peace of God during those exciting moments, and rays of hope permeated my being. For these experiences, I would like to give God the glory and express my appreciation to each of you.

The 97th Annual Session was a magnificent one. God really blessed us during that session. I had the feeling that many of you went home truly inspired. It was a never-to-be-forgotten "mountain-top"

experience. Even though this was an inspiring and spirit-filled session, God has even greater things in store for us.

The condition of our times are challenging us, as missionaries, to become more concerned, more involved and more sincere about "God's Will." These challenges can only be met if we become willing to accept the responsibility of an increased budget so necessary to meet our Convention's objectives, namely, Shaw University and the Divinity School, Central Orphanage, State Missions, Baptist Assembly, and Foreign Missions. We must become more willing to follow dedicated leadership in our circles, unions, auxiliaries and district conferences. We must also rise above petty grievances and self-interest so that the love of God may flow through us freely; even toward those who "despitefully use us."

If we do these things, the 98th Annual Session will not only have repercussions in North Carolina, but around the world as we witness and serve. Let us remember that we cannot do this job alone, but we have the support of our God who has all power, and has promised to be with us "always, even to the end of the world."

Lott Carey Reports

\$662,982 Raised

Bowick Re-elected President

BY REV. S.R. JOHNSON JR.

CHARLOTTE—Dr. G. L. Bowick of Pittsburgh, Pa. was reelected president of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention at the Charlotte Radisson Plaza Hotel during the 84th annual convention session, Aug. 31-Sept. 4.

Other officers elected were: Dr. Benjamin Robertson, Richmond, Va., first vice president; Dr. James A. Scott, Newark, N. J., second vice president; Dr. J. Jasper Freeman, Norfolk, Va., secretary; Dr. C.

W. Ward, Raleigh, assistant secretary; Rev. James L. Cherry, Rochester, N. Y., statistician.

Miss Helen V. Benton, Baltimore, Md., was returned as head of the Women's Auxiliary. Dennis R. Hawkins was elected to head the Laymen's Department and Mrs. Doris Griffith will supervise the Youth Department.

Dr. W. C. Somerville's (executive secretary) annual report showed a total of \$662,982.51 had been raised for missions during the fiscal year 1980-81.

"Too many preachers are looking for what their churches can do for them and not what they can do for their church," president Bowick pointed out in his annual address. "The gospel is still the world's greatest power," he emphasized. "Our need now is for missionaries with Holy Ghost power, if the world is to be saved for Christ," Dr. Bowick continued.

"Nobody is going to save us but ourselves," Benjamin Ruffin, black assistant to North Carolina's governor, James Hunt, told the several thousand missionary delegates assembled.

"Black people had better hurry up and say something in North Carolina," Ruffin told the Laymen's Auxiliary. "Blacks make up 20 percent of the state's population and 50 percent of the prison inmates. Sixty counties in North Carolina are without black lawyers and 80 counties are without the services of a black medical doctor. Blacks are at the end

of the line and their number is not being called.

"Blacks must wake up, get busy, and do something. Nobody is going to do for us what we can do for ourselves," Ruffin noted. "Things are not what they ought to be in North Carolina, and blacks must wake up. The church must become involved in all facets of community living."

"Churches are closing," Dr. Somerville said, "because they are not meeting the needs of the people. America and Europe are on the decline in Christianity. However, the third world is making rapid gains in Christianity."

Lott Carey is meeting the educational needs of people in Liberia, Nigeria, Guyana, India and Zimbabwe. To endorse Dr. Somerville's concern, delegates increased their budget for missions.

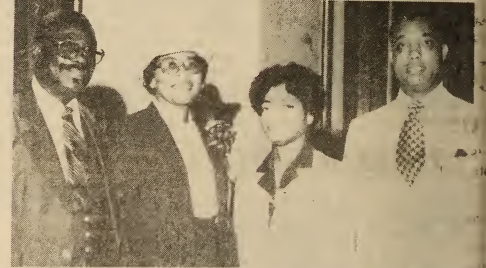
In the Laymen's Department, John McQueen of Fayetteville, in his final address as outgoing head, appealed for a willingness of laymen to follow God's direction. He was honored with an appreciation service by the men at a breakfast on Wednesday.

Miss Helen Burton, in following the convention's theme, in her annual message stressed the need for "mission power in the 1980's." She was given a special tribute by a large delegation from Baltimore, Md.

Next year's meeting is scheduled for Norfolk, Va.



From left to right are Miss Betty Chisom, assistant executive secretary of the Woman's Convention of N. C., associated with Vice President Sam Raper of Shelby, of the General Baptist State Convention (center, standing), with Mrs. Eva H. Johnson, a vice president of the Woman's Convention (at his left). They were attending the Lott Carey convention in Charlotte.



North Carolina Baptists were well represented at Lott Carey in Charlotte and took an active part. Shown (left to right) are President Stanley Smith of Shaw University; President Thelma Horton of the Women's Auxiliary; Executive Secretary Priscilla Brodie of the Women's Auxiliary; and President John Manley of the General Baptist State Convention.

"We Are One In Christ"

"When there was a famine of the hearing of the Word of God, a John the Baptist was needed. A man was needed who could live in the solitude of the wilderness where friends were few and his menu was the ordinary things prepared by nature in the rough. Such a man could tell a stiff-necked generation that the judgment of God was at hand and a change in life was the only way of deliverance."

"I am convinced that God needs men in our day whose first love is to the kingdom of truth and whose commitment is to His will. He who could speak words of life to a sick, sick world must rise above the age and hold fellowship with God."

"The churches in North Carolina and in the world need in their pulpits men who will preach the gospel in its fullness and who will follow not the logic of customs, but the logic of the Cross."

"It is my prayer that the Lord will give us men: first, men to lead the nations; true men to fight for peace; honest men to help the weak and feed the hungry; and 'called' men to preach the Gospel of truth."

5,000 churches in joint fellowship

"Several things make this Joint Convention both vital and exciting," said Cecil A. Ray, general secretary-treasurer for the Baptist State Convention. "First of all, I think we have recognized that fellowship of the people of up to 5,000 churches is highly significant." Ray emphasized the benefits of "fellowship that cause us to better understand each other, to care for each other's concerns, and to simply appreciate the work done by each of the other churches."

The 1981 Joint Convention will also mark a significant milestone in preparation for the 1982 Joint Evangelistic Crusade, HERE'S HOPE, scheduled by the two conventions next spring. A major event at the first Joint Session will be the presentation of HERE'S HOPE plans, under the direction of the '82 Joint Evangelistic Crusade Committee.

renowned speakers highlight program

W. A. Jones, Jr. and J. H. Jackson Speak
Following the HERE'S HOPE presentation, the opening message will be delivered by W. A. Jones, Jr., pastor, Bethel Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Monday evening session will be filled with memorable events, as Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. will address the Joint Convention, as will Greensboro Mayor E. S. (Jim) Melvin. J. H. Jackson, president, National Baptist Convention of USA, Inc., and Cecil E. Sherman, president, Baptist State Convention, will also be featured.

Opening the session will be the spectacular Processional of Flags, in which a representative of each of the 80 associations of the Baptist State Convention and the 60 associations of the General Baptist State Convention will carry a flag made by the association.

The Tuesday evening Joint Session will feature messages by J. R. Manley, president, General Baptist Convention, and Jimmy Allen, president of the Radio and Television Commission, Southern Baptist Convention. Joint Convention resolutions will be presented.

The historic Joint Convention will conclude with a recessional of the 140 associational flags.

DR. MANLEY

One of the signs of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost as recorded in the Book of Acts was the ability to transcend or rise above differences of race, creed, or color in a stimulating manner concerning God's will for their age. It has been my privilege to work with denominational leaders, pastors and members of both the Baptist State Convention and the General Baptist State Convention and prepare for the 1981 Joint Session and the 1982 Evangelistic Crusade. It has been very evident to me that the Holy Spirit has been among us as each in his or her own way and according to his or her own talent shared their

experience with God in their own time. It is my fondest hope and prayer that this tender plant of spiritual foresight that has leaves good for the healing of the nation will be cultivated among us. For if there is any one need that both Conventions has, it is the need to create life rather than death oriented minds, ideas and attitudes, and herein is our common hope in Jesus Christ. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." It is in Christ that our hope lies and it is my hope as well as my expectation that every spirit-filled Baptist in both Conventions will be engaged in using his or her talent to their fullest in promoting this tree of life. And the life we save may very well be our own.

Baptist cavalcade

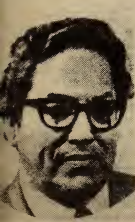
NOTED MUSICAL DIRECTOR

The choir, as well as congregational singing, will be directed by Charles W. Fleming of Washington, D. C. Fleming, a noted educator and church musician, is director of the Shiloh Church senior choir in Washington.

He is founder-director of the Sanctuary Choristers, an interdenominational choir of nearly 100 voices which has performed throughout the nation's capital, in Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York City. In 1970, Fleming was named to the Afro-American Honor Roll, and in 1973, he was recipient of the Minister of Music Award during "Dee Cee's Own Academy Awards."

The instrumental music for Monday evening's session will be provided by musicians from seven Baptist State Convention of North Carolina colleges and Shaw University. The director will be James Paris of Wingate College. The group will perform "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" and "Alleluias."

The brass ensemble to perform Tuesday evenings is the North Carolina Baptist Brass, a part of the Singing Churchmen, directed by Billy Orton of Northwest Church, Winston-Salem.



Jimmy Allen



J. H. Jackson



William A. Jones



Jim Hunt



J. R. Manley



Cecil Sherman

Joint Baptist Convention

program

General Baptist State Convention

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Registration
 Laymen's Session
 Devotion
 Welcome—Elmer Hairston
 Response—Charles Porter
 Greetings—I. H. Hilliard,
 President; Waverly Camp, Jr.,
 Field Secretary
- 10:20 a.m. Reports
 One-Day Session—Joe White,
 Secretary
 Study Commission—O. A. Dupree
 Laymen's Retreat—Frank
 Marshall
 Music
- 11:00 a.m. Demonstration—"A Demonstration
 of Youth Needs in Church-
 ville, N. C."
 Theme—"Whither Churchville's
 Boys and Male Youth?"
 Participants—Laymen youth of
 Emmanuel Baptist Church, Gas-
 tonia.
- Winston Bagley, Coordinator
 Cornelius Crank
 Mike Davis
 Kenneth Falls
 Tim Barber
 Rodney Barber
 Joe White
- Music
 Greetings
 J. R. Manley—President, General
 Baptist State Convention of N. C.
 C. C. Craig—Executive Secretary
 Offering
 Dismissal

MONDAY AFTERNOON—JOINT SESSION

Charles W. Ward, Presiding

- 2:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Pre-session music
 2:30 p.m.-2:40 p.m. Official opening by both conven-
 tions
 2:40 p.m.-2:50 p.m. Statement of purpose—Frank R.
 Campbell
 2:50 p.m.-3:10 p.m. Hymn singing and prayer
 3:10 p.m.-4:45 p.m. Here's Hope—Mark Corts
 Thrust Presentation and Test-
 imonies
 Media Presentations
 Message—W. A. Jones, Jr.
 4:45 p.m.-4:50 p.m. Benediction—Mark Corts

MONDAY EVENING—JOINT SESSION

J. R. Manley, Frank Campbell and Henderson Belk, Presiding

- 6:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Processional of flags—"Crown
 Imperial"
 7:00 p.m.-7:10 p.m. Congregational singing
 7:10 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Message—Cecil E. Sherman
 7:30 p.m.-7:35 p.m. Welcome, fraternal messengers
 and guests
 7:35 p.m.-7:45 p.m. Mayor
 7:45 p.m.-7:55 p.m. Congregational singing
 7:55 p.m.-8:10 p.m. Instrumental music—"A Mighty
 Fortress Is Our God" and
 "Alleluia"
 8:10 p.m.-8:25 p.m. Governor
 8:25 p.m.-8:40 p.m. Mass choir
 "Glorious is Thy Name" Mozart
 "I'm Not Uneasy About My
 Soul" Spiritual arranged by W.
 L. Sprull
 "Why Do I Sing About Jesus?"
 Ketchum-Hustad
 "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
 Steffe-Ringwal
 8:40 p.m.-8:50 p.m. Introduction of speaker—J. R.
 Manley
 8:50 p.m.-9:20 p.m. Message—J. H. Jackson
 9:20 p.m.-9:25 p.m. Benediction—Coleman Kerry
 10:00 p.m. (GBSC) Evangelistic Sermon—Oscar B.
 Cook, United Institutional Baptist

Church, Greensboro
 C. W. Anderson, pastor

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

General Baptist State Convention

- 9:15 a.m. Devotion—Worship Leader, G. A.
 Jones, Sr.
 Scripture
 Prayer
 Devotion Thought
 Music
 Executive Committee and General
 Board Reports
 Felicitations
 10:30 a.m. Woman's Convention—Mrs.
 Thelma Horton
 Sunday School Congress—
 Althornton Canada
 BTU Congress—Richmond Turner
 Laymen's League—I. H. Hilliard
 Executive Secretary's Depart-
 mental Report
 Baptist Informer Report
 Opening Sermon—J. B. Humphrey
 Alternate—Paul Drummond

Baptist State Convention

- 8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m. Hymn
 8:35 a.m.-8:40 a.m. Scripture reading and prayer—
 Sei Hun Kim
 8:40 a.m.-8:45 a.m. Enrollment Committee report—
 T. W. Estes
 8:45 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Committee on Committees report
 9:00 a.m.-9:10 a.m. Council on Christian Life and
 Public Affairs—Dean Baughn
 9:10 a.m.-9:20 a.m. Recognition of SBC representa-
 tives and welcome
 9:20 a.m.-9:50 a.m. Message—Cecil A. Ray
 9:50 a.m.-9:55 a.m. Hymn
 9:55 a.m.-11:00 a.m. General Board report—Dewey
 Hobbs
 11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Commission on Ministry Report—
 Mahan Siler
 11:30 a.m.-11:35 a.m. Special Music—Merrilyn Helton
 and Male Quartet
 11:35 a.m.-12:00 noon Convention sermon—A. L. McGee
 12:00 noon Benediction—Mrs. Bea McRae

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

General Baptist State Convention

- 2:00 p.m. Devotion—Worship Leader, L. J.
 Westbrook
 Scripture
 Prayer
 Devotion Thought
 Music
 2:15 p.m. Felicitations
 Shaw University—Stanley Smith
 Lott Carey—W. G. Somerville
 Music
 President's Address
 3:10 p.m. Election of Officers
 4:00 p.m. Adjournment
 5:00 p.m. Banquet

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

- 2:00 p.m.-2:05 p.m. Hymn
 2:05 p.m.-2:10 p.m. Scripture reading and prayer—
 An M. Phair
 2:10 p.m.-2:25 p.m. Election of president
 2:25 p.m.-2:40 p.m. Miscellaneous business
 2:40 p.m.-2:50 p.m. Council on Christian Higher
 Education—Peggy Chest
 Council on Social Services—
 Charles S. Hinson
 3:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Committee on Nominations—E. T.
 Vinson
 3:15 p.m.-3:35 p.m. Recognition of new pastors
 3:35 p.m.-4:05 p.m. General Board report—Dewey
 Hobbs
 4:05 p.m.-4:10 p.m. Memorials Committee—Pauline
 Snelson
 4:10 p.m.-4:20 p.m. Place and Preacher Committee—
 Olin Hefner
 4:20 p.m.-4:50 p.m. Election of Officers
 4:50 p.m. Benediction—Bill Leary

TUESDAY EVENING—JOINT SESSION

Cecil E. Sherman, J. Ray Butler and J. B. Humphrey, Presiding

- 6:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Pre-session brass ensemble music
 7:00 p.m.-7:10 p.m. Congregational singing
 7:10 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Message—J. R. Manley
 7:30 p.m.-7:40 p.m. Congregational singing
 7:40 p.m.-8:35 p.m. Resolutions—J. B. Humphrey
 8:35 p.m.-8:50 p.m. Mass Choir
 "God of Grace and God of
 Glory" Paul T. Langston
 "When I Survey the Wondrous
 Cross" Mason-Mallory
 "Ye Shall Be Witnesses" Jerry
 Kirk
 "Fanfare With Alleluias"
 Philip M. Young
 8:50 p.m.-8:55 p.m. Introduction of speaker—Cecil E.
 Sherman
 8:55 p.m.-9:20 p.m. Message—Jimmy Allen
 9:20 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Flag Recessional
 9:30 p.m.-9:35 p.m. Benediction—D. E. Parkerson
 10:00 p.m. (GBSC) Evangelistic Sermon—Vernon
 Thompson, United Institutional
 Baptist Church, Greensboro
 C. W. Anderson, pastor

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

General Baptist State Convention

- 9:15 a.m. Devotion—Worship Leader, E. L.
 Fleming
 Scripture
 Prayer
 Devotion Thought
 Music
 9:30 a.m. President of the Laymen Over-
 view—I. H. Hilliard
 Music
 9:45 a.m. Executive Secretary's Financial
 Report
 Awarding of Certificates to:
 Moderators, Pastors and
 Churches
 10:30 a.m. Felicitations
 Central Orphanage—H. V. Bryant
 Cooperative Ministries—Corbin L.
 Cooper
 Committees' Reports
 Closing Sermon—R. Logan Carson
 Alternate—R. A. May
 Benediction—A. D. Logan, Jr.

Baptist State Convention

- 8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m. Hymn
 8:35 a.m.-8:40 a.m. Scripture and prayer—Mauricio
 Vargas
 8:40 a.m.-8:55 a.m. '82-'85 Planning Report—Ann
 Smith
 8:55 a.m.-9:45 a.m. General Board Report—Dewey
 Hobbs
 Hymn
 9:45 a.m.-9:50 a.m. Message—Oscar Romo
 9:50 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Presentation of Home Mission
 Board Plaques
 10:20 a.m.-10:35 a.m. West Virginia Group
 10:35 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Miscellaneous Business
 11:00 a.m.-11:05 a.m. Biblical Recorder—Tommy Payne
 11:05 a.m.-11:10 a.m. Historical Committee—Carl
 Elledge
 11:10 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Baptist Foundation—James R.
 Maynard
 11:15 a.m.-12:15 a.m. Resolutions Committee Report—
 Gaylord Adams
 12:15 a.m. Benediction—Clyde Butler

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- J. E. Arnette
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 Cline Borders
 C. T. Bullock
 Corbin L. Cooper
 Mark Corts
 C. C. Craig
 R. T. Gilchrist
 Coleman W. Kerry
 John Lawrence
 J. R. Manley
 Del E. Parkerson
 Cecil A. Ray
 Cecil Seagle

a bit of history

When North Carolina Baptists meet jointly in annual sessions next month at the Greensboro Coliseum, it will be the second meeting of black and white Baptists held in the state during a decade. Both the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina first held joint sessions in 1974 when around 2,500 Baptists gathered at the newly renovated Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh.

Those who attended that meeting will remember the powerful messages of preachers like Samuel Proctor of New York. Proctor spoke on the topic of lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes, referring to going deeper with God while expanding the horizons of ministry.

According to Corbin Cooper, director of the Southern Baptist Department of Cooperative Ministries in Raleigh, a joint convention isn't a panacea for all that divides black and white Baptists.

"There is much work to be done," he said. "There are difficulties in adjusting to black and white differences. But we must appreciate each other and be more sensitive to needs and feelings."

Fifteen resolutions were passed in less than 50 minutes on the convention floor in '74. They ranged from a call to repeal the state sales tax on food to an anti-pornography measure that attracted much debate.

"The joint sessions were excellent," said Jerry Drayton, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. "The fellowship was good. To worship together was a wonderful experience. If I had to rate it, I would have to give it an 'A.'"



Charles Ward Mark Cortis C. C. Craig Cecil Ray

Here's Hope: '82 crusade

The 1982 Joint Evangelistic Crusade, to be held throughout North Carolina next spring, is being planned and sponsored by both the General Baptist and the Baptist State Conventions.

Simultaneous revivals will be held in the pastoral section of the state March 14-28, in the Piedmont section April 4-18, and in the mountains April 25-May 9, 1982.

The '82 Joint Evangelistic Crusade committee, composed of representatives of both Baptist conventions, has been working together for two years in preparation for the crusade. The theme for the seven-week campaign is HERE'S HOPE.

"The '82 Joint Evangelistic Crusade is an unparalleled opportunity for all the Baptists of North Carolina to realign their priorities, demonstrate unity, and, at the same time, fulfill the Great Commission," said Mark Cortis, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, and chairman of the crusade committee.

Crusade Excites General Baptists

According to C.C. Craig, executive secretary-treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention, the crusade is one of the biggest challenges yet:

"Here's Hope that Baptists will make the emphasis the greatest event in our history," said Craig.

"Here's Hope that every pastor in more than 5,000 Baptist churches will grasp this opportunity to enlist his congregation in

reaching the lost people in North Carolina.

"Here's Hope that the members of two state conventions will be drawn closer together in a common bond of doctrine and fellowship; that concern for the total needs of people -- spiritual, physical, social and emotional -- will reach a new level.

"Here's Hope that the Holy Spirit will be recognized, Christians will be revived, lost souls will be saved, and God will be glorified as Baptists utilize their best efforts to strengthen the Kingdom of God on earth."

Charles W. Ward, pastor of First Baptist Church in Raleigh and vice-chairman of the crusade committee, sees unlimited potential by the effort.

"Here's Hope opens the doors of unlimited possibilities for our churches. It helps us see that we have a great reservoir and we have untapped resources. It is incumbent upon us who are already committed and who are already in the church to try to tap these resources.

"And we are getting excited so that we can excite the churches, too!"

Sixty-eight Interpretation Meetings were held across the state between Jan. 19 and March 31, 1981 to inform and challenge leaders concerning the crusade. Meetings were held for associational leaders, pastors, staff and lay leadership representing the 80 associations of the Baptist State Convention and the 60 associations of the General Baptist State Convention.

An overview of all phases of the crusade was given those who attended.

"I pray that every church will let God use them in the 1982 evangelistic crusade," said Cecil Ray, general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention.

PEOPLE SEARCH RESULTS IDENTIFY LOST

Personal witnessing can now be given to lost persons in North Carolina with the use of lists of names and addresses found during the October People Search. People Search is a project to discover information concerning the unsaved and unchurched in the community. Cooperative efforts of many participating churches will allow wider coverage and more significant discovery. Therefore, a week during October for an associational approach was recommended as part of the preparation for HERE'S HOPE.

Results of People Search will be made available to all participating churches, providing each with names and addresses of prospects from its immediate community and other areas it may serve. The October '81 search will allow time for enlistment of the prospects in Bible study, and cultivate witnessing leading up to the revival crusades in Spring '82.

People Search is a discovery project. Assignment of prospects for cultivative visitation and witnessing is essential or the benefit of discovery will be lost.

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To organize for the Search, a simple, precise organization is set up. Three "task" leaders plus the overall chairman function as a steering committee. Each enlists assistants as needed for the size areas to be searched. Job descriptions and step-by-step work suggestions are in manuals provided in the associational training sessions held during August and September '81.

Associational People Search chairmen were trained at Ridgecrest May 11-13 and began

assisting churches with planning during June and July. The Associational People Search Steering Committee assisted churches during the summer in forming local People Search Steering Committees.

The three "task" leaders who form the steering committee along with the People Search chairman are the packets chairman, canvassing chairman, and the processing chairman. The People Search chairman is

responsible for planning, conducting, and evaluating the People Search. Many smaller churches and associations have decided on central or associational People Search processing centers.

Visitation and witnessing will continue through the winter in preparation for the spring '82 evangelistic services. A "catch-up"

Search will be scheduled about three weeks prior to the revival services in each area.

know your convention

A little band of ex-slaves and ministers of the Gospel met and declared their intention of uniting their efforts to better prosecute the work of evangelism and kingdom building. It was at this meeting in 1867, at the First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, that this little band organized the Educational and Missionary Convention.

Among those present at this first meeting were: the Reverends Edward Eagles, C. Johnson, William Warwick, L. W. Boone, B. B. Spicer, H. Grimes, John Washington, Charles Bryant, Sutton Davis, R. P. Harper, Stephen Parker, R. C. Carroll, W. A. Padillo, and Dr. F. Roberts, A. W. Peguese, S. N. Vass, and Augustus Shepard.

It was in the same year that the white Baptists of North Carolina appropriated \$500 to be given to the newly organized convention to be used for institutional work of this convention.

Dr. C. W. Cartwright, and vice president was G. D. Griffin.

The Rev. John Washington was the first missionary sent out by the convention, and the Rev. E. E. Eagles was the first missionary sent out by the American Baptist Publication Society. Employed to work among Negro Baptists in the state. The work of the Rev. F. R. Howell, the second missionary sent out by the state, met with so much enthusiasm that the Rev. P. F. Malloy was also placed in the field.

The Educational Missionary State Convention moved and progressed under this name until 1915.

Between 1908 and 1915, there were three conventions operating in the state. Realizing that the work of the Baptists could be more effective if all were working on one, a group of young men from the various conventions began to express a desire to bring the organizations together. Therefore, in 1915, at the Baptist State Convention, meeting in New Bern at the Guilford Baptist Church, Dr. C. C. Staton, pastor, a committee from the other groups proposed that the bodies consolidate. Among those on the committee were Dr. G. O. Bullock, Dr. A. W. Peguese, and Dr. B. B. Spicer.

Meeting at the White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, with the late ex-congressman, H. P. Cheatham, presiding at this assembly, the bodies merged and took the name, "Union Baptist Convention of North Carolina," and the Rev. George D. Griffin of Hartford was chosen president.

It was in the forties that the name was changed from the "Union Baptist Convention" to the "General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc."

The Convention has grown from a humble beginning to more than 350,000 members; the budget has increased from less than \$1,500 to more than \$1,000,000.

The General Baptist State Convention has five major auxiliaries: The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union, the Congresses, the Usher's Convention, and the

Laymen's League Convention.

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention was organized in 1884. Mrs. Lizzie Neely was the first president of the convention. Mrs. Pattie E. Shepard, Mrs. Hattie Shepard, Mrs. Viola McKilliam, Mrs. M. A. Horne, Mrs. Vera M. Slade, Mrs. C. E. Mc Lester, and Mrs. Georgia M. Turner were later presidents. Mrs. Thelma Horton is the current president.

The Baptist State Sunday School Convention was organized at the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, in May, 1873. Servants were Dr. Augustus Shepard, Dr. N. F. Roberts, Col. James Young, P. S. Lewis, A. M. Moore, C. C. Spaulding, C. F. Graves, R. W. Brown, E. M. Butler, J. W. Martin and James L. Lassiter. Althornton Canada is now president.

In 1980, the Baptist Young People's Union was organized, which inducted only young people. As the organization progressed, the name was changed to the Baptist Training Union, to include training for all Baptist Christians. Serving this organization as presidents were: B. J. Hawkins, J. F. Wertz, E. C. Bell, J. T. Johnson, Clifton Stone, Jim Bullock, Jr., Richard Turner now holds this position.

Ushers of North Carolina met at the Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, with a committee from the General Baptist State Convention to organize a State Ushers Convention on May 31, 1949. The first president was Arthur Williams. The second president, S. L. Fennell, was elected in 1974. Since this time, Arthur Williams has been elected as president.

In 1947, the Laymen's League was formed and the brethren set out on their mission. The past presidents were Walker H. Bures, C. P. Graves, Frank Marshall and John McQueen. I. H. Hilliard of Weldon is serving as president.

The following leaders have piloted the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., from its infancy to present: Presidents: the Reverends P. S. Lewis, R. E. Cartwright, Washington Boone, G. D. Griffin, Caesar Johnson, John A. Whitted, Augustus Shepard, C. S. Brown, W. H. Davidson, J. S. Brown, A. W. Peguese, G. O. Bullock, J. T. Hairston, P. A. Bishop, R. M. Pitts, J. W. White, C. R. Edwards, J. J. Johnson and J. R. Manley.

General secretaries: the Reverends C. S. Brown, G. W. Watkins and J. H. Moore.

Fulltime Executive Secretaries: The Reverends W. C. Somerville, C. E. Griffin, Thomas Kilgore, O. L. Sherrill and C. C. Craig.

Assistant to the Executive Secretary: C. C. Craig and Archie Logan.

Executive Christian Education: the Reverends John Washington, E. E. Eagles, F. R. Howell, P. F. Malloy, R. B. Watts, M. A. Talley, M. W. Williams, J. H. Clanton, J. F. Wertz, A. G. Coley, L. C. Rickdick, John White, John Fleming, John L. Scott and Leo Williams, Jr.

Convention is "The Baptist Informer." It is published monthly and present subscription rate is \$2.50 annually. Editors of the Baptist organ: Dr. George W. Watkins, first editor; Rev. E. B. Johnson, Dr. Otis L. Hairston, Dr. E. B. Turner, Dr. Coleman W. Kerry, Jr., the Rev. George W. Dudley and the Rev. I. B. Horton. The office of the Baptist Informer is equipped with an editor and a secretary. The Rev. Curren L. Johnson is presently the editor and Willie Mae Cox is secretary.

The Baptist Headquarters Building is located at 603 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh, and houses the executive offices, the Baptist Informer, the Department of Christian Education and Woman's Convention offices.

The Baptist Headquarters Building was erected in 1959 during the presidency of Dr. P. A. Bishop and Executive Secretary, Dr. O. L. Sherrill.

The Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention has the responsibility of promoting the total program of the Convention.

The support, both financially and morally, has increased over the years. The budget literally increased 100 percent from 1960-74.

The General Baptist State Convention has made noticeable progress in its endeavor to help support its four main objectives. This has been done because "the people had a mind to work."

The Convention must support these causes because we are heirs of the labor and sacrifices of the heroes of the past, and moreover, of God's work.

In the mid-sixties, Dr. J. J. Johnson and his family donated a fifty-acre tract of land to the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The land was to be used as an assembly site. After about ten years of hard work, the site has become a reality. It was named the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, located at Laurel Hill.

It was the Convention's good fortune to secure the fulltime services of Waverly Camp, Jr. in January, 1976, who serves as director of church music and Laymen's work.

GBSC funds support Shaw University and the Divinity School, the Central Orphanage in Oxford, State Missions, Foreign Missions, the Baptist Assembly and other causes.

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lodging

IN GREENSBORO

Headquarters for the General Baptist State Convention will be in the Hilton Inn, 830 W. Market Street, Greensboro. Reservations may be obtained by calling (919) 275-8811. The cost is \$34 for a single room and \$43 double occupancy. Other recommended GBSC lodging quarters are:

Admiral Benbow Motel

2830 South Elm Street

Greensboro 275-0741

\$24 and \$28 (plus tax)

Howard Johnson Motel

3030 High Point Road at I-40

Greensboro

(no reservations available)

Other hotels and motels in the Greensboro area include:

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Econo Lodge	Pick Best Western
Guest Quarters	Quality Inn
Hilton Inn	Quality Inn Central
Holiday Inn Airport	Ramada Inn
Holiday Inn Four	Shady Lawn Motel
Seasons	Skyland Motor Inn
Howard Johnson's	South Gate Inn
Coliseum	

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IMMEDIATELY!**

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Concern for people was a big part of his work as a minister and as a civic leader. He has pastored at St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, for 16 years, Pleasant Branch Missionary Baptist Church for 6 years and was called to the First Baptist Church in Lexington, Va. for 3 years. In 1971, he went to the Calvary Baptist Church, High Point, as pastor. All of these churches grew a great deal spiritually and physically under his ministry and leadership. He demands excellence, efficiency and organization.

His work has not been limited to the church. He has served recently on the High Point Board of Education, as the vice president at St. Stephens Missionary of the High Point Housing Authority, chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Committee to the mayor and city council, as well as many other civic groups in High Point and previously in Elizabeth City. He is also a board member of the North Carolina State Professional Board of Review.

Television Breeds Family Neglect

BY LINDA LAWSON
GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)—
With children and television, "The bigger problem is not the behavior television produces but the behavior it prevents — games, talks, healthy arguments and communication among family members," says a professor of childhood education.

at Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn., criticized parents who use TV as a babysitter or who "find it easier to let TV tranquilize their children than deal with squabbles."

The conference on television and children was one of several on family life issues offered during a church training leadership conference in New Mexico.

Stevens said a child between the ages of 5 and 18 watches an average of 15,000 hours of television — more than he spends in school during the same period.

"Television is here to stay and parents must learn to deal with it," Stevens said. "Your part as an adult is to help children develop critical viewing skills and provide activities to enable them to

develop their imaginations and control their own thinking."

In another conference on rearing responsible children, Wayne Grant, a San Antonio, Texas, pediatrician, said, "Our goal of parenthood should be to rear our children into adults who can love, live and leave."

Effective parenting includes authoritative discipline, open communication and positive relationships, said Grant.

"It is very important that children experience the authority of their parents," he said. "It is important that they know parents are in charge and will define limits."

However, Grant said, many parents are so concerned with punishing children for negative behavior that they fail to affirm good things in their children.

"The most effective way to teach or train children is to focus on the desirable goals you are working toward," he said. "When we ignore desirable behavior we teach children that the only way to get their parents' attention is to misbehave."



Sheila Beckett (summer worker) poses with some children. Some eight hundred children and youth were involved in a citywide youth program sponsored by the Rev. Clifford Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Clinton.

A SALUTE TO SUMMER MISSIONS

The annual Student Summer Youth program, sponsored by the Department of Cooperative Ministries, came to a close on the tenth of September.

We are happy to report that 1981 was a great year for summer missions. Forty-four students and adult workers served in 19 locations throughout the state. Their ministry touched the lives of some 6,000 children and adults.

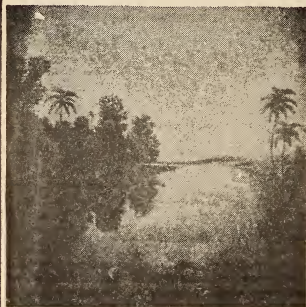
Four new areas of work benefited from the program. They include the Sara Barker Center, Durham; Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Fayetteville; Mount Carmel Baptist, Winston-Salem; and a Day Care ministry in Harnett County. We welcome these new areas of work in the struggle of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ through summer missions.

The Department of Cooperative Ministries would like to say thanks

to all individuals who have given spiritual and financial support to summer missions over the years. For it is only through the generous support of multiple thousands throughout the state that success in summer missions has been achieved.

Final words of thanks and appreciation go to both conventions for having a vision to see a real need for such a program as summer missions.

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Black Suicide Up

BY RICHARD E. MOORE

GREENSBORO — Comedian Dick Gregory used to allude to the low suicide rate among blacks by stating that "it is hard to commit suicide by jumping out of a basement window."

The notion that blacks don't generally commit suicide may have to change according to the findings of an A&T State University sociologist.

Dr. Robert Davis, an associate professor of sociology at A&T State University, recently indicated that blacks gained in upward mobility during the 1960s and 1970s, but an unpleasant spinoff may be an increase in their suicide rate.

"In the past 1960s period," said Davis, "the black suicide rate has increased faster than that of whites."

The 37-year-old A&T professor, who is cited in the September issue of Ebony magazine for his study, said that although the total death rate for suicide among whites exceeds the rate of blacks, the suicide rate for blacks in recent years is persisting and has become more pronounced.

Davis' statistics show that although the total death rate for suicide among whites (12.8 per 10,000) is ahead of that for blacks (6 per

100,000), the suicide rate for blacks as a whole increased by 22 percent during a recent five-year period. Between the age range of 25 and 29, the increase in black suicides was 36 percent. In conversation, the articulate Davis reduces his notions about black suicide to a homespun theory.

"Black suicide is something that the young do better than the old, and males do better than females," he quipped.

According to Davis' findings, the peak age group for suicide among blacks is males from 25 to 29, what he calls young, black professionals.

The A&T sociologist attributes the high suicide rate among this group (23.6 persons per 100,000) to increased frustrations which can result when blacks move up the social ladder.

"As a result of liberation struggles," said Davis, "the social structure opens up, but it only opens up to those who have the education or credentials. In moving up, blacks have to minimize their blackness, and accept the values of whites, the host culture."

This phenomenon, he suggested, is generating increasing frustrations for

many young blacks.

"When we identify with the large corporations, we have sometimes had to deny our own roots, and all that we have left behind," he added.

Davis said that although black females trail black males in suicides, they have a higher suicide attempt rate.

"Black females are much more likely to take pills or to slash their wrists and then to call for help. They use the suicide gesture to call attention to their frustrations," he said. He also said black females seem to know how to better use the system to buffer their frustrations.

Davis also points out that the black suicide rate was higher in the north and west than it is in the south.

"This is because in the older cities of the south like New Orleans and Savannah, Ga., there is an established black social life. Blacks in the north generally got there by migration and have to establish that social life," he said.

Davis, who holds a Ph.D. degree in demography (population and mortality trends) from Washington State University, said he first became interested in

black suicide while serving in the armed forces in Vietnam.

Church Building Conference

Next Month

The Church Architecture Department of the Southern Baptist Convention along with the Church Building and Planning of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina are sponsoring a Church Building Conference at the First Baptist Church Highway 312 Bypass and Robin Road, Lincolnton.

The conference will be held Oct. 12. It will cover the following topics: organization for a building project; planning church program space; working with the architect; making the building program a church project; stewardship of resources; keeping construction cost down; reducing energy costs; and effective building maintenance.

Building committee members, pastors, project and space committee members and architects are invited to attend.

Churches Must Involve Handicapped

BY MARY KNOX
WASHINGTON (BP) — It's a case of the blind leading the sighted — as Harold O'Flaherty helps Americans see the needs of disabled people.

O'Flaherty directs the U.S. government committee which promotes the International Year of Disabled Persons, a United Nations emphasis for 1981, designed to highlight concerns of the physically and mentally handicapped.

He takes his job seriously; he's been blind since birth. "The International Year of Disabled Persons is the first time in recorded history that the world has recognized both the contributions and the needs of its disabled citizens. No longer must disabled persons be relegated to second-class citizenship," O'Flaherty.

He claims the emphasis provides people everywhere with "the opportunity to replace rhetoric with action," noting his committees working with 30 federal

agencies and is considering 200 projects.

O'Flaherty, a deacon at Redland Baptist Church in Gaithersburg, Md., believes Christians have a biblical command to help disabled persons.

"Jesus said, 'If you've done it to the least of these, you've done it unto me. And if you have not done it unto the least of these, you have not done it unto me,'" he notes.

"From that mandate, one realizes Jesus had a very caring ministry. I believe that the church in the aggregate sense has been less than responsive to America's 36 million disabled persons."

As proof, O'Flaherty points out that many churches are not architecturally designed to accommodate crippled people and even fewer publish lists of Sunday hymns so that blind persons can learn the words ahead of time.

"Disabled people need to be involved in the mainstream activities of the

church," he insists. "I'm opted for a more active lifestyle. He played high school football, won the Atlantic Coast Conference for years. They've even elected me a deacon. I would like to be a microcosm of national experience."

Churches need to be creative, discovering disabled people in their communities and making church activities available to them, he says. Christians should give people "the cold, hard facts of the gospel and get them participating."

O'Flaherty himself is an example of what hard work, positive thinking and faith can do. When he was a youngster, rehabilitation workers suggested he become a baker. Instead he

"Jesus gave 7,000 promises recorded in scripture, and they have characterized my life and my faith," he says. "All of us — disabled or not — can claim those promises and find that source of strength."



USING RAMP—John Scott, a disabled graduate student at Howard, departs the university's administration building using one of the ramps designed for the handicapped. For more information, contact Henry Duval at Howard University at (202) 636-6000.

The DISABLED

Too often, disabled persons have been viewed as the recipients of volunteer work. Some might be surprised to learn, however, that many persons across the state are active volunteers, despite severe disabilities. Recently, Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. proclaimed 1981 as the Year of the Disabled Person in connection with the International Year of Disabled Persons.

Disabled persons volunteer for the same reasons and for many of the same activities as persons without disabilities. Some have chosen to work with persons who are also disabled, others serve non-handicapped people. Volunteering may be grown out of their personal experience with disease or injury, or it may have developed through the influence of a friend. Some volunteer out of a dedication to a cause; all volunteer because they are making a contribution to others.

Disabled volunteers, like all volunteers, must make a time commitment. They must work around jobs, family responsibilities, and the great variety of obligations which everyone faces. For the disabled person, however, the effort to volunteer is often greater.

There is great variety in disability. The level of difficulty in performing daily tasks varies. For some, disabilities are easily recognized by the public, for others they are not. Where limited movement is present, pain

and feeling may or may not be present. Some have great potential for an improving physical condition, others face progressive disabilities. Because of the nature of certain disabilities, multiple physical problems can be expected. Movement, whether at home, on the street, or in various forms of transportation, is sometimes a problem. Barriers exist which often

must be pointed out to nondisabled persons.

For those born with a disability, it is a way of life. For others, handicaps have developed as a result of illness; and for some, life was suddenly, radically altered as a result of stroke or injury.

Like those who are not disabled, these persons seek to find fulfillment in life and to adjust to the situations in

which they find themselves. They give and receive and find joy in service to others.

Get to know these people. Greet them during their International Year of Disabled Persons. Share their interest and commitment to helping others, and recognize them as fellow volunteers who happen to be disabled.

—By the Editors of *Visions* Magazine.

UNC's Dr. Hatch Spurs Health Grads To Reach Out

An associate professor of health education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill told graduates of the General Baptist State Convention Health and Human Services Project that "people who feel good about themselves are generally healthier than those who don't."

Dr. John Hatch was the featured speaker for the graduation ceremonies held at the Spring Street Baptist Church in Henderson, the Rev. R. M. Burnette, pastor. The graduates represented 13 churches from the Henderson-Oxford area.

Dr. Hatch said that diet, work, environment, housing and frequency of visits to a physician are a few of the reasons that blacks appear to be somewhat sicker in our society than whites.

"Being black is not the reason many disorders

happen to black people," he said. "We've found that people who think they are somebody are generally healthier than those who don't."

He said that half of black deaths from hypertension, diabetes and diabetes can be prevented if the right diets are followed.

"You've got to love other folks so much that when somebody with an ailment needs support, you're willing to help."

"We are a people who say we care about others," he reminded the audience. "And I'm glad the General Baptist Convention is involved because there's a need in our communities."

"It is a disgrace that twice the number of black babies die in the first year of life as opposed to whites. You have, an obligation as a Christian to offer suggestions and ask

whether a young pregnant woman or girl is getting prenatal checkups and whether she's eating a balanced diet."

The graduates of the program were certified Community Health Coordinators by virtue of spending 10 weeks in study at the Spring Street Church. Curtis Jackson is the project director.

GRADUATES

Belton Creek Baptist Church
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Marie Eaton
Virginia Green
Mary Harris
Arthur Holloway
Mary Williams
Flat Creek Baptist Church
Mrs. Dannie Stewart

Greater Lovely Hill Baptist Church
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Sallie M. Foster
Annie M. Sanders
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Ruin Creek Baptist Church
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Adam Hicks
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Saint Paul United Church of Christ
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Harry Gregory

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Robert Brown
Ernest B. Hinton
Heles McDowell
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Baptists Seeking Headquarters Site

The General Baptist State Convention's plans to construct a new headquarters building in Raleigh got a shot in the arm last month when a committee of the Raleigh City Council endorsed Shaw University's proposal to lease property to the Convention.

The Convention is interested in building a new headquarters on property owned by Shaw. Shaw purchased the land from the city for 17 cents an acre last January with the restriction of using the land for educational purposes.

Dr. John R. Manley, president of the Convention, has said that the new building would help the Baptists and Shaw by accommodating the needs of both.

Dr. Manley said recently, "It would enhance the property. It would immediately see development of the property. It would be an asset to Shaw, to Raleigh and to the relationship" between Shaw and the Baptists, he said.

The law and finance committee asked city officials to work with Shaw and the Baptists to prepare a 99-year lease and to make changes in restrictions on the use of the property. All

the committee members said that if an agreement could be worked out by the city staff, they would recommend approval of the changes to the council.

In an August meeting, the Raleigh Housing Authority rejected a request from Shaw to modify the restrictions and lease the property to the Baptists. The 110,817-square-foot parcel is located adjacent to the south campus at Wilmington and Smithfield Streets. The transaction was part of a southside urban renewal project.

Dr. Manley reported that construction of the new headquarters building would triple operational space over the cramped site now in use on Wilmington and Lenoir Streets.

Shaw President Stanley H. Smith told the committee that the new building would include conference rooms and classrooms that would be available to the university. Smith said that adjacent property would be used for recreation.

Manley said that the lease arrangement would help Baptists avoid having to buy expensive land in order to build a new headquarters.



The Laymen of the GBSC hosted a group of young men and boys during their August retreat in Laurel Hill.

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field? Comparing this to the Christian Family in the church enjoying all of God's blessings, we need to push back from the table, look out of the window on the fields of the world all ready to be must be committed for results. Often, the further a worker is removed from the top level leadership, the weaker becomes the participation.

2. Lack of training for active participation. Much of our education programs have been on a "training tread" in the taking of many study courses without becoming involved in active participation. Paul had a word to say about this in 11 Timothy 3:7, "Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." The training accomplished has not been translated into life. The monthly program planning period has not been productive because departments and unions are weak in the vital area of planning; the program fails to be a happy learning experience.

3. Lack of personal application. The carry-over value from teaching and training efforts on Sunday falls short in the week. Members listen to a lesson on Sunday but fail to share Bible study and Bible living during the week. The learning process is not

completed because those who attend do not apply in their daily lives what they have heard or learned.

4. Another weakness is in the matter of Personal Stewardship. The reason is that stewardship of possessions has not been experienced by many who teach and even fewer who listen. People will not pay until they are transformed with scriptural truths and living examples.

5. Lack of a vital worship experience. Much of the participation in an education program comes from a call to serve an organization rather than from an experience of worship. True and genuine worship provides proper motivation for participation.

In conclusion, what we have attempted to present to you is that there is a definite relationship between participation and effective leadership.

The effective leader stimulates a desire to participate. A deacon once said, "I'll do anything you want me to do if you make me want to be good enough." The good leader knows that one secret of success in securing active participation is to get the person's "want-to" rightly fixed.

The effective leader makes use of the fact that human emotions

are strong motivating forces. Participation which satisfies human emotions tends to be repeated and that which is not satisfying tends to be dropped. Therefore, the effective leader will develop skills in good human relations. Henry Kaiser once said that you would automatically practice good human relations if you would remember that every individual is important because every individual is a child of God. This is also the only true basis for self-esteem.

The man or woman who realizes that he is "something" not because of what he has done or how good he has been, but by the grace of God in endowing him with a certain innate worth, develops a healthy self-esteem. When self-esteem is at a high level, people are easy to get along with. They are cheerful, generous, tolerant, willing to listen and willing to participate. They are able to think about the needs of others.

If you will remember these letters: LS/MPT (Low Self-Esteem Means Friction and Trouble), it will help you deal with people. Understanding why people act the way they do will help you develop a strategy for handling them.

Again, the primary duty of the church is to be the people of God!

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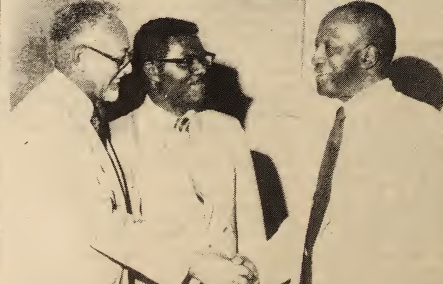
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Retired Executive Secretary O. L. Sherrell of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina greets Dr. Thomas Kilgore of Los Angeles, Cal., a former executive secretary (at left) with Dr. Leroy Pitts, Baltimore, Md., editor of the *Lott Herald*, at the 84th annual session of Lott Carey's meeting in Charlotte.

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"Thanks, Lord, For One More Thanksgiving NOVEMBER 26th

Religious Freedom Is Paramount In America

BY DAN MARTIN

WASHINGTON, D. C. (BP)—For Baptists, religious liberty and evangelism are "like breathing out and breathing in," James M. Dunn told a conference on faith and freedom.

"We must pay attention to both or we cannot live," said Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. He told participants in a conference on evangelism rooted in religious liberty that proclamation of the gospel must be coupled with a voluntary response if it is to be valid.

During the conference, Leon McBeth, professor of church history at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, said there is a new and unprecedented move by conservative churchmen—many a part of the new Christian Right—to join "the hue and cry to limit, adjust and redefine the nature and basis of religious liberty."

"Most of these people call themselves conservatives," McBeth said. "I challenge that designation. They are not conservative, but radical innovators who have departed from the teachings and practices of our Baptist forefathers."

McBeth, who warned that if the "government can regulate unpopular groups, it can regulate popular groups," charged that "comfortable people" may not be able to maintain the pressure necessary to retain religious liberty.

"We're not suffering anymore," he said. "When we were having a rough time, we spoke out strongly for religious liberty. Historically, people under pressure have been the most ardent for religious liberty. We have yet to see whether a comfortable people can maintain religious liberty."

Two Baptist members of the United States Congress also told participants about challenges to religious liberty facing the nation.

Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-

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Family Workshop

BY MS. AUGUSTA WHITE

Approximately 375 people from across North Carolina gathered at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in Raleigh Sept. 26 to be a part of the second Family Missions Conference, sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

The theme of the Conference was "Crowning Christ Through the Home."

Rev. Ronald Swain, university minister at Shaw University and instructor at the Shaw Divinity School, conducted the Conference workshop session.

"In order to crown Christ in your home, consider all individuals, which may include the handicapped, senior citizens and teenagers," he said. "Our senior citizens have a wealth of experience that we can utilize. They are anxious to share their experiences and knowhow. According to 1 Timothy 5:4, 'But if they have children or grandchildren, these are the ones who should take responsibility, for kindness should begin at home, supporting needy

parents.' This is something that pleases God very much."

"PREVENTION" EMPHASIZED

"The new trend in counseling today is prevention, helping people to help themselves. Prevention is something we need to keep in the forefront. Love is an essential ingredient in prevention. We do not grow into maturity by ourselves, for we are influenced by family, peers and our church.

Family setting, early in our childhood, plays an important part in our development. 'Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.' As individuals grow into adulthood, other influences have impact upon them. Influences which are different from parental training or influences cause rebellion. As the young people move through different stages, they need something to maintain the balance. They need some kind of anchor, a solid rock that is

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Dr. Ronald Swain

FROM THE EXEC. SECRETARY

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, President of District Conventions, other leaders and members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.:

Again, I proclaim with Paul, "Thanks be to God who gives us the victory." For the fourth consecutive year, we have exceeded a million-dollar goal.

Your support makes it possible for the Convention to fulfill its commitment to Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions, Central Orphanage and other causes.

Our past fiscal year, 1980-81, was another banner year. We did not only reach our financial goal of \$1,302,214.19, but we exceeded it. Many thanks to all of you for your dedicated support, cooperation, best wishes and prayers. When we think about our accomplishments of the past, we can praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Our fiscal year for 1981-82 will be a challenging one. "As we attempt great things for God, we can expect great things from God." It is amazing what God can do for us if we let Him have His way with us. A God who can make something out of nothing is more than able to supply all of our needs.

As we move into the fiscal year, let us keep before us the "Unified Dollar for the Unified Program." Every dollar contributed to the Convention through the Unified Program is divided in this manner: 44 percent for Shaw University, and 10 percent of the 44 percent is used for the Divinity School; 30 percent for State Missions; 20 percent for Foreign Missions; and six percent for the Central Orphanage.

SHAW UNIVERSITY AND THE DIVINITY SCHOOL

Shaw University provides an education for more than 1,200 college students. The Divinity School provides training for men and women who are preparing to preach and minister in Christian education.

STATE MISSIONS

Our state missions program has as its objectives the following concerns: general program and administration, management organization, cooperative ministries, evangelism, church mission, church extension and building, institutional ministries, support and interpretation, Christian education, Christian publications and church music.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Our foreign missions program provides support for 75 foreign missionaries in four countries: Guyana, India, Liberia and Nigeria. This support includes building churches, hospitals, clinics, schools and seminaries. It provides preaching and teaching of the gospel.

THE CENTRAL ORPHANAGE

The Central Orphanage cares for boys and girls who are deprived of parents by neglect or death. The services provide food, clothing, shelter, education and recreational opportunities to help discarded lives become mature adults.

The General Baptist State Convention needs monthly contributions from all of the churches as it seeks through its Unified Program to comfort the wounded, lead the lost and to help the needy bear their cross. Thank you for the continued and systematic support of the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention.

Dr. C. C. Craig

Letter To The Editor

To The Editor:

Let me congratulate you upon the current issue (September) and express my hope that every Baptist read it and gives hearty support to the wonderful work of the Baptist denomination as reported in the BAPTIST INFORMER.

Best wishes,
H. V. Brown, associate pastor
First African Baptist Church
Goldsboro, North Carolina

New Right Threatens Liberty

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One, reminded participants that it was "the moral majority of the Puritans which ran Roger Williams out of the Massachusetts Bay Colony," and urged Baptists to be in the vanguard of protecting their right to dissent.

Madelyn Murry O'Hair has the same constitutional right to a platform as does Billy Graham," he said.

Walter E. Fauntroy, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church of Washington, and the District of Columbia delegate to the House of Representatives, said the growing influence of Moral Majority is "declaring bad news" to the nation.

"They are trying to apply Christian principles to a narrow range of secondary issues, but refusing to apply Christian principles to a broad range of primary issues."

He said he opposes abortion, but also is concerned with "the child after it is born," as he decried reductions in the school lunch and other federal plans designed to aid the "poor and naked and imprisoned."

Fauntroy also charged that the Reagan administration has "launched the most extraordinary attempt to redistribute the wealth of this country from the poor to the very rich."

Two longtime friends, Marc Tannenbaum, interreligious affairs director for the American Jewish Committee, and Jimmy R. Allen, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, discussed the limits of evangelism, agreeing there is a difference between evangelism and proselitization.

Allen, now president of the SBC Radio and Television Commission, said Baptists are committed to "true evangelism" which involves the freedom to accept or reject God's offer of grace in Jesus Christ.

Emmett V. Johnson, director of evangelism for the American Baptist Churches, said the "magnetism of the gospel attracts persons to Christ, not government" support.

Deacon Extolls Unity

BY DEACON WALTER O. DAYE

Editor's Note: The following message was delivered before the Ministers' and Deacons' Union of the East Cedar Grove Association in August. Deacon Daye is a member of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Bahama, Dr. O. L. Sherrill, pastor.

Brother Moderators, members and friends of this Great Ministers' and Deacons' Union, it is with extreme humility that I come before you this morning to try to present this "theme." I am fully aware that many of you in the audience are far more qualified for this task than I, but you have chosen me and I shall not come making a lot of excuses because I realize that final day, excuses will not be accepted. So I've come this morning not to tell you a new story, but to reiterate what we all know. I ask for your prayers.

The book of Romans, from which this theme is taken, is at the head of all Paul's letters, and it stands alone in many respects. First, it was addressed to a congregation already in existence—a congregation that Paul had not yet visited. Paul's letter to the Romans is considered by many scholars to be the finest of all Paul's works in doctrinal exposition. Paul is plain, practical and positive.

We note in Romans 1:8 that the faith of the city's Christians was known worldwide. Even so, Paul was very familiar with their shortcomings and he therefore gives counsel freely. Paul had in Rome some true friends; friends that he was immensely concerned about. Because of that concern, he sends admonitions to those beloved friends, to a church that he did not organize, a church that he had never pastored, and a church that he had never seen. More importantly, though, his writings speak to us today.

Paul recognized that the world then and now has a problem with conforming to the ways of God. Every church as an example has its own special custom or tradition and that custom or tradition is practiced religiously without any thoughts of whether such a custom or tradition meets the approval of the Almighty God. Individuals who happen to get elected or appointed to positions of prominence immediately take the position that they are the head of something and without hesitation begin to act as if they were the only member of that organization. The usurpation of power and authority by one person will surely cause chaos among the membership. Paul, therefore, makes a magnificent challenge to the Roman church and to today's modern church to abandon the ways of the world and to be transformed fully into the will and the ways of God.

For we have many members in one body, says the apostle, and all members have not the same office. This to me is a beautiful analogy, for Paul was directing the folk at Rome to think of the church in terms of their own physical bodies. The physical body as you know is made up of a number of organs, each with its own unique functions. The eye is for seeing, the ear for hearing, the feet for walking and the other organs for their specific assignments and duty. No organ can take over the duties of another and that's the way our churches ought to operate if there is to be a harmonious relationship. All organs of the physical body or the church's body which is the body of Christ must function well, or suffer limitations.

Paul's point was this: The members of the physical body never argue with each other; they do not envy each other, nor dispute about their relative importance. When today's church can reach this particular point, the church itself will fully become involved in Kingdom building, for we will then be a body of one in Christ. Each member of the physical body and the body of Christ has a task to do, and it is only when each contributes the help of his own task that the body of the Church will function as it ought.

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one ministers one to another. In this life, we talk about a lot of things, but these words present a glorious concept. If the individual Christian (a member ever begins to think of himself as self-sufficient or independent of all other members, such a person can only bring disruptions among members. He or she has but to consider their own physical being. The body would be sheer futility if it was composed only of an eye. It could do nothing but see. So while we are all individuals, we must recognize that various privileges and duties were assigned to us as members, and that these assignments are not made to satisfy our egotistical ambitions, but for the glorification of God. In our church, as an example, I have no right trying to be pastor, deacon, secretary or treasurer when my assignment is that of a deacon. If I tried to be these four individuals, I would be like the physical body composed of only an eye.

Finally, let me say that our churches today are filled with all kinds of confusion because we are so power-hungry. Because we are, we will destroy the church to have our own way. When and only when we can come to a realization that our membership in the church is one that equips the saints of God for the work of service and for the edifying of the people of God, will we be in a position to say: We are truly one in Christ.

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editorial office. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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Spirit Moves During Deacon's Trial Sermon

BY JONATHAN BYERS

TROUTMAN—It was like any other Sunday morning on Aug. 30, 1981. At least the start of it was, as community and area churchgoers roused themselves for Sunday morning service. It appeared that their hearts were gladdened by a feeling of joy kindled by knowing that one of the church's sons was to deliver his initial sermon.

Nestled in the quiet, serene countryside of south-central Irredell County, in the Belts Crossroads community near Troutman, the Saint James First Baptist Church was soon to come alive.

Friends and family alike were unselfishly planning and praying for the Holy Spirit to take over. Little did Deacon Fletcher D. Byers know that his former pastor, members and his brother Robert, all from Perth Amboy, N. J., were to play such a tremendous part in the worship program for his trial sermon.

People began arriving at the church around 9:45 a.m. They all seemed lighthearted and affectionate toward one another. As the 11 a.m. worship hour approached, the pastor, brother, cousin and a friend of

Deacon Byers took their assigned places. Members of the Second Baptist Church in Perth Amboy provided music for the occasion. The visitors from New Jersey, along with their former pastor, gave testimony to the life and good deeds of Deacon Byers. A young member of the group gave thanks to Deacon Byers for helping her come to Christ while he was her Sunday School teacher. Telegrams and statements about Deacon Byers' 21 years of service to God in New Jersey were enumerated extensively.

With the New Jersey choir singing soul-moving selections such as "I'm Mighty Grateful for What the Lord's Done for Me," and "Sign Me Up for the Christian Jubilee," the atmosphere was ripe with Christian joy. The pastor, Rev. Leroy Wilson, had requested that Deacon Byers' relatives take a major part in the services. Eldest brother, Deacon Nathaniel Byers, was master of ceremonies. Sisters Martha and Therita prayed and recognized visitors respectively. Brother Thomas sang, and brother Robert led the New Jersey singers. Nephew Jonathan spoke of him with

"Thoughts on a Man."

In his sermon, Deacon Byers spoke of God's hand in his church teaching and his work as a deacon. He felt that God was with him all the time, through the death of his first wife and in his choosing a second wife. God followed him in World War II and in his every move and action. Deacon Byers was moved to speak in such a way that all in attendance were quite affected by the quiet, gentle man's powerful sermon.

His topic, "A Solid Foundation," unfolded upon overflowing hearts. Very few eyes were dry, and every soul joined in celebration to the God who "doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people" (Psalms 77:14).

This observer has heard many great and powerful sermons. My attention has been fixed many times on the greatness of God. However, this time the Spirit worked in such a gripping way as to carry the hearer beyond the worldly and into the arms of God. From this experience, my heart knows that God is real.

CHURCH CIRCUIT



Participants in the Health Project's Interviewing Class

Health Project Grads Take Interviewing Class

In order to gain more knowledge and skills to share in their community, graduates from the first training cycle of

the Health and Human Services Project finished an additional course in interviewing. This course, taught by Barbara

Dixon of the Department of Health Education, UNC Chapel Hill, was designed to help community persons gather the information needed to evaluate programs and activities in their communities. Participants included: Rosetta Betts, Theresa Payton, Mary Betts, James Payton, Leo Thrope, Garland Mitz, Mary Baskerville, Anne Reid and Viola Dunton.

ASSAILED AS DIVISIVE

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Tuition tax credit proposals pending before Congress are divisive, unconstitutional and pose serious threats to public education, three Baptists told a House education panel in Washington.

Grace Baisinger of the National Coalition for Public Education declared the proposals would benefit wealthy families more than families with lower incomes.

Baptist Briefs

49TH ANNIVERSARY FOR REV. SPENCER

The members of the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church of Raleigh honored their pastor, the Rev. S. R. Spencer, by recognizing his 49th anniversary Sept. 21-27.

Rev. Spencer received his high school education at the Pee Dee Institute in Hamlet and attended Shaw University in the 1940s. He also studied at Northern University School of Religion. While there, he served as pastor of the Community Paw Baptist Church of Jersey City. In 1951, he returned to North Carolina.

He also pastored Mt. Zion, Cary; First, McCullers; Bethlehem, Carthage; and is presently pastor at Morning Star in Raleigh.

In 1977, Rev. Spencer was given a service award for 50 years of dedicated Christian work in the gospel ministry, presented by the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. He was named "Pastor of the Year" for long and significant service in the Christian ministry by the

Shaw Divinity School in 1979.

Speakers for the week 49th anniversary services included the Rev. Clyde B. Walton; Rev. J. C. Sherrod, Union Chapel, Youngsville; Rev. Grover Horton, Riley Hill; and the Rev. W. D. Dixon, Bible Way Church, Raleigh.

LAKEVIEW CELEBRATES HOMECOMING

The Lakeview Baptist Church of Durham observed its annual Homecoming service on Sunday, Oct. 25, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Clifton Bullock is pastor.

The guest speaker was the Rev. Cureton Johnson, pastor of Red Mountain Baptist Church.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOV. 21

The One-Day District Conference, District 7, Group 2, will have its planning meeting Nov. 21 on the campus of the Central

Orphanage in Oxford. The churches are asked to come and help arrange the program and be on time at 10 a.m. E. M. Stanfield of Durham is chairman.

Editor To Retire

Grant, a layman, was editor of *Charity and Children*, a publication of the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes, for 10 years prior to assuming his role at the *Biblical Recorder*.

"This has been a hard 32 years," he said. "But there's never been a dull moment being a Baptist editor. And that's why it has been exciting."

He is probably best known in North Carolina for his role in the defeat of the 1973 statewide referendum for liquor by the drink. The referendum was thoroughly defeated, with 97 counties voting against it. Five years later, the 1978 state gave counties the right to hold liquor by the drink referendums.

Biblical Recorder

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)—Marse Grant, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, journal of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for 22 years, announced Oct. 1 that he will retire in September of 1982.

Grant, 61, who has been editor of the weekly newspaper since 1960, said the retirement was "totally my decision. The only pressure I have had is to remain."

Writing in his column in the 115,000 circulation newspaper, he said, "I have never been the rocking chair type and don't plan to be then, although my wife (Marian) and I look forward to more time for writing, traveling, and in general taking it a little slower."

Woman's Page

Give Thanks!

By Executive Secretary Brodie

November is now with us and it is the season which has been set aside to emphasize giving thanks. Though we are a part of an inflationary period, there remain those elements or life experiences which cause us to be thankful. One of these is the Mid-Year Session of the Woman's Convention. The Twenty-ninth Annual Session convenes Saturday, Jan. 9, 1982, at the Raleigh Civic Center, beginning at 9 a.m. Among some of our guest participants will be a representative from the WMU, the Shaw Divinity School, Shaw University, Central Orphanage, and Lott Carey. The Reverend Clifford Jones will serve as mentor for the Bible Study period and Dr. Percy High as



preacher for the session.

Please begin prayerful, mental, physical and financial preparations now for attending this session. Our financial goal for this session is \$20,000. We are depending on you to help us obtain and maybe exceed this goal for missions.

There are many other things for which we may and should be thankful. Thus let us allow the poet to express our thanks for some of these.

THANKSGIVING

By F. R. Havergal
Thanks be to God! to whom
Earth owes sunshine and
Breeze,

The heath-clad hill, the
Valley, repose, streamlet and
Tree,

The snowdrop and the summer
Rose, the many-voiced
Trees,

Thanks for the darkness
That reveals night's starry
dower;

And for the sable cloud that
Heals each fevered flower;
And for the rushing storm that

Peals our weakness and
Thy power.

Thanks for the sweetly-
Lingering might in music's
Tone;

For paths of knowledge, whose
Calm light is all thine own;
For thoughts that at the Infinite
Fold their bright wings
Alone.

Yet thanks that silence oft
May flow in dewlike store;

Thanks for the mysteries
That show how small our lore;

Thanks that we here so
Little know and trust Thee all
The more!

Thanks for the gladness that
Entwines our path below;
Each sunrise that Incarnadines
The cold, still snow,

Thanks for the light of love
Which shines with brightest
Earthly glow.

Thanks for Thine own
Thrice-blessed Word, and
Sabbath rest;

Thanks for the hope of glory
Stored in mansions blest;

Thanks for the Spirit's comfort
Poured into the trembling
Breast.

Thanks, more thanks, to
Him ascend, who died to win
Our life, and every trophy
Rend from Death and Sin;

Till, when the thanks of
Heaven shall end, the thanks of
Heaven begin.

Youth Honor Hill

At the Aug. 22 meeting of the Wayne County Missionary Union, the newly-elected state president of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Sis. Thelma C. Horton was honored. She was congratulated for having been the first president elected from this county. Gifts of appreciation were presented by the Seniors, Young Adults, and Youth.

Sis. Horton served as youth supervisor for many years, and at present is consultant for the Union.

Fourteen years ago, when Sis. Horton came to Wayne County, she was instrumental in revitalizing the youth department. To this end, the youth were led to compose and dedicate the enclosed poem to her.

CONGRATULATIONS MOM!

When you first came to Wayne County,

We were babies and didn't know
The work of our great Convention,

Or how we could help it grow.

But you pitched in with your Knowledge and skills,
And we were soon learning

Without any hills.

"Your County Union comes First," we heard you say,
Then give to the state in a Special way.

By precept and example you led Us along,
Your love and concern was Always shown.

We learned how to pray and ask God for our needs.

And He continually blessed us And enriched our deeds.

My, how we've grown, and so

Love you! A big thanks to you, Mom, And congratulations too.

'Cause now that you're President of our State Convention,

All of Wayne County is proud Of this distinction.

We know that you will be the Best leader yet,
And that your big babies you Will never forget.

God bless you in everything That you do.

The youth of Wayne County Will always love you.

Presented to Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, Aug. 22, 1981. Written by Mabel Isler for the Wayne County Youth Department.

"Family Can See Christ In Our Lives"

Reverends Ronald Swain And R.W. Perry Highlight Conference

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stable. That rock is Jesus. Men and women who have leadership responsibility and time with family members will have communication problems. Things are no substitute for the time we need to spend together."

STUDY, PRAY, PLAN TOGETHER

The conference began with a soul-stirring devotion by Mrs. Georgia Turner. Mrs. Thelma Horton, president of the WBHF&MC, greeted the audience and said that she appreciated seeing so many families from every section in North Carolina represented. She said that more than ever before, we need family members to study together, pray together and plan together.

Mrs. Horton presented Dr. Priscilla Brodie, executive secretary, to give the statement of purpose. Dr. Brodie said that there must be a nucleus for the family.

"When the families are strengthened, the church, state, and nation at large are strengthened. Encourage individuals to fulfill their roles as family members. Do we see others as our families and parents, or do we think of only people in our homes and our relatives as our family? As children are taught, they do the same when they are adults.

Thus, the purpose of the Family Mission Conference is centered around the theme, "Crowning Christ Through the Home." Dr. Brodie concluded her remarks by leading the conference in singing "I Woke Up This Morning With My Mind Stayed on Jesus."

Mrs. Horton recognized the presence of our immediate past president, Mrs. Georgia Turner, Mrs. Turner said that

"It is my hope that the Family Mission Conference will be a means of strengthening the role of the family in our Convention," she said.

Rev. Cureton Johnson, editor of the Baptist Informer, introduced the film, "A Walk in the Dark," written by Warren Douglas. The film depicted a young girl being brought up in a broken home and how she wanted some affection from her mother, who was too busy with her professional life trying to get ahead.

Selfish motives cause serious family problems. Give your family something to grow on. When the teenage daughter had an automobile accident, her mother and father went to see her. While there, the father told them how he went to see a minister after his divorce and he was made to see himself exactly as he was, just an empty shell. He found God and his life was changed. The answer to every human need is in the Bible. It is the only way.

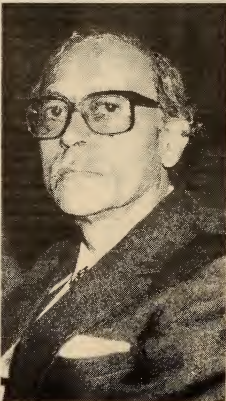
she, too, woke up with her mind stayed on Jesus. She was also happy to be a part of the second Family Mission Conference.

After Rev. Swain's workshop, Mrs. Bronnie Daniels, youth adult director, reacted by saying that through Christ all things are possible; that "No family problem is too big to solve with Christ."

The family dedicatory prayer was given by Lorenzo Lynch, son of the pastor of White Rock Baptist Church in Durham. Mrs. Luella Edwards, first vice president of the Woman's Convention, was in charge of the family missions offering. The offering prayer was given by Rev. Wayne Hines, president of the Young Adult Department.

Michael Battle, president of the Youth Department, presented Dr. R.

W. Perry, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Henderson, for the featured message. Dr. Perry emphasized the theme, "Crowning Christ Through the Home," with the scriptural reference I Timothy 5:8.



Dr. R. W. Perry

CARE FOR YOUR OWN

"Anyone who won't care for his own relatives when they need help, especially those living in his own family, has no right to say he is a Christian. Such a person is worse than a heathen," said Dr. Perry.

"If we fail to set the right example that represents Christ in our homes, we are worse than unbelievers. The home needs to be started right from the beginning. Involve the Lord in the beginning. Those of us who are advocating that we are Christians should act right at home. Our behavior is important at home as well as in church. Let Christ be the center of the home. Let us dress up our homes and let everyone know that Christ lives in our homes. We are to meet the needs of every family member.

"If we live the life, the family members can see Christ in our lives. Let us produce the fruit of a Christian in our homes. Let us train up our children and not train them down. We know how to tell our children to shut up but not how to speak up. We tell them to sit down but not how to stand up.

"Give your children and wife, some quality time, time uninterrupted. Give God some quality time and shut everything else out. If you provide quality time with God and your family, you will be able to crown Christ in the home.

Build your home on prayer. Prayer must be solid and when you reach up, your prayer will go to God. We need to pray in our homes with our families. Pray without ceasing. There must be unity in prayer and visible union. Our children must see us on our knees and hear us pray.

What have you done that stands out in the life of your family? What will your family remember you for? Will it be that they heard you praying?"

Music was furnished by the Shiloh Baptist Church choir.

Closing remarks were given by Dr. W. B. Lewis, pastor of First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church.

The Christian Funeral

BY DR. C. C. CRAIG

One thing should be made clear in discussing a Christian funeral. It is first and foremost a worship service.

Before dwelling on that emphasis, let us say a word about the role of the pastor, for, as we will see, it ties in with what we conceive to be a Christian funeral.

"The pastor" means shepherd. He is one to feed and care for the flock as preacher, teacher, leader and counselor. He is a sympathetic friend and a faithful servant to the church. As we beseech you brethren to know which labour among you and are ye in the Lord and admonish you: and to esteem them highly in love for their work's sake." 1 Thessalonians 5:17.

Once a pastor is called and accepts a church, that church becomes his turf, his area of operation, and his major ligament. The pastor, once settled, has his charge the welfare and the oversight of the church. Every aspect, every facet of church life is under his leadership in his domain. The education, the mission, the worship and whatever other area operating under the umbrella of the church all are under the guidance and the supervision of the minister.

Since a Christian funeral is a worship service, when it is held in a church, the pastor is in charge. Let me repeat, the pastor is in charge.

Whenever a church member expires, the pastor should be notified immediately. The date and time for the final service of a deceased member should always be made in consultation with the pastor.

There must be some cooperation between the minister and the morticians. Much of the pre-funeral arrangements should be handled by the mortician. The minister, however, should be available for some counseling on preparation and on burial sites.

Part of the cooperation between minister and funeral director would be a clear understanding of their mutual responsibilities. The minister as the spiritual guide during moments of bereavement would recognize that in the area of the physical, the director has control.

The worship service is in the spiritual realm. From the time that the body enters the church until the minister invites the mortician to take over, he has oversight of what is going on.

The Christian funeral should attempt to become a witness of the Christian's faith in Christ as the "resurrection and the life." No one should take the minister's place. And no minister should be shy or timid or abdicate his duties in and during a funeral.

A good, energetic and aggressive funeral director may get so carried away at times that he will tend to move

in on the minister's turf. He may not be fully aware that the service is spiritually oriented, and that he is not fitted by his profession to officially conduct a service geared to meeting spiritual needs. It is my feeling that in pastors' conferences, and through individual contact, funeral directors should have direct contact with ministers and the conducting of a Christian funeral should be the theme of their dialogue.

The thoughtful ministerial association will let morticians know that the music, the prayers, the eulogy, and even the obituary within the context of a Christian funeral are designed to praise God and His goodness and to extol Him who said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

The procession to and from the church is the province of the mortician. Just as the mortician is subservient to the minister during the course of the service, so is the minister subservient to the mortician during the procession.

At the graveside, the mortician is in charge until he gives the minister the cue to take over for the committal. After the committal, the mortician again is in charge.

It, then, seems best that the minister and the mortician treat each other as equals, each with his sphere of operation which requires the cooperation of the other.

Now, in many instances, the mortician and the pastor are not the only two people whose areas of operation may pose a problem and/or become a source of conflict. Sometimes another minister may be consulted to participate by someone other than a minister, or a lodge or fraternal body to which the deceased belonged may want to share some of the time during the service.

Since we cannot discuss in detail all the other possible problem areas, let us condense what we have to say under two headings: (1) The Funeral Code, and (2) Practical Suggestions.

THE FUNERAL CODE

- 1) The Christian minister is the servant of the community, not merely of his parish.
- 2) The physician of souls (the minister) responds at once to the call from a dying man, whether he is a friend or a stranger.
- 3) The ministering shepherd goes at once to the home where there has been a death.
- 4) The Christian minister carries out these principles in the spirit of the Golden Rule.
- 5) The pastor is responsible for the spiritual ministry at any deathbed or funeral service in his congregation.
- 6) The Golden Rule leads any minister to confer with the pastor before rendering any service in the other man's parish.
- 7) The former pastor accepts such an invitation, if at all, only when it comes through the present minister.
- 8) In an emergency, the Christian clergyman responds to the call of human needs and afterwards makes his peace with any other minister concerned.
- 9) The Christian clergyman never submits a bill for service rendered at a funeral, and never indirectly solicits payment. However, where such matters are not taken care of by the church, an honorarium is in order and should be accepted.
- 10) The pastor should not reveal anything about a dying or deceased person that he has learned in confidence.

SUGGESTIONS

- 1) Be patient—Remember that bereaved people are emotionally upset. They make unreasonable statements or impossible demands.
- 2) Remember that the mortician is in charge of preliminary arrangements and public services, but that the religious service is your, the pastor's, bailiwick. As in dealing with a physician, the clergyman keeps to his own field. When the mortician has been cooperative and has done an excellent job, a note of praise from the pastor is in order.
- 3) Treat the mortician as an equal. Do not refer to him by names which he considers degrading. It may be necessary at times for you or a deacon to confer with the mortician for a family who has a financial problem.
- 4) When in doubt concerning some particular matter related to a funeral, do not hesitate to consult the mortician. He is daily in the business and may be able to help solve some knotty problem.
- 5) In cases where a family wants another minister or ministers to participate, the pastor should welcome them warmly.
- 6) When two ministers are conducting a service, the home minister should be in charge.
- 7) When a minister leaves a church, he should give his successor the right of way. He should not run back to every funeral and take over.
- 8) Self-Control is a gift of leadership. The pastor must exercise it in dealing with others.
- 9) Contemplating death enhances life. The best time to prepare the people of God for sickness and death is while they are healthy and strong.
- 10) And finally, the minister's preparation for a deathbed or funeral situation should come long before these events occur.

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HEARTFULLY SPEAKING

BY REGINAL L. YOUNG, MPH

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HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE—Part I

So the doctor told you that you had high blood pressure. Or maybe that's what the doctor told your husband, or your wife, or maybe even one of your children. One out of every four black adults suffers from high blood pressure. Complications from having high blood pressure include heart failure, brain damage, kidney damage, and death.

If high blood pressure is so dangerous, then why don't more people do something about it when they have the disease? And just what is high blood pressure anyway?

First, what is "blood pressure" in general? Blood pressure is the amount of force required for your heart to circulate the blood through your body. Blood pressure is measured at two levels: (1) when the heart is contracting, or squeezing out, blood (systolic), and (2) when the heart is relaxing between contractions (diastolic). Your pressure is reported as systolic pressure over diastolic pressure, and is measured with an instrument called a sphygmomanometer (a blood pressure cuff and a mercury meter). The average normal blood pressure for adults, age 18 to 45, is 120/80, or "120 over 80."

When the diastolic pressure (the bottom number in the reading) reaches 90 or higher, it is said to be elevated. Remember, a reading of "80" for the diastolic pressure is normal, so of course 90 is "higher." This is called high blood pressure. High blood pressure is the same thing as hypertension. When the heart must exert more pressure than normal to pump blood, the blood pressure reading will be higher than normal.

WHAT CAUSES HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE?

In most cases, the cause is unknown. However, it is thought to be due to narrowing of certain blood vessels, and may be related to kidney function. For the most part, though, the cause of high blood pressure is a mystery. We do know that it tends to run in families!

WHAT CAN MAKE YOUR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE WORSE?

SALT causes your body to hold more fluid. That means the heart has to work harder to pump more blood fluid through less space. **STRESS** can cause your blood vessels to constrict (become smaller), which makes your heart work harder to pump the same amount of blood. **DIET** (eating fatty foods) causes deposits to form on the inside of your blood vessels, making the opening in them smaller. This also causes higher blood pressure.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE?

One of the biggest problems is lack of symptoms. When hypertension is in the beginning stages, a person may feel good. Although dizziness, headaches, and easy fatigue can occur, these are also symptoms of many other disorders. It is wise to have your blood pressure measured to determine whether or not your blood pressure requires treatment.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO KNOW IF YOU HAVE HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE?

Because high blood pressure puts an extra burden on your heart and blood vessels. This causes your heart to overwork. It is important to treat high blood pressure before the heart is damaged. Due to abnormally high pressure, blood vessels in the brain may burst, and a "stroke" can occur. Tiny arteries in the kidney can also be damaged, and eventually, the kidneys may fail to filter out waste products. In all cases, sickness and death can result! And, unless you have your blood pressure measured, all this may be happening while you still feel good!

In the next column, we'll talk about preventing and treating high blood pressure.

The name of this column was contributed by Barbara Baylor, assistant to the director.

CORRECTIONS!

The title of Dr. Priscilla Brodie's column in the October issue of the Baptist Informer should have been "Potpourri" instead of "Poppurri."

And in the story, "Know Your Convention," the following information was omitted:

Among the persons who served in the office of the corresponding secretary for the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina were Mrs. L.

S. Sanders, Mrs. Sallie Eaton, Miss Annie Hall, Mrs. E. E. Smith, Miss Hannah Steward, Mrs. Martha Wynn, Mrs. B. A. (Brandon) Rogers, Mrs. M. A. Burwell, and Mrs. A. L.

Filmore. This office later resulted in the office of executive secretary-treasurer, in which Doctors Ellen S. Alston and Bernethia D. Horne served. Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie now serves.



Woman's Convention President Thelma C. Horton leads participants at the Second Annual Family Missions Conference in a song as Sister Bronnie Daniels, youth director of the WBN & FMC and Lorenzo Lynch, Jr. join in.

BOOKS

America's schools are failing because they have been locked down with impossible tasks to perform in addition to their main business of educating youth, according to Gene I. Maeroff in his new book, *Don't Blame the Kids: The Trouble with America's Public Schools*, McGraw-Hill, 260 pages, \$14.95.

Noting the growing tendency in this country to hold students totally responsible for their own failures in school, Maeroff contends that the blame lies

elsewhere: on unrealistic laws, on judges who interpret statutes as though schools have endless resources, on teachers who can't teach and principals who can't lead, on taxpayers who refuse to vote for adequate funding, on apathetic parents.

An education writer for *The New York Times*, Maeroff has traveled across the country to observe at firsthand the problems and the anguish of America's schools, and he has seen the significant successes achieved at individual schools

in such diverse locations: Mississippi, Brooklyn, California, and North Carolina. Reports on both the problems and the accomplishments, he quotes the reactions of teachers—students and teachers, parents and principals in education and the government.

According to the author, quality of our schools is a compelling national importance; it is an issue that will have a great impact on the shape of this nation at the end of the century. Maeroff comes grips with the problem of improving the quality of schools by addressing such concerns as the continuing disaster of inner-city education, competency tests, financial parental roles, and a host of related topics.

Maeroff's reports on educational issues and trends have won first-place awards from the Education Writers Association, the American Association of University Professors, and the Internatio Reading Association.

Hatfield Seeks Improved Delivery Of U.S. Food Aid

WASHINGTON—A bipartisan group of senators, led by Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., has introduced legislation which would revamp the U.S. foreign aid program in an effort to help eliminate world hunger and promote global security.

The "Hunger Elimination and Global Security Act," 1975, would "streamline aid" through "U.S. aid programs prevent inefficiency in foreign government misuses funds, according to Hatfield. The bill would require recipient nations to target food and self-help measures the most needy.

faith through grace, love, forgiveness and unselfishness.

To parents, Brown said, "I believe our earliest faith is an inherited faith. Children believe in God because they are around people who believe in God."

"In your homes you need to create an atmosphere where people can be themselves and feel good about who they are. Help the members of your family to know that they are created in the image of God and then assure them of their worth and value."

Brown also urged the couples to give priority to their marriages by giving time and effort to effective communication with each other.

"The highest expression of communication and responsiveness, outside of your relationship with God, is found in the marriage relationship," he said.

Brown said he believes it is God's plan that a man and woman give to each other in marriage, not manipulate each other. "Marriage is intended to be the union of two total personalities," he noted. "The union is not only physical, but spiritual and mental."

Ignorance, Insensitivity Destroy Marriages

BY GAIL ROTHWELL

GLORIETTA, N.M. (BP)—Ignorance, insensitivity and boredom are the three greatest destroyers of marriage relationships, Lavonne Brown told 104 couples attending the Fall Festival of Marriage.

Brown, pastor of First Baptist Church of Norman, Okla., told participants that people are too often concerned about finding the right person when they should emphasize "being the right person."

All marriages, he said, have problems, but the difference between a good marriage and a bad one is how the partners solve their problems.

Brown, addressing the conference sponsored by the family ministry department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board at the Gloriaia Baptist Conference Center, added that husbands and wives should create in their homes "an atmosphere where God can be easily found by every member of the household."

To create an atmosphere where God is present, Brown said, couples must have a growing relationship with Christ and demonstrate their

Bear Creek Woman's Auxiliary Improves

BY MINEWA EVANS

OLDSBORO—The 74th annual convention of the Woman's Baptist Home Foreign Missionary Auxiliary to Bear Creek Association met at the mezer Baptist Church, Sept. 16-20.

A banquet was held in the church dining area with approximately 200 guests attending. The room was decorated by Sis. Ella Adams of Hooks and food was catered by Sis. Ber Roland of Greater Mt. Zion in Winston. Serving was directed by Sis. Aggie Sutton, also of Mt. Zion. Sis. Idina Horne served as mistress of ceremonies and the Foreman sisters directed music.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Sis. Bessie R. Taylor, a young adult in St. Delight Missionary Baptist in Lenoir.

The senior retired members of the auxiliary were honored at the Thursday evening banquet. After this, we were welcomed by the host church and a missionary class was taught by Sis.

Thelma Horton, president of the WBH&FMC of North Carolina.

The introductory sermon, delivered by Rev. C. E. Parker of Farmville, was entitled, "Watch Yourself," taken from Romans 8:31. The Thursday afternoon sermon was given by Rev. J. A. Mumford, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist. His theme was "God's Way or Man's Way," taken from Jeremiah 27:13-15.

On Thursday night, the host church gave a welcome program with the pastor, Rev. John T. Parss, Jr., and his choir in charge. The missionary sermon was brought by Rev. Roosevelt Taylor, Jr., pastor of St. Delight Baptist. Choosing Proverbs 3:5-7 as his text, he spoke on the subject, "Prepare for Action to Be Prepared."

On Friday morning, after devotion and business, the local presidents of the various churches came forward and reported on the activities of the missionary departments. They decided

that all were doing well but can improve; that there is room for growth.

President Mabell Brown was presented by Vice President Minerva Evans and was escorted to the lectern by Rev. Taylor. Sis. Magdalene Jones pinned a corsage on her and after a few remarks, she asked that all churches in the jurisdiction of the auxiliary become involved in state missions. Know the program and the objectives that we are supporting that we may work together with a stronger force.

The state Woman's Convention president, Sis. Thelma C. Horton of Goldsboro, brought greetings and told of the importance of foreign missions and how badly support is needed. Those present now understand how to fill out blanks better for reporting finances, thanks to her visit.

On Friday afternoon, the lady agents made their reports, with Sis. Aletha Lewis of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church taking first place recog-

nition. Sis. Fannie Foreman of St. Delight was second. The missionary march was led by the Rev. Roosevelt Taylor and a memorial service was conducted by the moderator of the Bear Creek Association, Rev. Spencer Williams of Goldsboro.

The young adults were in charge of a short program on Friday night, with the pastor of Best Grove, the Rev. W. C. Horton, and his choir and ushers in charge. His message subject was "Do You Know God's Will?" taken from Matthew 28:18-19. He said that the church program is too weak, and that Jesus said that all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. He urged the congregation to go, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Youth president, Sis. Kim Daniels, led devotion and a sermonette was offered by Rev. Johnny Sherrard, pastor of Hooks Grove Baptist.

Awareness Of God Needed For Successful Parenting

BY DUANN KIER

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—The secret of parenting is not in old techniques, best sellers, or ads, but is first of all an awareness of self as revealed

specialist.

"The more we know about ourselves, the better we will be able to parent," Harry Hollis, director of family and social moral concerns for the Southern Baptist Christian Life

Commission, told participants at a Christian Life Commission conference on Christian lifestyle.

"Understanding ourselves as persons means that parents must know that we are God," he said. "As parents, we are created creators. Our primary relationship is to God."

Parents must know what time it is in their lives, he said. "We must be aware of the adult life cycle, of the stages of life, of our passages."

Hollis said parents will communicate to their children their own acceptance or rejection of sexuality. "The fact that God has made us as sexual beings, as male and female, must be accepted and indeed celebrated."

To handle anger, Hollis said parents must neither vent nor suppress it. Instead, they must acknowledge it exists and deal with it rationally.

"Parents can accept the gifts of God's Holy Spirit which will help them both as persons and as parents, and these are the very gifts that our children need from us," Hollis said.

He said he asked the experts on parents—children—what kind of persons they long for their parents to be. "Children told me they want their parents to listen, be fair, be like Jesus, use reason, communicate, be trusting, supportive, and sensitive, take time to be with them, and allow them some freedom."

Hollis said problems children surfaced about their parents were that they didn't care, argued, nagged, criticized their child's choice of friends, and gave the impression that their child couldn't do anything right. "Parenting is best when it

grows out of a loving, intimate marriage," Hollis said. "It is true intimacy that teaches children to feel positively about marriage."

He encouraged parents to give themselves space for solitude and growth and said, "Privacy in the midst of family is important for everyone. Separateness from parenting is necessary."

Parents should live in an attitude of hope, he told them. "Communicate your feelings to

others—with your children and your mate. The sharing of feelings is the missing ingredient in too many families today."

Hollis suggested that parents and children can be drawn closer together by ministry to others as a family.

"Work to point yourself and your family beyond selves to service and ministry to others. It is in this way that we find true joy and fulfillment in family life."

Shaw Chorale Ready For Appearances At Your Church

BY DR. JOHN W. FLEMING

Robert Simmons is all smiles these days. The source of his happiness is the marked progress and improvement in the Shaw Chorale Society, which he directs.

Several new voices from the incoming first-year class have been added to those of some 15 sopranos and some 10 or more juniors and seniors. Of course, with the added experience of a year or more, under Simmons' guidance, the upperclassmen have helped generate the marked progress and improvement over which Simmons is all smiles.

You, too, can share his happiness by getting your church to sponsor the Shaw choir in concert. Start making requests for your date now.

Write: Mr. Robert Simmons
Shaw University
Raleigh, NC 27611

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**"Shiloh Cares About People"
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Eighty-nine years ago, thirteen optimistic and dedicated Christian men and women assembled in the basement of a Methodist church to organize a new Baptist church which was later to become known as Shiloh Baptist Church.

The Rev. L. R. Jeffries, one of the charter members, was elected as pastor and served for four years. Under his leadership, the first church building was erected on the old Austin Street (just a block from where the present church building is located).

In 1896, the church called the Rev. S. S. Henderson as pastor. His tenure lasted only two years. Upon the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Henderson, the Rev. B. B. Hill was chosen as acting pastor. Later he was elected as pastor and served for four years.

The Rev. T. D. Adkins, a missionary leader in the western part of the state was chosen in 1902 as the fourth pastor. During the pastorate, the church purchased a parsonage. After five years of faithful ministry, the Rev. Mr. Adkins resigned to accept a pastorate in Virginia.

Six months following the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Adkins, the Rev. J. T. Hairston, then pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Reidsville, was called to become the fifth pastor. Rev. Mr. Hairston served from 1907 until his death in February 1960, fifty-three years.

Under his leadership, the second church building was erected in sections; an educational building in the early thirties, during the depression, and the worship section was completed in the late forties.

Upon the death of the Rev. J. T. Hairston, Dr. Otis L. Hairston, son of the late pastor, was elected. He had served as pastor of Brookstown Baptist Church in Henderson and has edited the Baptist Informer, journal of the General Baptist State Convention. The father and son have served the Shiloh Baptist Church for a total of 74 years.

Under the present pastor, the church has extended its ministry to provide 108 units of apartments for low income families, a day care center within the church building, an after-school program during the school year and a summer camp during the summer months. Library services also were established.

The church offers scouting for both boys and girls, three groups in dramatics, three groups in creative exercises, basketball teams for youths and adults, graded Sunday School teaching and training, eight missionary groups and special senior citizen activities.

They also have an excellent and wide music ministry. There are six choirs of the church, three for youth-young adults and three primarily for adults.

In 1980, the church was recognized by the Baptist Association on Scouting, based in Nashville, Tenn., as having one of the outstanding scouting ministries among Baptist churches in America. The church has had 23 Eagle Scouts in the past six years. Seven members of the church have received the Silver Beaver Award for Scouting.

The slogan of the church is "Shiloh Cares About People." Worship services attempt to equip members to move from the church building into the world to be servants by becoming servants of God.

The present pastor, Dr. Otis Hairston undertakes a heavy schedule within and outside the church building. He contributed 312 hours during 1980 on the Adjunct Chaplaincy Staff at Wesley Long Hospital. Wesley Long Hospital maintains a full-time pastoral care program through staff chaplains and volunteer pastors who give 24 hours a month. He also serves as a trustee of Shaw University in Raleigh and on the Executive Committee of the University Board.

In addition, he serves as chairman of the Personnel Committee of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, as assistant recording secretary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Industries of the Blind, on the Advisory Board of Friends Home, on the Board of Directors of the Greensboro Urban Ministry, as program chairman of the Rowan Baptist Association, on Executive Committee of the Shaw University Theological Association, the Executive Committee of the Shaw University Theological Association, the Executive Board of the Lott Carey Baptist Mission Convention, U.S.A., and on the Executive committee of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Dr. Hairston is held in high regard for his leadership in his church's activities and for his service to civic and educational organizations of Greensboro. He has been a leader in fostering co-operation between white and black churches of the Greensboro area.

Under his pastorate, the church began the operation of two buses that provide free transportation to worshippers on Sunday morning, to scouts, youth choirs, and Senior Citizens' activities. Most important, since 1960, when Dr. Otis Hairston took the helm, 786 persons have joined the fellowship. Moreover, the church has been the means of transforming the lives of thousands of people throughout the community.

Shiloh Baptist Church is located in 1210 South Eugene St. Greensboro.

House Clears Extension Of Voting Rights Act

WASHINGTON—The U.S. House of Representatives has voted overwhelmingly to extend indefinitely the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

By a 389-24 vote, the House cleared the extension, including a controversial provision which requires nine states—mostly from the South—and sections of 13 others to obtain Justice Department approval before making election law changes.

The House-approved bill, however, provides new bailout standards for the affected states and jurisdictions beginning Aug. 6, 1984. At that time, states and other jurisdictions can be exempted from the pre-clearance requirements by demonstrating to the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia that they have avoided any voting discrimination during the previous 10 years.

Once exemption from the pre-clearance provision is granted, the D.C. District Court would retain jurisdiction for the next 10 years during which the exemption could be revoked if new voting rights violations occurred.

Action in the Senate is unlikely before early next year when the Judiciary Committee is expected to begin hearings.

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General Baptist State Convention And Baptist State Convention

Joint Sessions

GREENSBORO—Black and white North Carolina Baptists braved more than a century of racial differences to proclaim their religious similarities during the Joint Sessions of the General Baptist State Convention and the Baptist State Convention at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex Nov. 24.

Attendance peaked to include approximately 5,000 Baptists during the gathering, which attracted statewide attention.

The official opening of the Joint Sessions began at 2:30 p.m. Monday with Dr. J. R. Manley, GBSC president, and Dr. Cecil E. Sherman, BSC president, unveiling the convention to order.

Dr. Frank Campbell, BSC first vice president, then gave reasons for the sessions.

"We're saying that we're a fellowship of people under Jesus Christ," he proclaimed. "We have been weak on fellowship on both parts. Therefore, we're sitting down in Greensboro because we want to share and we do care."

Campbell said that the 1982 Joint Evangelistic Crusade, which will link black and white revival efforts across the state with a mass media campaign in the spring, is another reason for coming together. He said that both conventions have strengths and weaknesses, and he urged GBSC delegates and BSC messengers to "increase understanding" among each other.

"To all of North Carolina we say this evening—Here's Hope," he said, closing the Crusade theme.

FLEMING BREAKS ICE WITH HEAT-WARMING MUSIC

With black and white Baptists sitting unostentatiously next to each other and also on the program with one another, apprehensions and tensions seemed only natural for Christians accustomed to their racially distinctive local churches. But Charles W. Fleming, the director of congregational singing for the sessions, creatively harnessed the message of Christian music to unite the body of worshippers.

The congregation tentatively joined with the black musical conductor from Washington, D. C. in singing the hymn, "Oh, How I Love Jesus" and by the time he masterfully directed the crowd in singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer," one could feel the unifying power of Christ at work. The mass voices of the congregation blended softly and powerfully to verify the theme, "We are one in Christ."

Fleming truly helped the Joint Session

participants transcend black and white, rich and poor, male and female.

LEADERS URGE CRUSADE SUPPORT

After a prayer by Waverly Camp, director of GBSC church music, Dr. C. W. Ward, who presided during the opening session, introduced Dr. C. Mark Courts, chairman of the 1982 Here's Hope Crusade. A long line of speakers proceeded to urge all North Carolina Baptists to participate in the Crusade.

"It's not too late to get involved," said one speaker. Another said, "I'm no longer excited about the possibilities but I'm excited about the reality of what the Crusade can mean for your church. The list of 'Here's Hope' speakers included Dr. Priscilla Brodie, executive secretary of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, the Rev. W. C. Hay, pastor of the Galilee Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, and Dr. Ward, pastor of First Baptist in Raleigh and vice chairman of the Crusade Committee.

DR. W. A. JONES CALLS BAPTISTS TO LOVE

In an inspiring message, Dr. William A. Jones of Brooklyn's Bethel Baptist Church and former president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, called upon Baptists of North Carolina to "Love" one another.

"Wherever you go, you hear the word love uttered," he said. "Love in western society means that which delights. And love is used to sell everything from toothpicks to bulldozers."

"But love is the music of the heart. Love is the desire to promote happiness. Unfortunately, our world is overpopulated with people who are in love with themselves."

He called late a madness of the heart while comparing love to the sun's effect upon the earth. It nourishes the soul.

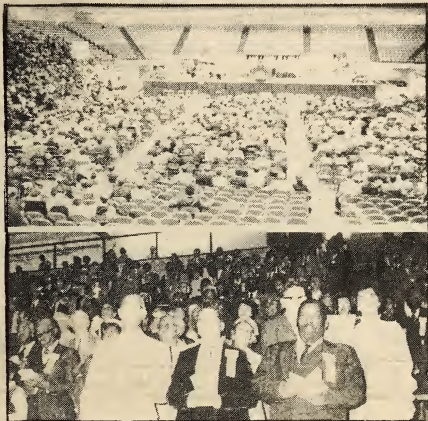
"Thanks be that we have something to save us in the midst of this storm; something that comes from the other side of existence. It's called the love of Christ. For I am persuaded that neither life nor death shall separate us from the love of Christ."

"And you've got to love everybody if you want to see Jesus," said Jones.

Lifted by God's good news, the mixed conventions joined hands for a song and benediction.

PARADE HIGHLIGHTS ROUSING NIGHT SESSION

More than 4,000 Baptists gathered for the Monday night session to hear BSC President Cecil E. Sherman, Greensboro



The Apostle Paul, in writing to the Corinthians (II Corinthians 3:2-3) says, "You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on your hearts, to be known and read by all men; and you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on human hearts." May the Joint Sessions of the General Baptist and Baptist State Conventions prove to be letters from God to these looking for hope in North Carolina.

● Set \$1.37 Million Budget ● Approve New GBSC Building

Mayor E. S. Melvin, Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., National Baptist Convention President J. H. Jackson, and the mass choir directed by Fleming.

The congregation was not disappointed as the session began with moderators from both conventions marching to the beat of an orchestra, under house spotlights, while bearing flags representing their 140 associations.

After a moving round of hymn singing, Mayor Melvin welcomed the group to the city and told them to "be still" long enough to know God's presence. Then Dr. H. L. Mitchell, fourth vice president of the GBSC, presented the governor, who was delighted to bring the Baptists of the state a special appeal.

GOVERNOR SEEKS ADULT- YOUTH RELATIONSHIPS

"This is the only time I'll have to speak to this body as your governor," he said. "And I don't want to talk about generalities, but about one great pressing need."

Hunt then outlined a dismal picture of youth in North Carolina who are in the grip of crime. He said that one out of every 100 persons in North Carolina is under the jurisdiction of the N. C. Department of Correction and that more than 17,000 children under 16

years old came into the state's courts last year.

"We've gotten more courts, judges, and prisons," he said. "But that's not the real solution. What we need to do is to prevent young people from becoming criminals in the first place. It comes straight out of the Bible—train up a child in the way he should go."

He said that most young people get into crime because families have failed. Many, he said, are children who have been forgotten by society but whom God still loves.

"We're trying to do something in North Carolina that no state has ever done. I want both conventions to endorse our effort to help establish a program in communities across the state involving one-on-one adult-youth relationships. I have a dream that this can be done."

Hunt said that any churches interested in the program may call his Special Assistant for Juvenile Affairs, Rich Maxson, at (919) 953-9000.

JACKSON READS HUNT'S MIND

As is common in churches, persons who have not collaborated may often

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FROM THE EXEC. SECRETARY

THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

Once more, the magic of Christmas is working wonders all over America and in lands around the world. Everywhere, the spirit of childhood is spreading its happiness over men and women as well as boys and girls.

The scholars of our time, searching for truth amid old-time myths and superstitions, find that on Bethlehem's hill, for once, tradition and fact appear to coincide, and that pious sentiment is not groundless like has pictured the birth of the world's Redeemer in circumstances so humble. Researches of modern scholars so find, thousands each year, after nearly twenty devastating centuries, make pilgrimage to the Bethlehem birth site. This is the marvel climaxing the wonderment of the birth—that every year, even in our strenuous modern life, Christmastide casts its spell over all sorts and conditions of people.

Good will and good doing seem to flood all hearts like an incoming tide. We set lights in our windows and doorways, and deck Christmas trees in houses, stores, schools, churches, and hospitals. Even sparsely traveled streets seem to come alive with teeming community life.

We delight in singing carols—about Bethlehem, and the Christ Child, and the manger. In our churches, the story of the first Christmas night is told and sung. The scenes of Bethlehem shepherds and the Wise Men from afar are shown, and often old-time creches—seen in reverently softened light—show Mother Mary and the Christ Child lying in a manger.

What a wonder the coming of Christmastide is, after vanished years working such an magic in our lives.

In the above mentioned spirit of wonderment and greeting, on behalf of your friends at Baptist Headquarters—

Mrs. Margarie W. Dunn, Mrs. Capt. J. Latta, Mrs. Mary Washington, Mrs. Willie Mae Cox, Mrs. Bettie Chisolm, Mrs. Gladys Ward, Mrs. Ivery Williamson, Mrs. Barbara Baylor, Mrs. Barbara Pullen, Mrs. Regina Young, Rev. A. D. Logan, Jr., Dr. Leo Williams, Jr., Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr., Mr. Curtis Jackson, Rev. Curton Johnson, Dr. William J. Brodie and for myself personally, we wish you and yours a "very Merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year ever."

Yours for the Cause of Christ,
C. C. Craig
Executive Secretary



DR. CRAIG

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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Health Class Graduation Set

You are cordially invited to attend the graduation ceremony for Cycle III participants in the health and human services project of the General Baptist State Convention.

The sites for Cycle III are First Baptist Church, Norlina, and First Baptist Church, Louisburg. Date: Friday, Dec. 11, 1981. Time: 7 p.m. Place: Spring Street Baptist Church, Henderson, North Carolina.

Since this is the last graduation for the year, we

would like for all former graduates from Cycle I and Cycle II health classes, their pastors and churches who have participated to be present so that we may recognize you.

Because we feel that this graduation will be well-attended, we are asking graduates from Cycle I and Cycle II to please bring a covered dish if it is convenient for you to do so.

We look forward to seeing you again—so please come and help make this event a

LETTER

Dear Brothers,

I'm sure you feel as I do at this point. We have come through momentous and monumental decisions in this state in the most recent years. Many of these decisions have been good and we can appreciate and glorify God for this accomplishment. On the other hand, there have been grotesque and unreasonable decisions pronounced as justice by the state of North Carolina. One we have in mind and wish to emphasize with you is the decision of the court to find the Ku Klux Klansmen-Nazi not guilty in the murder charges against them. The decision was made while the state contended that these men were indeed the killers—yet they were not guilty of murder. This decision was made even though the murders were committed in glaring view of thousands who watched from television and a lesser number who saw the killings in person. Such a dastardly act as exonerated by the court of North Carolina.

The system of justice in North Carolina and the United States has given us great pain over the years as Christians who witness justice from a Christian perspective. Can the church rest with the decision? Can wrong be swept under the rug and go unnoticed while the church, knowing what has happened, looks the other way, or refuses to become involved? We have hope for the institutionalized church but we can see the church better when we see it in action than when we hear it in a sermon. As church people, don't we have a responsibility to see that these perpetrators are prosecuted in the equality of the law? Millions wait with this writer to see the church demand unequivocally a just and right stand for humanity. We may start here in North Carolina with this specific case to which we have referred.

May God bless you in this convention as we leave, understanding well that the world will take note of what will be said here but what will be done to bring about a better and just world.

Yours in Christ,
William W. Lee

memorable one.

If you have any questions, please contact the health and human services project at 821-7466.

17 Certified For Blood Pressure Tests

Seventeen people from the Henderson area have been certified by the American Red Cross to

HEALTHFULLY SPEAKING

BY REGINA L. YOUNG, MPH

Sponsored by the Health and Human Services Project

HYPERTENSION, PART II

Now we know that one out of every four blacks has hypertension, or high blood pressure. All of us have blood pressure. But when the heart must push extra hard and exert more pressure to push the blood throughout the body, that means the blood pressure in that person is higher than normal.

You can find out what your blood pressure reading is by having it measured at any health department or doctor's office. Sometimes community groups and churches hold "screenings" and offer blood pressure checks right in your neighborhood. There are many different people who are qualified to take your blood pressure; however, only your doctor or a qualified health professional working under a doctor's supervision can make the decision about whether or not treatment is needed and what kind of therapy is best for you.

Of major concern to all of us should be the people who are letting their high blood pressure go untreated. These may be family members, friends, acquaintances, or YOURSELF! Even mild hypertension, left untreated, doubles a person's chances of a heart attack.

So what can you do for yourself or someone that you know? Here are some suggestions:

1. Realize and believe that YOU can have hypertension and not know it! High blood pressure may have no symptoms. It is a serious disease, but can be controlled. High blood pressure can affect anyone, young or old.

2. See to it that everyone you know has their blood pressure checked AND understands what high blood pressure is!

3. If tests show that you have or someone you know has high blood pressure, the doctor or nurse will tell you what to do to control it. Be sure to follow that advice and don't hesitate to call the doctor back if you are having problems with your treatment!

4. If you take medicine (pills) for high blood pressure, take them every day! The pills don't cure high blood pressure, they will help your body control it so you can lead a healthy life. If you do not take your pills, your pressure will go up again.

5. Control your weight. Being overweight means extra stress on an already stressed heart. You may need to lose a few pounds. You can begin by eating fewer fried foods and eating fewer snacks. Try to increase your activity level by walking some every day.

6. Cut back on salt. Salt makes your body hold more water. That means there's more fluid in your blood, so the heart has more blood to push through and has to work harder. Try cutting ¼ teaspoon of salt in your cooking every day, and let that be all the salt you get to use for that day. Notice how fast you run out! Then try to cut out salt altogether. Try using herbs, spices, and lemon juice to add flavor to the foods you eat.

7. Relax a little every day. Tension and stress make your blood vessels constrict (get smaller) so your heart has to pump harder. Praying and meditation can help you relieve a lot of stress. So can dealing with your problems from day to day.

8. Cut down on smoking. This makes your blood pressure go up too! If you stop smoking or cut down, you will breathe easier and have more energy in the long run.

9. Get your family or friends to help out! Be sure to tell them you have high blood pressure. They can help you follow what your doctor said by:

- Helping you remember to take your medicine.
- Serving fewer salty foods at home.
- Losing weight or controlling weight with you.
- Going together to have your blood pressure checked.
- Learning to check your blood pressure at home.

High blood pressure occurs more in blacks. It is time for us to take control of the "health" part of our lives, and actively work at preventing and controlling hypertension in our people. We are perfectly capable of making sure that we can lead healthy lives. This is a challenge for all black Americans. Let's take care of ourselves!

screen for high blood pressure. These health-conscious people are capable and are willing to take the blood pressures of relatives, friends, neighbors, and church members. They are aware that this simple, painless method of detection can prevent major illnesses such as heart attacks, strokes, kidney failure or

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 Louise Evans
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 B. B. Hawkins
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 Ernest Hinton
 Lloyd L. Peace
 Ernestine Jones
 Doris Perry
 Josephine Richards

Delegates Applaud Executive Secretary Craig

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come to a service giving similar messages. Such was the case as the Holy Spirit led National Baptist President J. H. Jackson to deliver an evening message in tune with the Governor's plea.

"Crumbling Foundations: What Can the Righteous Do?" was the subject of Jackson's sermon.

"We're living today where there are so many foundations crumbling. When the foundation is weak, it needs more than paint. It needs repairs and renovation."

"Western civilization is a crumbling foundation."

He told the massive congregation that many people have decided that God made a mistake. Some think that they can take a test tube and build a nation, he cautioned.

"If the church does not have a central power, then worship becomes meaningless. You can't build a great church if God is dead," he said.

Jackson, who spoke with wisdom and ease, captured the vast audience's imagination. He told them that pigmentation cannot save us, but the Spirit of God can. That one cannot have a Christian church unless he has a living God.

"If we say there is no God—then there is no foundation. If the church has lost Jesus Christ, then we must go back and find Him. We must go back to Calvary for we don't have the power to save ourselves. The Christian church must come back and preach the Cross of Christ."

1000 ATTEND GBSC SESSION TUESDAY

The General Baptist State Convention met Tuesday in the Greensboro Auditorium. Delegates approved a motion during the session to build a new Baptist Headquarters building in Raleigh and an estimated 1000 in attendance approved a budget of \$1,377,947.43 for the 1982 fiscal year.

The convention plans to construct a half-million dollar building on land to be leased from Shaw University. Preliminary plans call for a ground-breaking ceremony in May. President Manley appointed Dr. Paul H. Johnson, pastor of Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh, as chairman of the building committee.

Also during the Tuesday morning session, Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary of the GBSC, told delegates that the convention not only achieved its goal of raising \$1,302,214.19 for the fiscal year, but exceeded it by more than \$33,000.

This marked the first time that the Convention's "parent body" (not including the Woman's Convention) exceeded the one-million dollar mark. The Woman's Convention, an auxiliary of the GBSC, raised more than \$309,000 of the final \$1.34 million 1981 total.

The missionary objectives of the Convention will receive the following amounts from the newly adopted budget: The University, \$56,700; Shaw Division School, \$59,100; Central Orphanage, Oxford, \$75,300; foreign missions, \$193,000; and state missions, \$588,947.43.

DR. CRAIG APPLAUDED BY DELEGATES

"Thanks be to God who gives us the victory," said Dr. Craig. "We're going to shout for having done this. And we urge our churches to give a tenth of their budget to the mission of Christ through this Convention."

He said stewardship is not man's plan for raising money, but that it is God's

plan for raising men. And we must "dig deeper for our objectives," he said.

The delegates gave Dr. Craig a rousing ovation with shouts of "Amen" as he told them that he wasn't sure many times during the past year whether the Convention would reach its goal.

"For the past 12 months, I've had my ups and downs," he said. "But if I'm doing what's right, I believe Christ will uphold me."

Music was provided throughout these activities by the splendid choir from Shaw University, which moved the congregation to spiritual heights.

The Rev. Paul Drummmond brought the Tuesday afternoon sermon. The pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church in Charlotte, Rev. Drummmond told the Baptists to stop bellyaching or God will "give you something to bellyache about."

King Banquet, Jan. 8

"The Lord will tell you what's wrong with you, and then He'll fix it for you," he said.

During the Tuesday sessions, the General Baptists also heard from Sis. Thelma Horton, president of the Woman's Convention; Althornton Canada, Sunday School Congress president; Richmond Turner, BTU Congress president; I. H. Hilliard, Laymen's League president; and Arthur Williams,

The General Baptist State Convention's annual banquet in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held at the Royal Villa Hotel Convention Center on highway 70 west, Raleigh, on Friday night, January 8, 1982, at 7 p.m.

Tickets for this annual event are available at the Baptist Headquarters for a donation of \$15 each. Dr. Cameron Alexander of Atlanta will be the speaker.

president of the Ushers' Convention. Dr. Stanley Smith, president of Shaw University, and Dr. W. C. Somerville, executive secretary of the Lott Carey Convention, also addressed the delegates.

During the Tuesday evening (GBSC session, Dr. Manley told the crowd that due to the work of Dr. Craig, his staff, and the members of the convention, we should all give thanks.

"We've reached the largest budget *See Page 8

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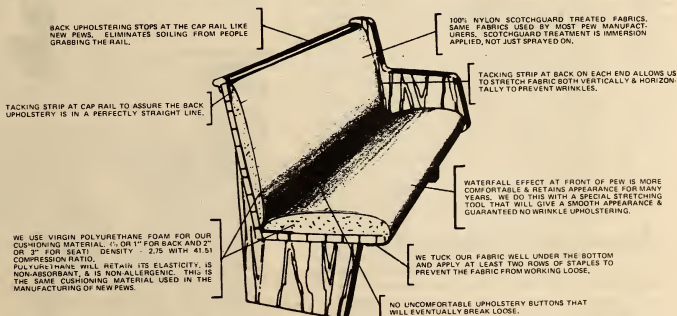
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Woman's Page

"CHILDREN OF CHRISTMAS

Hardly can we believe that the end of another year is upon us and so are the Christmas holidays. However, the children of our communities, through their "Tis the season to be jolly" expressions, bring us to the realization that the Christmas season is with us. Could it be that the world at large does not realize the coming of Christmas (of the Christ Child) and that we the "children" of Christmas, and certainly we are if we are the children of the King with Jesus as our Savior, must alert them that Christmas has come?

Someone said that the heart of love spills over. How great a manifestation of this statement is the Christ Child's coming. For out of the heart of God, EXEC. SEC. as it were, BRODIE spilled out the greatest love, personified in the Christ Child, that the world has ever known. It is this message that the "children" of Christmas must speak and embody so that the world will no longer wrap and exchange gifts void of the real substance, LOVE, AGAPE, without a guilty conscience. And so wrote Aaron N. Meckel:

"Christmas is an event in which a child becomes a signpost and a road leading and guiding us into the Kingdom of Life Abundant. Most likely it was the vivid realization of this which thrilled the heart of Simeon. He has been on the alert, on spiritual tiptoes, waiting for the 'consolation of Israel.' And now that salvation has appeared, he opens wide

the hospitable inn of his own heart to the Child, exultantly exclaiming as he does so, 'For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation!' Personal quest ends in personal discovery.

How this Advent-Child does need to lay hold on our desperate, weary and saddened hearts! How it needs to guide our vagrant footsteps to that Kingdom which is 'righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit!' One often hears it said that Christmas is for the children; but the fact remains that we adults need it the most. It were as though the Eternal Himself were saying to us, 'Never mind your possible doubts and speculations with regard to the Nativity narratives. No words of mere man can possibly be adequate vehicles to set forth the wondrous Event. There are depths in it which no human mind can fully grasp. Rather come to your own deep needs, look into the eyes and heart of a little child and behold anew the glory and reality of Christmas! A man, speaking with a close friend of his, was overheard to say, 'Our heads may be coldly logical, but our hearts never are.' None other than the Lord of Life stands by, saying, 'I tell you truly, unless you turn and become like children, you will never get into the realm of heaven at all!'

We, the Women's Convention and Staff, wish for each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

NOTICE

Lott Carey Housing Reservation Forms for 1982 are now available at our office. Please send for these immediately, for we have been informed that the hotel as the Women's Headquarters is filling up rapidly.



Part of the integrated congregation present for the Baptist Joint Sessions is shown enjoying the congregational singing led by Charles Fleming.

January 9, 1982

The Mid-Year Session: A Day For Missions

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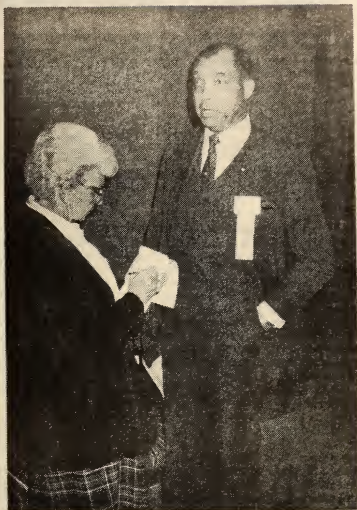
Dr. William A. Jones relaxes backstage with representatives from the Progressive National Baptist Convention prior to delivering his Monday evening message.



The "Processional of Flags" opened the Monday evening Joint Session. The orchestra (in foreground) played "Crown Imperial" while moderators of the 60 GBSC and 80 BSC associations carried their flags to the stage.



H. V. Bryant (center) accepts an \$11,400 check from the Rev. Louis H. Wade in behalf of the Central orphanage in Oxford. The gift was bequeathed to the orphanage from the estate of the late A. C. Wade and Victoria Wade of Mebane.



Dr. John R. Manley takes time out to answer questions from a newspaper reporter.

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As a result of our accomplishments of the past year, 1980-81, I am pleased to express my many thanks to all of the officers of the General Baptist State Convention, moderators of the associations, presidents of the district conventions and unions, dedicated pastors and members of the more than 1,700 churches for making the fiscal year 1980-81 the best year in the

history of the Convention. Without your support, dedication and commitment to the Lord's work, our convention would not be what it is today. "Thanks be to God" for every one of you.

According to our records, the following churches met their suggested quotas during the fiscal year 1980-81. Some of these churches gave more than the

suggested quotas and many of them gave a tenth of their budgets to the objectives of the Convention.

It is my prayer that the pastors who were able to lead their churches to reach their suggested quotas during the fiscal year 1980-81 will inspire their churches to meet their goals for the fiscal year 1981-82.

I pray also that the pastors

who did not lead their churches to reach their quotas during the fiscal year 1980-81 will preach and teach with a burning zeal in an effort to lead their churches to reach their quotas during the fiscal year 1981-82.

We would like for the pastors and churches that did not get a certificate of appreciation for having reached their quotas to

notify our office immediately.

In the words of Gomer Pyle, "Thank you, thank you, thank you," for the support that you have given and for the support that I know you will continue to give as a result of your commitment to the Lord's work.

C. C. Craig
Executive Secretary

The Ten Leading Churches of the GBSC, 1980-81

Shiloh, Winston-Salem, J. Ray Butler	\$27,927.79
First, Winston-Salem, W. S. Epps	25,063.10
Mount Carmel, Charlotte, L. C. Riddick	22,586.00
First, Fayetteville, C. R. Edwards	19,730.65
Friendship, Charlotte, C. R. Edwards	19,730.65
Friendship, Charlotte, Coleman W. Kerry	18,100.32
Saint Paul, Charlotte, Paul Drummond	17,242.00
First, Charlotte, J. B. Humphrey	14,196.53
Mount Vernon, Durham, Percy High	12,525.00
Mount Zion, Winston-Salem, Gilbert Campbell	10,139.06
First, Raleigh, C. W. Ward	9,030.93

The Ten Leading Associations of the GBSC, 1980-81

Rowan, E. L. Kirby, Moderator	\$167,250.42
Mecklenburg General, J. B. Humphrey, Mod.	75,023.43
Ebenezer, R. E. Devoe, Mod.	64,822.21
Mount Peace, W. A. Rorie, Moderator	59,892.55
Union, A. C. Jones, Moderator	55,898.84
Newse River, F. L. Bullock, Moderator	55,063.28
Old Eastern, K. R. Hammond, Moderator	43,668.04
New Hope, C. R. Tyner, Moderator	40,961.67
Wake, G. A. Jones, Sr., Moderator	34,961.77
Middle Baptist, J. G. McKnight, Moderator	33,708.85

ALEXANDER UNION—G. A. Dula, Moderator

Liberty Grove, Taylorsville, G. A. Dula
Mt. Zion, Hickory, Alfred Wright
St. Peter, Statesville, A. L. Young

BEAR CREEK—Spencer Williams, Jr., Moderator

Augusta Chapel, Dudley, Brady Carmack
Best Grove, Goldsboro, W. C. Horton
Ebenezer, La Grange, F. T. Parks, Jr.
First, Dover, E. Sutton
First, Kinston, W. K. Raynor
Holly Hill, Kinston, J. E. Williams
Hooks Grove, Pikeville, J. C. Sherrod
Mt. Calvary, Goldsboro, Spencer Williams
Mt. Pleasant, Goldsboro, J. A. Mumford
Patterson Chapel, Kinston, Roosevelt Taylor
St. Delight, Walstonburg, R. Taylor

BRUNSWICK-WACCAMAW—L. F. Boone, Moderator

Friendship, Whiteville, J. Prince, Jr.
Green Chapel, Balton, W. M. Gaines
Mill Branch, Whiteville, W. D. Frink
Mt. Nebo, Wilmington, L. F. Boone
Mt. Zion, Chadbourne, J. Beese, Jr.
New Light, Hillsboro, N. B. Benjamin
St. Bethel, Whiteville, W. D. Frink
Steady Plain, Clarkston, T. Chestnut
Welches Creek, Whiteville, T. Chestnut
Zion Plain, Nakina, J. R. Keel

CEDAR CREEK—N. P. Brodie, Moderator

Greater First, Cedar Creek, N. P. Brodie
Mt. Carmel, Fayetteville, A. D. McMillan

CEDAR GROVE—E. L. Kirby, Moderator

Hamer, Blomch, Cephus
Morning Star, Eden, J. J. Sims
Mt. Herman, Ruffin, Joseph Evans
Red Hill, Pelham, E. L. Kirby
Rocky Ridge, Lawsonville, P. J. Woods

COUNTY LINE—U. R. Booker, Moderator

Michael Creek, Stovall, Eugene Fields
New Grassy Creek, Granville Co., U. R. Booker
Oak Grine, Oxford, Mack Timberlake
St. Matthew, Oxford, Moses Hardy
Stovall First, Stovall, Eugene Fields

Whetstone, Oxford, G. A. Gilchrist

DEEP RIVER—M. P. McCleave, Moderator
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Edwards Grove, Liberty, M. P. McCleave
First, Pittsboro, Larry Siler
First Calvary, Sanford, J. L. Morgan
Lambeth Chapel, Siler City
Mt. Olive, Moncure
New Zion, Sanford, E. N. Hooker
Oakland, Ransom, G. Donahue
Roberts Chapel, Goldston, S. Buie
St. John, Climax, A. B. Bass
Sixth Ave. First, Siler City, J. E. Brown

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First Belgrade, V. A. White
Pilgrim Chapel First, James City, W. E. Sinclair

EAST CEDAR GROVE—H. L. Timberlake, Moderator

First Calvary, Durham, V. S. Thompson
Greater St. Paul, Durham, W. T. Bigelow
Mt. Calvary, Bahama, O. L. Sherrill
Mt. Level, Durham, C. L. Dunston
New Hope, Oxford, H. L. Timberlake
Unio Grove, Oxford, M. T. Timberlake
Union, Durham, Grady D. Davis

EASTERN PAMLICO RIVER—Leroy Adams, Mod.

Oakey Grove, Bonnett, Leroy Adams
Phenel Chapel, Blounts Creek, E. L. Powell
Phoenix Chapel, Edward, E. L. Powell

EBENEZER—R. E. Devoe, Moderator

Ebenezer, Kings Mtn., D. C. Wilson
Esbridge Grove, Shelby, J. C. Robinson
First, Lawndale, Billy D. Houze
Green Bethel, Boiling Springs, R. Blanton
Hoopers Chapel, Shelby, Wade Wallace
Light Oak, Shelby, J. C. Browner
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Maiden Chapel, Maiden, J. D. Ponder
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Mt. Olive, Kings Mtn., Willie A. Maddox, Sr.
Mt. Pisgah, Bessemer City, Charles A. Turner
Mt. Zion, Kings Mtn., D. Whittenburg
New Ellis Chapel, Shelby, A. Ponder
New Zion, Henrietta, R. Abbott
Old Ellis Chapel, Patterson Spgs., W. B. Ellis
Palmer's Grove, Polkville, J. Smith
Providence, Lincolnton, Clement Morris
Shady Grove, Kings Mtn., E. L. Ponder
Shiloh, Shelby, R. E. Devoe
Shoal Creek, Shelby, J. H. Grant
Washington, Shelby, H. L. Rhedrick

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Center, Gastonia, W. R. Wallace
First, Dallas, R. W. Ramsey
Friendship, Gastonia, T. M. Walker
Macedonia, Lucia, I. G. Johnson
Mt. Hebron, Gastonia, B. Antrum
Mt. Pisgah, Gastonia, J. W. Wallace, Jr.
New Canaan, Gastonia, R. W. Dalton
Springfield, Staley, P. B. Barnett
Tabernacle, Gastonia, V. M. Worley

GOLD HILL—R. Logan Carson, Moderator

Gold Hill, Rutherford
First, Creek, Tryon, J. E. Smith
Mt. Nebo, Lake Lure, Jerry Sanders
Oak Grove, Forest City, H. T. Dodd
Webbs First, Ellenboro, R. L. Carson

GUILFORD—W. M. Harris, Moderator

Bethlehem, Winston-Salem, E. L. Clark
Eim Grove, Reidsville, C. Davidson
Friendship, High Point, J. W. Flake
Gethsemane Hope, Winston-Salem, W. M. Harris

HAMMONDS CREEK—C. T. Bowen, Moderator

First, Elizabeth, P. Smith
Pleasant Hill, Clarkston, C. T. Bowen
Pleasant Union, Riegelwood, A. H. Murphy
Sandhills, Bladenboro, P. R. Gerald
Whites Creek, Lisbon, J. R. Godfrey

HIGH POINT—W. L. Wilson, Moderator

First Calvary, Winston-Salem, W. L. Wilson
Gethsemane, Greensboro, J. W. Reed

HYDE COUNTY—Henderson Harris, Moderator

Faithful Hannah, Creswell, E. D. Alexander
Job's Chapel, Swannquarters, John Chance
Mt. Pilgrim, Engelhard, J. C. Chance
Mt. Sinai, Engelhard, C. R. Anthony

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Galilee, Smithfield, W. H. Lucas
Good Samaritan, Garner, L. J. Penny
Johnsoney Pine Grove, Clayton, L. Coppedge
Mitchner Memorial, Smithfield, W. Y. Davis
St. Luke's Cross Road
New Vester, Sims, S. L. Ballentine
Spring Hill, Zebulon, E. J. Neal

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First, Wilmington, J. Z. Windley
Mt. Gilead, Mt. Olive, C. W. Wright
Roseville, Willard, H. D. Jones, Sr.
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Willard Chapel, Willard, J. D. Morrissey

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Elizabeth, Marshville, H. L. Nicholson
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Macedonia, Midland, H. L. Nicholson
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Mt. Zion, L. Feeley
Piney Grove, Marshville
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First, Lumberton, E. B. Turner
First, Orrum, E. Roundtree
Greenville, Lumberton, T. A. Hart
Holy Branch, Lumberton, J. M. Dunham
New Bethel, Rex, Ollie Miller
Sandy Grove, Lumberton, S. A. Locks

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Friendship, Charlotte, Coleman W. Kerry
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Macedonia, Concord, Sampson Long, Jr.
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 Nelson Chapel, Louisville, E. L. Brodie
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 First, Rose Hill, W. K. Raynor
 First, Southport
 First, Steadman
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 Mt. Zion, Riegelwood
 St. John No. 2, Bolivia, Freeman Gause
 St. Louis, Chinquapin, W. E. Martin
 Second, Fayetteville, W. E. Beamon
 Shiloh, Wilmington, W. Prince Vaughn
 Stephens Branch, Castle Haynes, G. P. House
 Spring Green, Riegelwood, W. E. Martin

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 Long Ridge, Plymouth, H. Hammond
 Mt. Zion, Plymouth, E. L. Powell
 Ray's Chapel, Tarboro, Walter Cherry
 Pine Chapel, Pineknobs, E. L. Powell
 St. Paul, Oak City, W. I. Price

MOUNT PEACE—W. A. Rorie, Moderator

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 Bethsemane, Charlotte, C. E. Dewberry
 Greater Galilee, Charlotte, Warren McKissick
 Hayfield Memorial, Charlotte, G. S. Diggs
 New Zion, Charlotte, B. R. Robinson
 Pleasant Hill, Charlotte, J. A. Cuthbertson
 St. Paul, Charlotte, Paul Drummond
 Park Community, Charlotte, R. M. Young
 Salem, Charlotte, A. L. Jinwright
 Shiloh Inst., Charlotte, T. G. Davis
 Temple Chapel, Charlotte, G. E. Gilmore

MOUNTAIN AND CATAWBA—W. E. Lytle, Moderator

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 Davidsonville, Statesville, E. T. Lee
 First, Harmony, W. LeGrant
 Friendship, Hickory, D. O. Cooper
 Grace Memorial, Felix Bailey
 Grove, Cleveland, R. L. Coleman
 Morning Star First, Hickory, W. E. Lytle
 Mt. Pilgrim, Lenoir, K. F. Gamble
 Mt. James First, Troutman, L. Wilson
 St. John, Statesville, W. E. Lytle
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MUD CREEK—H. B. Ferguson, Moderator

Greater New Zion, Fletcher, L. C. Ray
 Hill Street, Asheville, C. R. Mosley
 Mt. Carmel, Arden, F. H. Sullivan
 Mt. Zion, Asheville, J. W. White
 New Bethel, Asheville
 Rock Hill, Asheville, H. B. Ferguson
 Union Grove, Hendersonville, L. J. Westbrook
 Union Grove, Hendersonville, C. O. Owens

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 Bethlehem, Seaboard, Edward L. Fleming
 Bethlehem, Tarboro, Wayne Hines
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 First, Garysburg, G. A. Smith
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 First Calvary, Rocky Mount, S. J. Jones
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St. Lewis, Richland, J. A. James
Sandy Run, Jacksonville, E. W. Wooten
Union, Jacksonville, K. P. Fisher
Washington Chapel, Jacksonville, F. D. Jones

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goal in his history: we've initiated health programs in our churches; we've joined hands with the Baptist State Convention for a 1982 statewide Evangelistic Crusade; we've intensified the Christian Education programs in our churches and associations; and we've set in motion the construction of a new Baptist Headquarters building in Raleigh.

"We certainly have cause to stop and give thanks."

Manley said that unity has been one of the most satisfying trademarks of the years he has served as president of the GBCS.

"If it's one name that John Manley can be attached to in this Convention, I hope it's cooperation," he said. Dr. Manley was elected to another year of service by the body.

Tuesday's evening joint session was presided over by the Reverends J. Ray Butler of Winston-Salem and J. B. Humphrey of Charlotte. They were joined by the Rev. Cecil E. Sherman, BSC president.

The session began with congregational singing and music by a brass ensemble.

UNION—A. C. Jones, Moderator
Beauty Spot, Fayetteville, Douglas Johnson
First, Fayetteville, C. R. Edwards
First Cosmopolitan, Wilmington, Carl R. Lee
First New Light, White Oak, John McDonald
Friendship, Fayetteville, B. L. Rich
Good Hope, Fayetteville, Samuel McDonald
Laurel Hill, Lumber Bridges, T. Patterson
Lewis Chapel, Fayetteville, J. D. Fuller
Mount Calvary, Fayetteville, Henry Melvin
Mount Sinai, Fayetteville, A. J. Johnson
Pleasant Grove, St. Pauls, R. B. Bethea
Saint Paul, Fayetteville, Marion Wade
Second New Light, St. Pauls, Ollie Miller

WAKE—G. A. Jones, Sr., Moderator
Baptist Grove, Raleigh, W. O. Merriett
Elevation, Raleigh, T. B. Giles
First, Franklinton, O. H. Brodie
First, Raleigh, C. W. Ward
First, Zebulon
Good Hope, Knightdale, W. J. Cox
Juniper Level, Raleigh, G. A. Jones, Sr.
Malaby's Crossroad, Knightdale, G. A. Jones, Sr.
Martin St., Raleigh, P. H. Johnson
New Bethel, Rolesville, W. A. Morgan
New Providence, Fuquay-Varina, W. H. Brock
Oak City, Raleigh, J. D. Lockley
Wake Baptist Grove, Garner, C. P. Briley

WILSON—T. A. Watkins, Moderator
Apex, Wilson, George Cooper

WAYNESVILLE—J. H. Smith, Moderator
Mount Zion, Murphy, Lewis Grant

WEST ROANOKE—J. W. Law, Moderator
Ashland, Merry Hill, Brady Carmack
Cedar Landing, Lewiston, H. H. Murrill
First, Kelford, J. W. Law
First, Powellsville, A. J. Cherry
First, Winton, A. C. Robinson
First, Aulander, W. D. Moore
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Mill Branch, Aulander, W. I. Welch
Mill Neck, Como, H. L. Mitchell
Mt. Olive, Lewiston, Moses Shearin
New Haven, Murfreesboro, S. W. Edwards
Peterson Chapel, Merry Hill
Phillips, Colfield, C. A. Hart
Piney Wood Chapel, Ahoskie
Pleasant Plains, Ahoskie, L. Ray Will

Pleasant Plains, Ahoskie, L. Ray Williams
St. Elmo, Windsor, E. C. Watson
St. Francis, Winton, Brady Carmack
Sandy Point, Windsor, J. W. Law
Second Union, Lewiston, A. J. Cherry
Zion Bethlehem, Merry Hill, Leroy Gilliam

Afterwards, president Manley brought the opening message.

Dr. Fleming then directed the 200-voice mass choir, composed of Baptists from churches in the Greensboro area, in singing "God of Grace and God of Glory," "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "Ye Shall Be Witnesses," and "Farefare with Alleluia."

ALLEN SAYS "IT'S HIGH TIME"

Dr. Sherman introduced the featured speaker of the evening, the Rev. Jimmy Allen, chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Radio and Television Commission.

Rev. Allen's subject was "It's High Time," taken from Romans 13:11, which says, "Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed (RSV)."

Allen said that it is high time to witness to every person in the world by the year 2000. And it's high time to put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

"It's high time for us to challenge the works of darkness."

\$11,400 BEQUEATHED TO CENTRAL ORPHANAGE

The General Baptist Wednesday Session began with devotion, followed by an overview of the laymen's work by Brother Hillard. Certificates were then awarded to pastors and moderators who have met their goals for the past fiscal year.

Brother H. V. Bryant, director of the Central Orphanage in Oxford, and Corbin L. Cooper, director of Cooperative Ministries, thanked the Convention for its support and reported on the progress of their work. After Bryant's report, the Rev. Louis H. Wade, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in White Plains, N. Y., presented an \$11,400 check to the orphanage from the estate of the late A. C. Wade and Victoria Wade of Melbane, N. C. Wade served as executor of his brother's estate.

REV. CARSON SAYS "THE RACE IS ON"

The Rev. R. Logan Carson, pastor of Webb's First Baptist Church, Ellenboro,

Zion Hill, Colerain, C. C. Lawrence

WESTERN UNION—J. H. Everett, Moderator
Brown's Chapel, Clinton, W. C. Marble
Elizabeth, Aultryville, Rudolph Tripp
First, Clinton, C. A. Jones, Sr.
Ingold First, Ingold, E. B. Garrett
Lisbon Street, Clinton, H. R. Cogdell
Littlefield, Newton Grove
Mount Pleasant, Belvoir Community, Lacy Jones
Barnes Chapel, Wilson
Ebenezer, Wilson, W. I. Bowden
First, Bailey, E. D. Woodard
Jackson Chapel First, Wilson, T. A. Watkins
Roundtree, Wilson, L. M. Jordan

YADKIN DAVIS—Ardeal Roseboro, Moderator
Mt. Nebo, Harmony, Ardeal Roseboro
Pleasant Hill, Charlotte, W. E. Howard

YADKIN PHILADELPHIA—W. H. Sturdivant, Mod.
Antioch, Monroe, E. H. Martin
E. Macedonia, Norwood, E. T. Thomas
First, Ansonville, R. E. Blount
Henderson Grove, Wadesboro, E. H. Martin
Olive Grove, Mt. Gilead, W. H. Sturdivant
Walker Grove, Wingate, L. W. Walker
Mount Pleasant, Wadesboro, E. H. Martin

YADKIN VALLEY—Montreal Howell, Moderator
First, N. Wilkesboro, John A. Speaks
Friendship, Olin
Mount Ararat, Mount Airy, Thomas Howell
Mount Pleasant, Jonesville, Montreal Howell
New Damascus, N. Wilkesboro, W. N. Rowe
Poplar Spring, Roaring River, Fred Carlton

ZION BELL—A. L. Bell, Moderator
First, Hamlet, W. O. McCullough
First, Wadesboro, A. L. Bell
Flag Branch, Monroe, E. H. Martin
Fint Ridge, Marshville, A. L. Evans
Nicey Grove, Wingate, C. J. Evans
Elizabeth, Monroe, J. H. Ferguson
Friendship, Monroe, J. B. Crowder
Olive Branch, Marshville, J. C. Robinson
West Deep Creek, Wadesboro, W. A. Sellers

CORRECTION!!!

The contribution for Foreign Mission was listed incorrectly in our recent Annual Report for First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh, W. B. Lewis, pastor. We credited the church for \$380 and it should have been \$1,080; making a total for the Objectives of \$3,388.38 and grand total of \$4,068.38.

We regret this error: we are asking that you please accept our apology for it, for any inconveniences may have caused.

C. C. Cr

brought the closing sermon: "The Convention is Over and the Race is On," taken from 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.

"We have had a good time here at this joint convention," said Rev. Carson. "You see, however, that the Convention is over but the race is not over."

He said that Paul would remind us that while we are running we are under surveillance and under constant scrutiny. Therefore, we have to keep our bodies under control. He said that Christians can't run this race unless they're disciplined. This discipline calls for preparation, breath control, watchfulness and perseverance.

"The Christian life is a continuous warfare," he said. "Therefore, the convention is over, but the race is still on."

The convention was officially closed with a benediction. The One-Day Session of the GBCS will be held at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in Raleigh, the Rev. W. B. Lewis, pastor, on May 5, 1982. The next annual session will be held during the fall at the White Rock Baptist Church in Durham, the Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch, pastor.

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Letter From A Saved Prison Inmate

The Editor:
Greetings in the name of
Jesus Christ and love to you
there.

As I read over the Baptist
former, I was very im-
pressed to see of the great
things GOD is doing in the
lives of His people.

I am here at Wagram prison
and working in the harvest as
to the sentence I am serving.

There has been a prosperous
harvest for me while here in
prison. I have come to know
the amazing power of GOD in
a special way.

GOD has sent wonderful
people to work with me and to
help spread the Word here,
the Rev. Joseph R. Monroe,
who recommended me to
write to you and share what
GOD is doing by His spirit
here at Wagram prison.

Souls are being saved and
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The Baptist Headquarters Staff Wishes All A

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Members of the Baptist Headquarters staff wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. Pictured left to right are Dr. Leo Williams, Jr., Mrs. Gladys Watlington, Ms. Barbara Baylor, Mrs. Willie Mae Cox, Ms. Regina Young, Ms. Ivory Williamson, Dr. C. C. Craig, Mrs. Mary Washington, Mrs. Margarie W. Dunn, Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Waverly Camp, Jr., Mrs. Captola J. Latta, Rev. A. D. Logan, Jr., Ms. Bettie Chisolm.

Sunday School & B.T.U. Congress

Martin Street Baptist, Raleigh, Is February Location

BY LEO WILLIAMS, JR.

Director, Department of Christian Education

The one-day session of the State Sunday School Congress and the State Baptist Training Union Congress, auxiliaries to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., will meet with the Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, on Saturday, Feb. 13, 1982. Registration and preparation will begin at 9 a.m., the opening assembly will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the session will close at 1 p.m. Dr. Paul H. Johnson is pastor of Martin Street.

The National Congress theme is "Teaching and Growing Our Churches." The 1982 emphasis is "Education," which is the theme for the one-day session of the Congress. There will be three workshop areas covering five aspects of the comprehensive scope of the educational task of the church. A 30-minute question-and-answer period will follow the workshops.

Each church is asked to please send at least one messenger to the session, and each church is asked to make a financial contribution of \$50. Our financial goal is \$25,000 for the one-day session. This is a real goal and it can be reached through the

help and cooperation of all of the churches. Our General Baptist State Convention needs the money for its overall budget, especially since we are planning to build a new Baptist Headquarters building in the near future. Each church will receive credit for its \$50 as part of its suggested quota. Each church is asked to please preregister by sending its contribution to the Baptist Headquarters by Feb. 6, 1982.

The one-day session promises to be a real learning experience for the entire General Baptist Family. We are inviting all of the General Convention's officers, committees, boards and departments; all of the auxiliaries' officers, committees, boards and departments; and all of the objectives agencies' officials. Recognitions will be made, and photographs will be taken. Please get the word around, tell everybody to come to the one-day session, Saturday, Feb. 13, 1982, so that we may get on with the business of "Teaching and Growing Our Churches." Mr. Althornton Canada and Mr. Richmond Turner are presidents of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, respectively.

FROM THE EXEC. SECRETARY

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The staff members at Baptist Headquarters: Rev. A. D. Logan, Jr., Dr. Leo Williams, Jr., Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr., Mrs. Margarie W. Dunn, Mrs. Capola J. Latta, Mrs. Mary Washington, Mrs. Willie Mae Cox, Rev. Cureton Johnson, Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Mrs. Bettie Chisolm, Mrs. Gladys Watlington, Mrs. Ivory Pullen and Mrs. Regina Young, join me in wishing for every one of you a New Year



DR. C. C. CRAIG

of happiness and prosperity far beyond your
"And thou Philadelphia, the virgin settlement of this province named before thou wert born, what love, what care, what service and what travail has there been to bring thee forth and preserve thee from such as would abuse and devil thee? O that thou mayest be kept from the evil that would overwhelm thee, that faithful to the God of thy mercies, in the life of righteousness, thou mayest be preserved to the end. My soul prays to God for thee that thou mayest stand in the day of trial, that thy children may be blessed of the Lord, and thy people saved by His power."

This was the prayer that William Penn prayed for the city of Philadelphia two hundred and ninety-two years ago, and this is our prayer for you in the year 1982.

As we view the past with thanksgiving and gratitude, and face our tomorrow with hope, may the Spirit of Christ remain with you now and in the years yet to come.

May this Christmas be a joyous one and the coming year bring you much happiness and success.

Sincerely,
C. C. Craig

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Governor Seeks Volunteers



Dear Reverend Johnson:

I would like to express my appreciation to North Carolina Baptists for the invitation to speak before the joint convention in Greensboro. It was a privilege and honor to be with such a prestigious group of religious leaders. It certainly was a historic occasion, and I was happy to be a part of it.

I would also like to take this opportunity to reemphasize the need for all North Carolina Baptists to find ways to help young people in this state to avoid a life of crime. Hundreds of churches are already involved in one-on-one help to young people in their communities. They are making a significant contribution to the future of their own community and to this state. I want to encourage all the churches and their ministers to push every effort possible to make sure that the future of our youth is assured. If my office can be of help to you in any way possible to encourage these efforts, please call my Special Assistant for Juvenile Affairs, Rich Maxson, at 733-9000.

My warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,
Jim Hunt

Baptist Challenges Colleges

Dear Sir:

I used leaflets and display boards at the recent Baptist Convention in Greensboro to inform my fellow Baptists about the status of integration at Baptist schools in North Carolina.

These charts showed Chowan and Gardner Webb with over seven percent student integration. Campbell and Wingate showed six percent. Wake Forest and Mairs Hill about four percent and Meredith slightly over one percent. These figures were secured from a UNC report.

I presented the figures I received in 1979 concerning integration of faculty and

other employees. All the schools except Wake Forest and Gardner Webb have refused to give any information concerning integration since 1979. The 1979 figures showed twelve black faculty out of several hundred. Chowan and Campbell had no black faculty in 1979. Although several hundred black persons are employed at Baptist schools, almost all of these employees are in the lowest paid jobs. Very few black persons are in staff positions.

With this background, I felt it was time we Baptists put our claims of concern, compassion and love for black persons into a positive show of concern.

I made the following motion: That black persons should be given preferred consideration in all convention and agency employment until their representation at all levels of employment make this practice unnecessary.

This motion was seconded. It was attacked. A substitute motion to make my motion a suggestion to our convention, therefore non-binding, was defeated overwhelmingly. At that point, our convention used a time-honored procedure to avoid any commitment and more importantly, any embarrassment. A motion to table was made by a very prominent Baptist leader. This motion passed overwhelmingly with a obvious sign of relief.

This motion, and more importantly, this issue, will not rest undisturbed on or under our Baptist table.

Harrell Jones
1104 East Ozark
Gastonia, N.C. 28052

Inmate

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delivered from the hand of the enemy.

Prisoners who thought life was not worth the living are rejoicing in the hope of Christ's coming. I have learned that "there is a blessing in pressing." Pray for us here and I shall be praying for you and the work there.

Love in Christ:
Brother Steve Gibson
STEADFAST HEART

I've dreamed many dreams
That never come true.
I've seen them vanish at dawn
But I've realized enough of
My dreams;
Thank God, to make me want
To dream on.

I've prayed many prayers
When no answer came,
Though I waited patient
And long.

But answers have come to
Enough of my prayers
To make me keep praying on.

I've trusted many a friend
That failed, and left me to
Weep alone,
But I've found enough of my
Friends true blue, to make
Me keep trusting on.
I've sown many a seed that
Fell by the way,
For the birds to feed upon,
But I've held enough golden
Sheaves in my hands to
make me keep sowing on.
I've drained the cup of
Disappointment and pain,
And gone many ways without
Song,
But I've sipped enough nectar
From the roses of life
To make me want to live on.

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Best Wishes From The Editor



Cureton Johnson

The New Year is an appropriate time for us to consider our blessings and to think about what kind of "new creation" we are becoming in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

A new creation should be a better person with a better attitude, a better spirit and with even greater determination to serve our Lord.

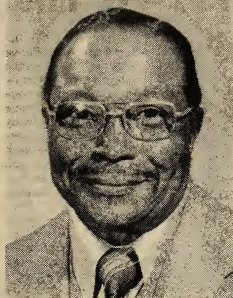
As we continue throughout the year of 1982 to thank God for His "unspeakable gift" through Jesus Christ, let us all commit ourselves anew to the work in our homes, our churches, our associations, unions, and auxiliaries of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Let us also continue and improve our support for the Baptist Informer, the voice of General Baptists throughout the state. Through your support, we, too, can continue the process of being what God's will desires.

Church Honors Retired Pastor A. D. Moseley

DURHAM—The Retirement Testimonial Banquet honoring Dr. Alexander Dumas Moseley, pastor, Mount Zion Baptist Church in Durham, held on Friday, Dec. 4, in the downtown Civic Center.

Dr. Moseley retired on Dec. 31, after twenty years of service with Gilead Baptist Church.

Participants on the banquet program were: Deacon Levi Mitchell, Heczekiah Ruffin, Associate Pastor; Jackson Trueitt of Mount Zion; Attorney Kenneth Spaulding, state legislature; City Councilman Ralph Hunt; Dr. J. R. Manley, pastor, General Baptist State Conference; Rev. C. R. Tyner, moderator; New Hope Missionary Baptist Association; Ben Ruffin, special assistant to Gov. James B. Hunt; Rev. Frizzell Yelverton, president, Durham Interdenominational Council; Dr. C. E. Boulton, president, Durham Congregational Action; Willie C. Lovett, chairman, Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People; Dr. L. A.



Rev. Moseley

Miller, pastor, Evans Metropolitan AME Zion Church, Fayetteville; Dr. Frank B. Weaver, associate superintendent, Durham City Schools; Dr. L. W. Reid, founder and president,

Union Christian Bible Institute; Mrs. Esther High, president, Interdenominational Wives, and Mrs. Nellie Smith, Mt. Gilead organizations.

Randal Rogers and Reverend A. Bernard Morrison served as masters of ceremonies.

Dr. Moseley is former pastor of the New Sawyer Creek Baptist Church in Bell Cross. During his stay, he organized the first chapter of the NAACP in Camden County, which enabled the first black to vote in that county. He also served as pastor of Union Baptist Church, Tarboro; St. John Baptist Church, New Bern, and First Baptist Church of Weldon.

He has served on the Commission of Civil Liberties of the Elks of North Carolina.

In 1962, Dr. Moseley was elected chairman of the Fuller School precinct and was the first black to be elected in a predominantly white precinct in Durham. He was the first black elected president of the Durham Ministers Association. Dr. Moseley served as moderator of the New Hope

Association and as vice president of the General Baptist State Convention.

Dr. Moseley is affiliated with the John Avery Boys Clubs of Durham, the NAACP, CORE and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Currently, he is serving as chairman of the Budget Committee of the General Baptist State Convention and as Dean and Instructor of the Union Christian Bible Institute of Durham.

Dr. Moseley was called to the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in 1961, and he served the church, the community and the city of Durham for 20 years. Under his leadership, the church's financial budget increased from \$18,000 per year to over \$100,000. He led Mt. Gilead to a titling church.

Music for the occasion was furnished by Billy Moize of New York City and a former member of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Miss Karen McLeod and Miss Jennifer Allen of Norfolk, Va., violinist. Miss Allen is a junior at Duke University. Accolades were also given to our first lady, Mrs. Earle C. Moseley.

CHURCH CIRCUIT

Mount Baptist, Concord, Salutes Seniors

The senior citizens of the Mount Baptist Church, located at the corner of Tournament Chestnut Streets, Concord, N.C., the Rev. G. K. Moss, pastor, were honored on Saturday, Nov. 7, with a Senior Citizens Appreciation Day banquet, and on Sunday, Nov. 8, during the 11 a.m. worship services. The theme was "In Land Where We Will Grow Old."

Gail Linker, director of Life Center for Older Adults at Central United Methodist Church, gave a heart-warming and encouraging message to the more than 100 senior citizens who attended the banquet on Saturday. Mrs. Linker began her remarks by asking, who is the oldest senior citizen (the oldest female attending was 84) and the oldest male (84); who has most children, grandchildren, etc.; who traveled farthest, and other similar questions.

Being familiar with many of the seniors, Mrs. Linker used names as examples of strength and inspiration ending a series of poetic

readings. Other highlights of the evening included a delicious meal; musical selections, sung by the "Voices of Hope" (a vocal group of the church), and several door prizes were given away.

On Sunday morning, each senior citizen was presented a yellow carnation corsage and asked to sit in the center pews as a group for worship services. Mrs. Virginia Benton, an invited guest, sang a solo as a special tribute. In his Sunday morning message, Rev. Moss asked the younger members of the church not "to consider senior citizens as leftovers, but rather to see them as one of our most valuable resources." He challenged the senior citizens to "continue living full lives, participating in both church and community affairs, living a life in Christ that would be worthwhile and one that can serve as an example to our youth."

These two days of activities were planned and carried out by Mrs. Mamie Addison and a group of ladies of the church. Transportation was provided by the men of the church.

At Drew Univ.

Rev. Samuel F. Daly recently spent two days on the campus of Drew University, Madison, N.J., and preached the chapel on invitation of the Dean of the School of Theology. After chapel, he and his wife were honored at an

interview dinner attended by some members of the faculty and student body.

He says that he was surprised and encouraged by the warmth with which the sermon was received.



(Top picture) Standing, left to right are the Rev. E. Lee, pastor, North End Baptist Church in Rocky Mount; Mrs. Lucy Gray, missionary; Rev. J. O. Thorne, moderator of the Tar River Ministers, Deacons and Laymen's Union. Seated in the pulpit area are Rev. J. S. Freeman, instructor; Bro. Arthur Williams, president of the state Users Convention; Dr. T. A. Watkins, instructor; Walter Plummer, instructor; and the Union choir. (Bottom picture) The congregation present for the Union's training institute.

Tar River Union Holds Institute

The Tar River Missionary Baptist ministers, deacons and Laymen's Union, under the Neuse River Missionary Baptist Association, held its annual church training institute at the North End Missionary Baptist Church,

Rocky Mount, Rev. E. Lee, pastor, during the week of Oct. 12-16.

Moderator J. O. Thorne had high praises for the instructors and members attending. There were instructors for the total church departments. Dr. T. A. Watkins, ministers; Rev.

J. S. Freeman, deacons and laymen; Arthur Williams, ushers; Lucy Gray, missionaries; Walter Plummer, choir; and Rev. E. Lee, Sun-

day School and BTU. The union choir, under the direction of Walter Plummer, presented a musical concert on Thursday night entitled "God's Trombone." Sermons were delivered other nights by Rev. Moses Exum, Rev. J. N. Hunter, Rev. Butler McKinnon and Dr. T. A. Watkins. God really blessed each evening.

Woman's Page

A GREATER FAITH, A GREATER WORK

BY EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY BRODIE

Certainly we, the Woman's Convention, could not begin the New Year without expressing our gratitude to God, who sustained us, and to all of you who labored with us last year.

Though yesteryear is now history and we are summoned by God to employ a greater faith and to forge a greater work during this the New Year, shall we face the known and unknown missionary challenges of this year with our hearts filled with fear or a faith in the promises of God? One writer has reminded us that without faith, it is impossible to please God. EXEC. SEC.

Thus, let us be BRODIE determined to walk by faith and follow where He leads. For certainly we do not desire

to suffer the loss of the fruits of missions because of our failure to achieve the potential which God has planned for us through faith.

For this year may we commit ourselves to the pathway of faith in God and like Abel, offer our best; like Enoch, walk with God "one day at a time;" like Noah, respond to God's warning; like Abraham, blaze a trail to new frontiers in obedience to God's command; and like Moses, identify ourselves with the unfortunate and help them achieve liberation under the hand of God.

NOTICE—The North American Baptist Women's Union Continental Assembly will be held Oct. 20-23, 1982, in Kansas City, Mo. Persons who desire to go should submit their names and addresses immediately to the Woman's Convention office for further information.

Please notice the Woman's Convention calendar and keep it in mind.

GLOBAL GLANCE

In Sub-Saharan Africa, over three million people have had to leave their homes because of war and famine. From the Sahara desert south, almost half the people of Africa are malnourished. In some rural areas, half the children die before they are five. This heartwrenching situation prompts Christians to ask "What can we do?"

Private organizations working in Africa, particularly church agencies, are making significant contributions to relief efforts. Direct relief does help.

However, congressional action is also needed. Bread for the World has initiated African assistance and hunger prevention legislation in the U. S. Congress to provide crucially needed assistance.

Legislation was introduced in the U. S. Senate by Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., and in the House of Representatives by Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman, R-N.Y., in September (The bill number in the Senate is S 1675, Title V; in the House, HR 4388).

This legislation transfers approximately \$40 million worth of food from a government sales program to one that establishes grain preserves and finances other

famine prevention measures, primarily in Africa. It also shifts U. S. development aid, requiring that at least half of the aid be used to provide irrigation, agricultural training or other goods and services for the very poor. This aid will help recipients on the road to self-sufficiency.

An added plus of the legislation is that it requires no additional spending. Instead, it redirects the funds so they go to persons most in need, especially in Africa.

You can help save lives by writing to your representative and senators, asking them to support increased aid aimed at the African food crisis. Mention the legislation and its bill number in your letter.

UNION PRESIDENTS, DISTRICT CHAIRPERSONS, AND SPECIAL WORKERS MEET

Sixty union presidents, district chairpersons, special workers and interested persons met for an informal meeting Dec. 5 at the Shaw University chapel.

The meeting was held so that WBH&FMC President Thelma Horton and Executive Secretary-Treasurer Priscilla

BY MRS. THELMA HORTON

May I extend to you and your loved ones best wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year. As we approach this New Year with challenges of new dreams, better opportunities for service and dedication to God's will, let us pause for a moment to thank God and to praise Him for all of the various experiences of last year.

All of them pricked the core of our very being, but God's grace was sufficient. Being human, we have a tendency to make comparisons regarding our experiences. We compare good with evil, right with wrong, rich with poor, the educated with the uneducated and even the new with the old—cars, styles, values, procedures, etc.

Down through the ages, the Word of God has continued to invite us to compare our attitudes with the attitude of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Our acceptance or rejection of His attitude will greatly determine the kind of year we shall experience. New attitudes will produce a new and better year.

The same old selfish attitude will continue the old year with extended days. W. C. Boone mentioned three attitudes that men take with reference to the old and the new. The conservative says, "the old is best, let us not change anything." The radical says, "the new is best, let us change everything." But the Christian says, "there is good in both, the old and the new." "Let us prove all things, hold fast that which is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:15).

As we make our New Year's resolutions, let us accept God's will and carry out this Christian attitude. I would like to express my

Brodie could get to know the persons who work so closely with the convention and to pass along important information.

President Horton brought greetings and related other conventional interests to those present.

Dr. Brodie spoke of two new conventional programs for 1982, a prayer retreat and Christian family missions. More information on these programs will be presented later. Helpful material was also distributed at this time.

gratitude to God for your love, support and trust in electing me as your President. I am appealing to each of our pastors, sisters, brothers, and you to continue to accept God's divine will and support the programs of the Woman's Convention. Your presence at our One Day Session, Jan. 9, 1982, at the Raleigh Civic

Center, our annual workshops, conferences, Youth Bible Camp, institutes and retreats will certainly serve as a stimulus for those of us who elected as your leaders. Kind of stimulus will help secure our financial goal of \$314,521 and our spiritual goal of Christ in every heart (Woman's Convention motto).

Woman's Calendar

THE 1982 CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

January: Prayer Month for STATE MISSIONS
(Send offerings to your Woman's State Office)

9th—MID-YEAR SESSION
8:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Civic Center, Raleigh

April: Prayer Month for FOREIGN MISSION
(Send offerings to your Woman's State Office)

3rd—STATE-WIDE LEADERS' WORKSHOP
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.—Registration is \$2.00
(begin sending in Pre-Registration Now)

11th—EASTER

"...I am the resurrection, and the life..."

May—Ministers' Wives Retreat
The Baptist Assembly—Laurel Hill
Mrs. Luella D. Edwards, Consultant
Registration is \$15.00, lunch included.

June 7-11—THE MISSIONARY TRAINING CONFERENCE
The Baptist Assembly—Laurel Hill
Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, Class Instructor

Each Circle should send at least two representatives. The Co-ordinating Committee of the National Session will be recognized a National Session.

13-18—FIRST WEEK OF YOUTH BIBLE CAMP

The Baptist Assembly—Laurel Hill

20-25—SECOND WEEK OF YOUTH CAMP

27-31—THIRD WEEK OF YOUTH CAMP

July 17th—ALL BAPTIST PICNIC
Inspirational Preaching, Singing, Games, Old Fashioned Picnic Baskets

26-29—OBSERVANCE OF THE 96TH ANNUAL SESSION
OUR WOMAN'S CONVENTION
Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Host Church: Emmanuel
Dr. S. W. Mack, Pastor

26—EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
10:00 a.m.—Hyatt

26—THE 9TH ANNUAL PRE-CONVENTION BANQUET
6:00 p.m.

August: Prayer month for the FAMILY

30-September 3—LOTT CAREY CONVENTION
Norfolk, Virginia

September 6-12—NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION
U. S. A., Inc.—Miami, Florida

25—FAMILY MISSIONS CONFERENCE

October: Prayer Month for SHAW UNIVERSITY and THE DIVINITY SCHOOL

20-23—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION
CONTINENTAL ASSEMBLY
Kansas City, Missouri

November 1st—WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

25th—THANKSGIVING DAY

"...It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord..."

December 25th—CHRISTMAS DAY

"...And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Prince of Peace..."



MRS.

Oak Grove Pays Life NAACP Dues

LITTLETON—During a week of activities last month commemorating its 116th year of service, the Oak Grove Baptist Church was awarded its Life Membership in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Making the presentation to Rev. C. E. McCollum, pastor, was Rev. Edward Fleming, president of the Halifax County chapter of the NAACP.

In his remarks, Rev. Fleming commended the Oak Grove family for its commitment to the objectives of the NAACP. He further praised Rev. McCollum and the Oak Grove membership for their "enlightened view of the church's responsibility to the community and to mankind in general."

In accepting the Life Membership award, Rev. McCollum pledged himself and challenged Oak Grove members to an even higher level of community involvement. He stated, "We feel that it is imperative that we as a people support wholeheartedly this call for human justice. The NAACP has served not only black people, but the nation as well, in its quest for equal opportunities for all Americans. We are proud to accept this award on this our 116th anniversary."

NAACP First Vice President Dock Brown extended congratulations to the Oak Grove family for its accomplishments and community

leadership. The presentation of this award places Oak Grove as the second church in Halifax County to receive Life Membership in the NAACP.

Child Abuse Kept Secret

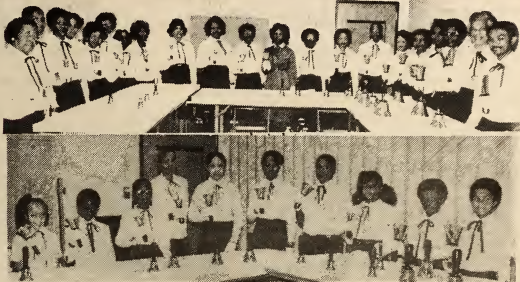
One of humanity's darkest and most ancient perversions is examined in a powerfully written, thoroughly documented study: *The Best Kept Secret—Sexual Abuse of Children* by Florence Rush, with an introduction by Susan Brownmiller (McGraw-Hill Paperbacks, \$5.95).

Probing deeply into sociology, religion, and history, the author shows that from time immemorial, adults have sought sexual gratification at the physical and psychological expense of minors with overt or tacit police approval.

In terms of modern society, Rush points out, the tendency is to disbelieve and blame the victims of sexual molestation, in effect condoning and perpetuating its ravages. A double sexual standard prevails: openly exploited as sex symbols, little girls are also the most frequent victims of child abuse.

Children themselves speak out candidly in these pages, revealing the shocking extent to which "the best kept secret" is a devastating commonplace fact of life.

Florence Rush, a psychiatric social worker with 25 years of experience in the field, was recently granted the Association for Women in Psychology's 1981 Distinguished Publishing Award for *The Best Kept Secret*.



Mount Zion Features Handbell Choirs

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Winston-Salem recently acquired a set of hand bells (three octaves). The handbells were a gift to the church, requested by the late Miss Gwendolyn Poindexter, who worked with the young people of the church throughout her life, in Sunday School, missions and Baptist Training Union.

At present, Dr. Faustina Holman, director of the Division of Applied Arts and Sciences at

Winston-Salem State University, directs the choirs of 28 adults and 15 children.

Dr. Holman has planned with the pastor, Rev. G. G. Campbell, Jr., to provide music during our church worship each fifth Sunday morning.

The president of the adult group is Miss Elvin Smith and LaTonya Easter is the president of the youth group.

Friendship Baptist, High Point

Celebrates Founder's Day

In the year of 1934, on Oct. 27, a man of God and a true believer, namely, the late Rev. Samuel Melton Frazier, founded the "Friendship Missionary Baptist Church" here in High Point. Rev. Frazier and his lovely wife (the late Lillie Mae Haith Frazier) started out in a storefront building located at 400 Loflin Street. There have been three pastors of the church since Rev. Frazier: Rev. T. E. Logan, two years; Rev. James Glover, nine months; and the present pastor, Rev. J. W. Flake.

Later, with God's blessings, the Fraziers and 27 members stepped out in faith and began working, putting their hands to the gospel plow in unity, and

built a church at 600 Loflin Street. Their efforts were abundantly rewarded because of their leadership, sincerity and dedication, as they won many persons to Christ and the Friendship Church.

The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church family has struggled 47 years in love, hope, prayer, fellowship and devotion to overcome obstacles along the way and to accomplish much. Their membership has increased to approximately 375 with 125 members joining under the pastor, national evangelist Rev. Flake, from August, 1980, to October, 1981. They all were very active helping their church and others whenever and wherever it is humanly

possible. Pastor Flake, the deacons, trustees, Sunday School, senior and young adult missionary circles, senior and young adult usher boards, choirs, work diligently in their church and also share wonderful talents in Christian fellowship throughout the community and various cities. They support foreign and home missions and the unified program of the General Baptist State Convention, Inc.

On Sunday, Oct. 25, at 2 p.m., the Friendship Church family observed the 47th Founder's Day service with a worship service featuring the Rev. John Sellars, pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Greensboro, as guest speaker. He was accompanied by his choir and congregation.



The pastor and members of the Friendship Baptist Church of High Point celebrated their Founder's Day in October. (See story)

Ebenezer, Rocky Mt., Hods Shaw Day

Shaw Day was recently held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Sis. Annie Nevary, a Shaw alumna, served ably as chairperson in this effort to raise much-needed funds and generate community interest in Shaw University. Dr. Geneva Chavis, a Shaw graduate and present administrator at Nash Technical Institute, shared a brief history of Shaw University.

Shaw University, founded by Henry Martin Tupper in 1865, is the oldest institution of higher learning for blacks in the south. Shaw boasted of a medical school and law school and was the first institution in America to open its doors to women. Shaw University graduates have founded other institutions of higher education including North Carolina Central University, A&T State University and Elizabeth City State Univer-

sity. Shaw graduates have done great works in many fields.

The Shaw University Day welcome was provided by Ms. Dottie Harrison, a native of this area, and Miss Shaw University 1976-77. Music for the service was rendered by the United Heritage Gospel Choir of Shaw University. A dynamic message, "The Vision," was delivered by the Rev. Ronald Swain, who is a Shaw graduate; a Ph.D. candidate at UNC-Chapel Hill, campus minister, and special assistant to the president at Shaw University.

The Ebenezer Family was privileged to be a part of the effort to support the work of Shaw University and to help insure its progress and growth in the decades ahead with this service and a contribution of over a thousand dollars.

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina:

May this new year 1982 bring to you and yours good health, happiness, and a full share of those things which make this world a better place in which to live.

The Unified Dollar For

The Unified Program

As we move forward in this new year 1982, we must con-

tinue to emphasize the "Unified Dollar for the Unified Program." The unified Program is a plan designed to unify, to make one, to bring

together the undersigned financial support of the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention on a percentage basis. Every dollar contributed to the convention through the Unified Program is divided this manner: 44 percent is used for Shaw Uni-

versity and 10 percent of the 44 percent is used for the Divinity School; 30 percent is used for State Missions; 20 percent is used for Foreign Missions and 10 percent is used for the Central Orange.

We would like for all of our churches to send monthly contributions to the Baptist Headquarters for the "Unified Program" which will permit the Convention to send a monthly contribution to Shaw Uni-

versity and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, the Central Orange and take care of its monthly obligations.

Our financial goal for the fiscal year 1981-82 is \$1,378,047.54. As we seek to accomplish this challenging goal, our plan as usual is to ask each pastor to do one of three things:

- 1) Lead your church to give 10 percent of its budget to the Unified Program; 2) Lead

your church to give an increase of 20 percent above the amount it gave last year; or 3) Accept the suggested quota from the Baptist Headquarters. Your favorable response to one of these suggestions will make it possible for the Convention to reach its financial goal for the fiscal

year 1981-82. The following quotas have been suggested for the churches for the fiscal year 1981-82:

ALEXANDER UNION—G. A. Dula, Moderator			
Antioch, Taylorsville	5200	Morning Star, Eden, J. J. Sims	400
Jerusalem, Mooresville	200	Mt. Herman, Leffing, Joseph Evans	400
Liberty Grove, Taylorsville	1,000	Mt. Zion, Rusburn, J. L. Singletary	200
Macedonia, Shelby, C. M. Moore	1,000	Red Hill, Pelham, E. L. Kirby	500
Mt. Zion, Hickory, Alfred Wright	500	River Zion, Blanch, C. E. Brown	400
St. Peter, Statesville, A. L. Young	500	Rocky Ridge, Lawsonville, P. J. Woods	1,700
		St. James, Leasburg, T. R. Siddle	200
		Shady Grove, Pelham, H. T. Gray	500
		Union Grove, Burlington	200
BEAR CREEK—Spencer Williams, Moderator			
Atkinson, Goldsboro, A. M. Kelly	300	COUNTY LINE—U. R. Booker, Moderator	
Augusta Chapel, Dudley, Brady Carmack	400	Aaron Creek, Granville Co., Moses Hardy	200
Barnes Chapel, Rosewood	500	Blue Wing, Virginia, Va., J. E. Wall	200
Black Grove, Goldsboro, W. C. Horton	400	Hardie Grove, Oxford, Moses Fletcher	200
Elmester, La Grange, W. T. Parks, Jr.	300	Huntsville, Oxford, R. N. Holloway	300
First, Dover, E. Sutton	200	Morning Star, Oxford, W. M. Roberts	200
First, Fremont, B. J. Daniels	200	New Corinth, Oxford	200
First, Kinston, W. K. Raynor	2,000	New Grass Creek, Granville Co., U. R. Booker	200
Greater Mt. Zion, Kinston, R. B. Sykes	300	New Jonathan Creek, Virginia, Va., R. E. Page	300
Holly Green, Goldsboro, Charlie Locklear	300	New Light, Oxford, H. L. Timberlake	400
Holly Hill, Kinston, J. E. Williams	300	Oak Grove, Oxford, M. T. Timberlake	900
Hooks Grove, Pikeville, J. C. Sherrod	1,300	Penn Avenue, Oxford	200
Mt. Calvary, Goldsboro, S. Williams, Jr.	4,200	Raleigh Road, Oxford, Alex Peace	200
Mt. Pleasant, Goldsboro, J. A. Mumford	500	St. Matthew, Oxford, Moses Hardy	500
Patterson Chapel, Kinston, R. Taylor	300	Stovall First, Hogue, Fields	200
Piney Grove, Saratoga, B. J. Daniels	300	Vernon Hill, Roxboro, E. F. Pease	200
St. Delight, Walstonburg, R. Taylor	1,200	Whetstone, Oxford, G. A. Gilchrist	700
St. Stephen, Goldsboro	300	White Rock, Granville Co.	200
Shady Grove, La Grange	200		
Union Grove	200		
Winn Chapel, Mt. Olive, J. K. Clarida	500		
		DEEP RIVER—M. P. McCleave, Moderator	
BRUNSWICK-WACCAW—L. F. Boone, Moderator		Bethlehem, Carthage, Lincoln Blanding	300
Big Macedonia, Supply, Lawrence Keel	200	Butler's Chapel, Franklinville, D. Jones	200
Central, Whiteville, David Flowers	1,000	Edwards Grove, Liberty, M. P. McCleave	1,800
Diamond Branch, Whiteville, C. E. Graham	200	First, Cameron	200
First Avenue, Wilmington	300	First, Pittsboro, Larry Siler	200
First St. Paul, Whiteville, W. J. Boykin	200	First Calvary, Sanford, J. L. Morgan	2,400
Friendship, Whiteville, E. F. Prince, Jr.	1,000	Harris Grove, Siler City, Clayton Poole	300
Green Chapel, Bolton, W. M. Gaines	500	Lambeth Chapel, Siler City	400
Little Iron Hill, Tabor City, N. B. Benjamin	400	Mt. Calvary, Colon	200
Little Wheel of Hope, Whiteville, R. McCray	200	Mt. Moriah, Cameron	200
Macedonia, Supply, L. R. Keel	400	Mt. Olive, Moncure	600
Mill Branch, Whiteville, W. D. Frink	400	New Bensalem, Robbins, T. O. Davis	600
Mt. Nebo, Wilmington, L. F. Boone	900	New Zion, Sanford, E. N. Hooker	600
Mt. Zion, Chadbourn, J. Beese, Jr.	500	Oak Grove, Snow Camp	600
New Light, Halltown, N. B. Benjamin	800	Oakland, Ramseur, G. Donahue	400
St. Bethel, Whiteville, W. D. Frink	400	Pine Ridge, Sanford, Larry Siler	300
St. Paul No. 1, Whiteville, W. J. Boykin	400	Rock Hill, Cameron, E. N. Hooker	200
Sandy Plain, Clarkton, T. Chestnut	200	Roberts Chapel, Goldston, S. Buie	600
Second St. Paul, Halltown	200	Rocky River, Siler City	200
Spring Hill, Whiteville, Paul Ford	200	St. John, Climax, A. B. Bass	700
Zion Plain, Nakina, J. R. Keel	800	St. John, Dunn	200
Welches Creek, Whiteville, T. Chestnut	500	Sixth Ave. First, Siler City, E. Brown	1,800
		Taylor's, Durham, Willie Taylor	400
		White Oak, Lillington, David Jones	300
CEBAR CREEK—N. P. Brodie, Moderator			
Eureka Chapel, Fayetteville, C. H. McLaurin	600	EAST CAROLINA PROGRESSIVE—V. A. White, Mod.	
Greater First, Cedar Creek, N. P. Brodie	200	First, Belgrade, V. A. White	200
Mt. Carmel, Fayetteville, A. D. McMillan	300	Pilgrim Chapel First, James City, W. E. Sinclair	1,400
		Star of Zion, New Bern, Cleveland Parks	600
CEDAR GROVE—E. L. Kirby, Moderator			
Blackwell, Yanceyville, G. H. Badgett	200	EAST CEDAR GROVE—H. L. Timberlake, Moderator	
Bloestone, Pelham, J. B. Doe	300	Calvary, Durham, W. L. Butler	200
First, Roxboro, J. W. Barnes	400	Cameron Grove, Durham, K. Duff	200
Greater Brandon Chapel, Milton	400	Cedar Grove, Roxboro, C. H. Cobb	400
Groom's Chapel, Reidsville, R. B. King	200	Cleggs Chapel, Timberlake, G. D. Allison	200
Hamer Branch, Cephus Lee	600	Ebenezer, Durham	1,200
Kimes Chapel, Mebane, A. A. Crum	300	First, Oxford	2,000
Lawson Chapel, Roxboro, John Wiley	200	First Calvary, Durham, V. S. Thompson	3,500
Maple Grove, Mebane, G. H. Badgett	200	Greater St. Paul, Durham, W. T. Bigelow	8,000
Martin's Chapel, Mebane, R. H. Brooks	200	Henderson Grove, Durham, G. C. Ragland	200
Mill Hill, Roxboro, J. W. Siddle	200		
		Lattisville Grove, Hurdle Mills, H. McVey	300
		Ledge Rock, Granville Co., B. V. Alston	200
		Mt. Bright, Hillsborough, W. Richardson	200
		Mt. Calvary, Bahama, O. L. Sherrill	1,600
		Mt. Sevel, Durham, C. L. Dunston	1,200
		Mt. Vernon, Creedmoor, W. R. Neal	200
		Mt. Zoar, Durham, A. H. Parker	400
		New Hope, Oxford, H. L. Timberlake	500
		New St. James, Timberlake, J. A. Raye	200
		Oliver Grove, Oxford, M. T. Timberlake	600
		Orange Grove, Durham, James Daniels	1,000
		Pine Grove, Creedmoor, Aloysius High	200
		Red Mountain, Rougemont, C. L. Johnson	200
		Rock Spring, Creedmoor	200
		St. John, Durham, John Caldwell	800
		Shady Hill, Roxboro, H. O. Edwards	400
		Siloam, Person Co.	200
		Synama Grove, Stem, N. M. Harvey	200
		Tally Ho, Stem, N. M. Harvey	200
		Union, Durham, G. D. Davis	3,500
		Union Chapel, Hurdle Mills, E. U. Chavis	200
		West Durham, H. J. Cobb	2,700
		EASTERN PAMlico—Leroy Adams, Moderator	
		Mary's Chapel, Washington, S. Keys	200
		Mary & Martha, Erml, C. Bryant	200
		Oakey Grove, Bonnett, Leroy Adams	200
		Phenel Chapel, Blounts Creek, E. L. Powell	300
		Phoenix Chapel, Edward, E. L. Powell	300
		St. Cindy, Blounts Creek, Lucinda Moore	200
		Triumph, Blounts Creek, L. C. Spruill	200
		United, New Bern, Clifton Harris	200
		EBENEZER—R. E. Devoe, Moderator	
		Ebenezer, Kings Mtn., D. C. Wilson	1,000
		Edwards Chapel, Landwade, C. H. Davis	200
		Esquire Grove, Shelby, J. C. Robinson	3,000
		Fairview, Cherryville, Marvin Connelly	200
		First, Earl, R. F. Kilgore	300
		First, Landville, Billy D. Houze	3,500
		First, New Hope, Spring Springs, R. Blanton	1,200
		Hopewell, Shelby, J. L. Moore	1,200
		Hoopers Chapel, Shelby, W. Wallace	200
		Light Oak, Shelby, J. C. Browner	3,000
		Long Branch	200
		Macedonia, Waco, J. E. Montgomery	2,000
		Macedonia No. 2, Shelby, H. H. Ship	200
		Maiden Chapel, Maiden, J. D. Ponder	800
		Maple Springs, Shelby, R. L. Dover	800
		Mt. Calvary, Shelby, S. A. Raper	600
		Mt. Olive, Kings Mtn., W. Maddox	1,500
		Mt. Pisgah, Bessemer City, C. Turner	3,800
		Mt. Pleasant, Bessemer City, L. C. Knuckles	800
		Mt. Zion, Kings Mtn., D. Whittenburg	200
		Mountain View	200
		New Ellis Chapel, Shelby, A. Ponder	200
		New Hope, Vale, B. J. Thomas	200
		New Zion, Henrietta, R. Abbott	700
		Old Ellis Chapel, Patterson Springs, W. B. Ellis	1,800
		Palmer's Grove, Pafayette, W. B. Ellis	1,500
		Providence, Lincolnton, Clement Morris	1,000
		Ramseur, Shelby, Paul Ramsey	500
		St. James, Bessemer City, E. Early	1,200
		St. Peter, Grover, J. E. Floyd	1,200
		Second, Lincolnton, R. D. Davis	600
		Shady Grove, Kings Mtn., E. L. Ponder	2,200
		Shiloh, Shelby, R. E. Devoe	2,500
		Shiloh Creek, Shelby, J. R. Smith	5,500
		Washington, Shelby, H. L. Rhedrick	2,500
		Zion Hill, Cherryville, Frank Smith	3,000

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GASTON COUNTY—H. J. Campbell, Moderator

Center, Gastonia, W. R. Wallace	700
Emmanuel, Gastonia, S. H. Barber, Jr.	3,000
Fancy Hill	200
First, Dallas, R. W. Ramsey	1,500
Friendship, Gastonia, T. M. Walker	2,500
Macedonia, Lucia, I. G. Johnson	2,500
Mt. Calvary, Lowell, R. Gingles	300
Mt. Hebron, Gastonia, B. Antrum	1,600
Mt. Moriah, Belmont, A. S. Davis	1,000
Mt. Pisgah, Gastonia, J. W. Wallace, Jr.	1,000
Mt. Pleasant, Belmont, R. A. May, Jr.	3,000
New Canaan, Gastonia, R. W. Dalton	400
New High Springs, Gastonia, C. E. Mack	200
St. John, Gastonia	300
St. Paul, Gastonia, H. J. Campbell	3,000
Springfield, Stanley, T. Armstrong	1,800
Tabernacle, Gastonia, V. M. Worthing	2,500

GOLD HILL—R. Logan Carson, Moderator

Friendship, Ellenboro, J. T. Hill	200
Garrison Chapel, Tryon	200
Gold Hill, Rutherford	400
Green Creek, Tryon, J. E. Smith	800
Jerusalem, Forest City, Garvin Ross	500
Mt. Nebo, Lake Lure, Jerry Sanders	500
New Vernon, Bostic, R. C. Carpenter	200
New Zion, Spindale, J. H. Bailey	400
Oak Grove, Forest City, H. T. Dodd	400
Postor Grove, Greensboro, R. L. Carson	600
Wheat's Creek, Rutherford, S. E. Williams	600
White Oak Spring, Ellenboro, Benny Bryan	200

GUIDING LIGHT—L. A. Reid, Moderator

Bethel, Kannapolis	200
Friendship, Colesburg, J. R. Samuels	200
Henderson Grove, Salisbury, W. Davis	200
Mt. Zion, Salisbury, David Houston	200
St. Joseph, Statesville, J. W. Nappen	200
Shady Oak, Bear Poplar, V. McCune	200
Shiloh, Concord, W. Harding	200

GUILFORD—W. M. Harris, Moderator

Bethlehem, Winston-Salem, E. L. Clark	1,000
E. White Oak, Greensboro, G. H. Brooks	500
Elm Grove, Reidsville, C. Davidson	1,000
Fairgrove, Sunnyfield	200
First United, High Point	300
Poster Grove, Jamestown, B. D. Curtis	500
Friendship, High Point, J. W. Flake	800
Getsemane, High Point, R. McCunney	800
Getsemane Hope, Winston-Salem, W. M. Harris	300
Locust Grove, Brown Summit	300
Mt. Zion, Greensboro	200
New Cedar Grove, Greensboro	200
New Hope, Greensboro, Walter Richmond	200
New Light, Greensboro, C. H. Brown	1,000
Greater St. Matthew, Winston-Salem, C. Gill	200
St. Paul's, Winston-Salem, D. Stowe	300
White Oak Grove, Greensboro, A. Graves	200
White Rock, Winston-Salem	200

HAMMONDS CREEK—C. T. Bowen, Moderator

Bladen Branch, Elizabeth, B. L. Smith	200
First, Elizabethtown, W. H. D. Flowers	1,000
Jerusalem, Council, C. T. Bowen	200
Kitchen Branch, Council	200
Pilgrim Hill, Clarkston, J. R. Godfrey	200
Piney Grove, Council, B. L. Smith	500
Pleasant Hill, Clarkston, C. T. Bowen	500
Pleasant Union, Riegelwood, A. H. Murphy	800
Sandhills, Bladenboro, P. R. Gerald	400
Whites Creek, Lisbon, J. R. Godfrey	400

HIGH POINT—W. L. Wilson, Moderator

Bethlehem, High Point	200
First Calvary, Winston-Salem, W. L. Wilson	800
Getsemane, Greensboro, J. W. Reed	1,500
Morning Star, Winston-Salem	200
New Jerusalem, Winston-Salem, S. J. Cornelius	200
St. James, Greensboro, P. E. Graves	2,000

HYDE COUNTY—Henderson Harris, Moderator

Faithful Hannah, Creswell, E. D. Alexander	200
St. Joseph's Chapel, Swanquaters, John Chance	200
Mt. Pilgrimage, Engelhard, C. R. Anthony	200
Mt. Sinai, Engelhard, C. R. Anthony	200
Old Richmond, Swanquaters, Jessie Harvey	200

Pleasant Grove, Engelhard, C. R. Anthony	200
St. John, Scranton, E. D. Alexander	200
St. Miller, Belhaven, N. L. Barrow	200
Snow Hill, Fairfield, Jessie Harvey	200
Terra Ceia, Pantego, E. D. Alexander	200

JOHNSTON DISTRICT—A. A. Crum, Moderator

Bethlehem, Raleigh	200
First, Clayton, L. E. Simpson	600
First, Selma, L. E. Simpson	500
First, Smithfield	1,500
First, Wilson Mills	200
First Calvary, Raleigh, T. Williams	200
Galilee, Smithfield, W. H. Lucas	600
Good Samaritan, Garner, L. J. Perry	700
Green Hill, Smithfield	200
Johnston Piney Grove, Clayton, L. Coppedge	1,800
Lee's Cross Road	300
Mitchner Memorial, Smithfield, W. Y. Davis	700
New Bethel, Clayton, A. M. Wiggins	200
New Hill, Selma, W. M. Giles	200
New Vester, Sims, S. L. Ballentine	200
Oakley Grove, Smithfield, Roger Brodie	400
St. Amanda, Clayton	200
Spring Hill, Zebulon, E. J. Neal	400
Strickland Grove, Four Oaks, W. H. Lucas	500
Sylvia Chapel, Smithfield	200
Union, Raleigh, Leonard Williams	200
Watts Chapel, Raleigh, Frank Weaver	1,000

KENANSVILLE EASTERN—S. M. White, Moderator

Central, Wilmington, Hosea Murray	400
Daisy Chapel, Beulahville	200
Eastern Chapel, Goldsboro	200
First, Calypso	200
First, Chincapin, R. L. Lassiter, Sr.	600
First, Kenansville, C. W. Wright	400
First, Turkey, S. M. White	1,500
First, Warsaw, R. A. Morris	2,500
First, Wilmington, J. Z. Windley	200
Friendship, Wilmington, J. D. Morrissey	200
Halls Chapel, Burgaw, Preston Grimes	300
Mt. Gilead, Mt. Olive, C. W. Wright	1,000
Peter's Tabernacle, Wallace, L. Wright	500
Roseville, Willard, H. D. Jones, Sr.	1,800
Pilgrim Rest, Tomahawk, W. D. Frink	300
Rainbow, Warsaw, F. L. Daniels	300
St. John, Rocky Point, L. R. James	400
St. Luke, Mt. Olive, F. L. Daniels	200
Six Run, Turkey, Isaac Johnson	600
Union Chapel, Burgaw, C. A. Leach	300
Willard Chapel, Willard, J. D. Morrissey	300

LANE CREEK—L. D. Parker, Moderator

Antioch, Charlotte, Preston Pendergrass	3,800
Bethany, Charlotte	200
Elizabethtown, Marshfield, H. L. Nicholson	1,000
First, Kannapolis, P. C. Holland, Jr.	5,000
Getsemane, Davidson, C. Morris	800
Liberty Hill, Waxhaw, David Cook, Jr.	800
Macedonia, Midland, H. L. Nicholson	800
Mt. Moriah, Wingate, J. N. Coble	600
Mt. Nebo, Waxhaw	400
Mt. Pisgah, Waxhaw, W. T. Richardson	1,500
Mt. Zion, L. Feeley	200
Oak Grove, Harrisburg, H. E. Johnson	500
Piney Grove, Marshville	6,500
St. David, Wingate, J. B. Crowder	200
St. Luke, Charlotte, L. D. Parker	4,200

LUMBER RIVER—Daniel Lee, Moderator

Aaron Swamp, Fairmont, M. B. Stubbs	300
Antioch, Proctorville, G. T. Cromwell	300
Bryant Swamp, Bladenboro, C. E. Johnson	600
Cedar Grove, St. Pauls, J. A. Raye	400
Ebenezer, Marietta	400
First, Bladenboro, A. C. Jones	1,200
First, Cadoburn, J. E. Barber, Jr.	500
First, Fairmont, J. J. Johnson	500
First, Lumberton, E. B. Turner	6,000
First, McDonald, R. B. Walls, Sr.	200
First, Orrum, E. Roundtree	400
Greenville, Lumberton, T. A. Hart	600
Hester Chapel, Lumberton, J. L. LeSane	200
Hilly Branch, Lumberton, J. M. Dunham	2,500
Holy Swamp, Lumberton, S. McDonald	300
Horace Grove, Boardman, R. M. McCray	300
Mill Branch, Fairmont, Marvin Ford	400

Mt. Moriah, Chadbourne, Samuel Stanley	400
Mount Tabor, Cerro Gordo, Daniel Lee	300
New Bethel, Reel, Ollie Miller	400
New Hope, Clarkston, T. D. Killens	400
Oak Grove, Robeson County, C. C. Baxter	400
Piney Grove, Evergreen, Howard Davis	400
Pleasant Meadows, Lumber Bridge, C. C. Baxter	500
Sandy Grove, Lumberton, S. A. Locks	1,200
Rose Hill, Lumberton, J. D. McDuffie	200
St. Mary, Evergreen, Paul Ford	200
Spring Branch, Orrum	500
Star of Bethlehem, Fairmont, Charles McDowell	300
Stone Grove, Lumberton, J. A. Thompson	300
Thompson Chapel, Lumberton	200

MECKLENBURG GENERAL—J. B. Humphrey, Mod.

Beatties Ford Trinity, Charlotte, Robert Miller	400
Bible, Charlotte, I. Milledge	200
Corinthian, Charlotte	200
Ebenezer, Charlotte, A. B. Sutton	6,000
First, Charlotte, J. B. Humphrey	200
First, Mayfield, Charlotte, Lemah Robinson, Sr.	200
First, Mt. Zion, Charlotte, C. V. Owens	3,500
Friendship, Charlotte, Coleman W. Kerry	1,000
Galilee, Charlotte, F. A. Griffin	200
Greater Mt. Sinai, Charlotte, N. E. Kerry	5,000
Greater Providence, Charlotte, J. W. Wallace, Jr.	300
Green Oak, Charlotte, M. N. Kelly	1,500
Macedonia, Concord, Sampson Long, Jr.	1,200
Morning Star, Charlotte, Abraham Lockhart	300
Mt. Carmel, Charlotte, L. C. Riddick	300
New Community Christian, Charlotte, V. W. Jackson, Sr.	200
Second Calvary, Charlotte, Lemah Robinson, Sr.	2,500
New St. John, Charlotte, Robert Leak	400
Oak Grove, Rev. Nash	200
Rose Hill, Kannapolis, J. W. Wallace, Sr.	600
Silver Mount, Charlotte, William Lee, Jr.	2,500
Temple, Charlotte, J. M. Kennedy	200

MIDDLE BAPTIST—J. G. McKnight, Moderator

Allen Chapel, Louisburg, N. Spruill	200
Ansley Grove, Henderson, H. Peace	200
Big Run Creek, Dabney, J. Davis	300
Concord, Kittrell, S. Bullock	1,800
Davis Chapel, Henderson, C. V. Harris	200
First, Louisburg, W. D. Johnson	300
Flatt Creek, Henderson	300
Getsemane, Bunn, C. H. Cobb	600
Hawkins Chapel, Franklinton, W. S. Taylor	1,800
Nelson Chapel, Louisburg, E. L. Brodie	200
New Bethel, Henderson, J. H. Bryant	200
Nutbush, Henderson	300
Manasseh, Franklinton, O. H. Brodie	200
Red Bud, Henderson, J. E. Hall	200
Shady Grove, Louisburg	400
Shiloh, Kittrell, L. G. Brown	400
South Main St., Louisburg, J. G. McKnight	900
Spring Street, Henderson, R. N. Burnette	600
Timberlake Grove, Louisburg	200
Welcome Chapel, Henderson, W. Gibson	300

MIDDLE DISTRICT—B. L. Rich, Moderator

Angew's Chapel, Clinton, S. A. Richardson	600
Antioch, Goldsboro, O'Leary Lewis	1,000
Bethelme, Magnolia	200
Cane Creek, Currie, G. P.	300
Christian Chapel No. 2, Wilmington, E. H. Stevenson	200
Christian Light, Autryville	200
Crystal Springs, Leland	200
Ebenezer, Wilmington, Richard A. Wright	5,000
Enoch Chapel, Wilmington, J. A. Mitchell	200
Falling Run, Fayetteville, John D. McDonald	2,100
First, Armour, L. B. Boykin	300
First, Garland, Samuel McDonald	600
First, Rose Hill, W. K. Raynor	1,200
First, Southport	400
First, Steadman	500
First, Teachey	200
Friendship, Fayetteville, B. L. Rich	800
Hawes Chapel, Atkinson, Carroll Midgette	500
Hayes Chapel, Leland	200
Hoppers Chapel, Leland, J. T. Simpson	300
Keathern Chapel, Harrells, D. A. Howard	300
Lakes Chapel, Atkinson, C. W. Pate	1,200
Macedonia, Wilmington, A. A. McCrae	200
Manhollow, Hampstead	200
Moore's Creek, Currie, John Kee	600
Mt. Calvary, Wilmington	2,000

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Mt Pisgah, Burgaw, A. A. McCrae	400	New Bethel, Morganton	200	St. Paul, Rocky Mount	200
Mt. Renna, Rocky Point, E. H. Stevenson	300	New Light, Lenoir, R. L. Ferguson	200	St. Peter, Weldon, G. A. Gilchrist	200
Mt. Sinai, Rose Hill, J. T. Simpson	200	New Prospect, Sherrill's Ford, C. E. Rowe	1,800	St. Stephens, Tarboro, Wiley Parker	1,800
Mt. Zion, Riegelwood	500	New Zion, Drexel, C. W. Poole	200	Salem Chapel, Tarboro	200
New Christian Chapel, Leland, W. E. Beamon	600	St. James First, Troutman, L. Wilson	1,000	Shiloh, Rocky Mount, R. L. Battle	1,000
Pilgrim Chapel, Wilmington	300	St. John, Statesville, W. Lee	1,000	Shiloh, Scotland Neck, Waymon Walden	1,000
Pleasant Hill, Kelly, C. E. Johnson	300	Third Creek, Stony Point, J. Thomas	1,800	Simmons Grove, Roanoke Rapids, G. Battle	1,800
Rosa Green, Currie	200	University Park, Charlotte, J. E. Palmer	4,500	Smith Chapel, Halifax, R. L. Battle	1,000
Royal Chapel, Harrells, S. M. White	200	MUD CREEK—H. B. Ferguson, Moderator		Tillery Chapel, Tillery, E. L. Fleming, Sr.	1,000
Royal Chapel, Ivanhoe, R. W. Love	300	Bethel "A", Edward, F. H. Goldsmith	600	Thorne's Chapel, Rocky Mount, R. L. Battle	1,000
St. John No. 2, Bolivia, Freeman Gause	1,200	Blue Ridge, Edgelyville, J. E. White	200	Twilight, Weldon, G. A. Gilchrist	200
St. Louis, Chinquapin, W. E. Martin	1,200	Catawba View, Old Port, J. H. Sullivan	1,800	White Oak, Maclefield, W. R. Burston	1,800
St. Mary, Winnabow, Raymond Smith	200	Fairmont, Asheville, J. E. Roberts	500	White Oak, Enfield, E. R. Bynum	200
Second, Fayetteville, W. E. Beamon	2,000	First Nazareth, Asheville, C. R. Mosley	3,000	Zion Hill, Littleton, C. H. Whitaker	200
Shiloh, Wilmington, W. Prince Vaughn	3,000	Glade Creek, Pisgah Forest, R. C. Young	200	Zion Hill, Seaboard, McKinley Nicholson	1,000
Shoulders Branch, Castle Haynes, G. P. House	600	Greater New Zion, Fletcher, R. C. Ray	1,200		
Spring Hill, Riegelwood, W. E. Martin	600	Hill Street, Asheville, N. M. Avery	7,000	NEW BERN-EASTERN—W. L. Griffin, Moderator	
Union, Wilmington	300	Hills Chapel, Black Mtn., F. L. Gordon	1,000	Bethel, Edward, Langford Love	1,000
MIDDLE GROUND—G. E. Brown, Moderator		Mt. Carmel, Arden, J. H. Sullivan	300	Bethel, New Bern, I. M. Jordan	1,000
Antioch, Everetts, H. H. Moore	200	Mt. Carmel, Asheville, Cecil J. Moore	7,000	Clay Bottom, Blounts Creek, L. Adams	1,000
Belmont, Robersonville, J. E. Williams	300	Mt. Zion, Asheville, J. W. White	7,000	Green Hill, Bayboro, J. T. Parks	1,000
Cedar Grove, Williamson	200	New Bethel, Asheville	800	Green Hope, Chocowinity, L. Adams	1,000
Cedar Hill, Williamson, E. L. Powell	800	New Mt. Olive, Asheville, O. T. Tomes	3,300	Memoria, New Bern, W. L. Griffin	1,000
Chapel Hill, Williamson, T. R. Vines	300	New Salem, Swannanoa, W. E. Simpson	200	Mt. Olive, Messic, W. C. Horton	1,000
Christ Temple, H. Hammond	300	Rock Hill, Asheville, H. B. Ferguson	1,000	Mt. Pilgrim, Newport, J. A. James	1,000
Concord Chapel, R. T. H. H. Moore	700	Saint John "A", Asheville, J. H. Sullivan	200	Mt. Shiloh, Idalia, W. L. Griffin	1,000
Long Ridge, Plymouth, H. Hammond	400	Saint Paul, Asheville, J. E. Peden	200	Mt. Shiloh, James City, F. C. Mitchell	1,000
Lily of the Valley, Plymouth, E. L. Powell	1,200	Star of Bethel, Hendersonville, L. J. Westbrook	3,500	Mt. Shiloh, Aurora, W. L. Griffin	1,000
Macedonia, Hassell, H. H. Moore	200	Tabernacle, Asheville, C. Johnson	200	Mt. Sinai, Stonewall, W. M. McDavid	1,000
Mayo's Chapel, Tarboro, Walter Cherry	500	Union Grove, Hendersonville, C. E. Owens	1,200	Mt. Zion, Arapahoe, J. B. Crandall	1,000
Olive Branch, Parmele, J. H. Williams	500	Worldwide Tabernacle, Asheville, Wesley Grant	1,800	Pilgrim Chapel, Oriental	1,000
Pine Chapel, Pinetops, E. L. Powell	1,200	NEUSE RIVER—F. L. Bullock, Moderator		Queen Street, Beaufort, W. V. Pritchett	1,000
Poplar Point, Williamson, H. Hammond	300	Allen Grove, Halifax, James Barham	300	St. Anna, Blounts Creek, L. R. Brod	1,000
Rock Hill, Williamson, H. H. Moore	300	Bething, Seaboard, Edward L. Fleming	4,200	St. Antioch, Havelock	1,000
St. John, Stokes	200	Bethlehem, Tarboro, Wayne Hines	1,000	St. Francis, Blounts Creek, A. J. White	1,000
St. Mt. Oak City	200	Boones Chapel, Dobson, R. H. Kidd	200	St. Gallie, Maribel, L. A. Dillahunt	1,000
St. Matthew, Rocky Mount, Walter Cherry	300	Cedar Grove, Henrico, F. C. Mitchell	600	St. Hooker, Aurora, J. A. Parker	1,000
St. Paul, Oak City, W. I. Price	400	Cedar Grove, Rocky Mount, J. O. Thorne	700	St. John, Aurora, A. J. White	1,000
Second Union Grove, W. V. Pritchett	200	Chapel Grove, Garysburg, J. M. Hunter	200	St. John, New Bern, J. S. Moore	1,000
Sycamore Chapel, Hamilton, K. P. Fisher	500	Cherry Chapel, Sharpsburg, J. M. Hunter	700	St. Luke, Edwards, J. H. Parker	1,000
Sandy Point, Williamson	400	Crowell, Halifax, McKinley Nicholson	600	St. Luke, Monrovia City, C. Dickens	1,000
Second Zion Grove, Plymouth, W. V. Pritchett	600	Eastern Star, Tarboro, L. J. Morris	2,000	St. Monica, Grimesdale, A. J. White	1,000
Weeping Mary, Hassell, G. E. Brown	200	Ebenezer, Rocky Mount, T. H. Walker	5,000	St. Peter, Aurora	1,000
Willow Chapel, Gold Point, G. E. Brown	400	First, Battleboro, N. M. Johnson	500	St. Peter, Royal, Billy Smith	1,000
Wynn Chapel, Robersonville	500	First, Enfield, L. M. Braswell	1,000	St. Peter, Vandemere, W. V. Pritchett	1,000
MOUNT PEACE—W. A. Rorie, Moderator		First, Garysburg, G. A. Smith	200	St. Stephen, Aurora, J. A. Gibbs	1,000
Chambers Grove, Charlotte	200	First, Halifax, Wayne Welch, Sr.	300	St. Stephen, Oriental, L. D. Bizzell	1,000
Faith Memorial, Charlotte, W. H. Caldwell	1,200	First, Roanoke Rapids, R. H. Kidd	500	Spring Garden, New Port, W. M. McDavid	1,000
First Mt. Calvary, Charlotte, M. Clowney	800	First, Weldon, J. B. Moore	4,000	Tabernacle, New Bern, P. Midgett	1,000
Gethsemane, Charlotte, C. E. Dewberry	5,000	First African, Goldsboro, I. B. Horton	3,000	NEW ERA—C. A. Leach, Moderator	
Greater Galilee, Charlotte, W. McKissick	4,300	First Calvary, Rocky Mount, S. J. Jones	600	Butler Branch, Fair Bluff, C. L. Mearie	1,000
Macedonia, Mt. Holly	200	First Christian, Rocky Mount, D. Williams	1,600	Center, Bladenboro, Vaughn R. Cherry	1,000
Mayfield Memorial, Charlotte, H. S. Digs	1,000	Galilee, Tillery, N. M. Johnson	400	Cherry Grove, Whiteville, Samuel Stanley	1,000
Mt. Olive, Huntersville, M. B. McLwain	1,000	Gaston, Gasfon, James E. Barham	1,200	First, Taber City, J. T. McCray	1,000
Mt. Vernon, Iron Station, M. T. Clowney	300	Harris Chapel, Tarboro, J. H. Staton	800	Mt. Olive, Whiteville, C. H. Buck	1,000
Mt. Zion, Charlotte, Ulysses Elder	800	Hickory Grove, Rocky Mount	700	Olive Grove, Cerro Gordo, J. B. Manning	1,000
New Hope, Charlotte, B. R. Moore	1,500	Hickory View, Rocky Mount	300	St. John, Chadbourne, Raymond Smith	1,000
New Pleasant Valley, Charlotte, O. L. Gray	200	Leggett Chapel, Leggett, Willie Taylor, Jr.	900	Sandy Grove, Fair Bluff, C. A. Leach	1,000
New Providence, Mt. Holly, B. L. Brooks	1,100	London, Roanoke Rapids, G. A. Gilchrist	1,000	NEW HOPE—C. R. Tyner, Moderator	
New Zion, Charlotte, B. R. Robinson	3,500	Long's Chapel, Hobgood, Wiley Parker	300	Barbee's Chapel, Chapel Hill	1,000
Pleasant Hill, Charlotte, J. A. Cuthbertson	3,600	Mark's Chapel, Battleground, W. L. Barnes	200	Bazel Creek, Fuquay-Varina, N. T. Davis	1,000
Progressive, Charlotte	300	Megapolis, Rocky Mount, J. E. Arnette	1,000	Cedar Row, New Hope, E. H. Thorne	1,000
St. Mark, Charlotte, A. G. Cole	500	Morning Star, Battleboro, T. R. Vines	1,000	Community, Durham, Percy Chase	1,000
St. Paul, Charlotte, Paul Drummond	1,000	Morning Star, Pinetops, George Cooper, Jr.	1,200	Felton Grove, Apex, L. W. Leake	1,000
St. Paul Community, Charlotte, R. M. Young	3,500	Mount Carmel, Rocky Mount, W. E. Battle	400	First, Apex, J. E. Perkins	1,000
St. Phillip, Huntersville	200	Mount Olive, Rocky Mount, G. E. Battle	1,800	First, Chapel Hill, J. R. Manley	1,000
Salem, Charlotte, A. L. Jenwright	300	Mt. Zion, Seaboard, F. L. Bullock	200	First, New Hill, G. T. Headen	1,000
Shiloh Inst., Charlotte, T. G. Davis	1,500	New Hope, Battleboro, Wilton Byrd	1,000	Jethsemane, Durham, V. E. Brown	1,000
Temple Chapel, Charlotte, G. E. Gilmore	600	North End, Rocky Mount, Elbert Lee, Jr.	1,200	Hav River, Chatham Co., R. D. James	1,000
MOUNTAIN AND CATAWBA—W. E. Lytle, Moderator		Oak Grove, Garysburg, George A. Smith	600	Hickory Grove, Carrboro, J. R. Manley	1,000
Chestnut Grove, Statesville, J. L. Coleman	1,800	Olive Chapel, Sharpsburg, E. E. Barnes	1,000	Lakeview, Durham, Clifton Bullock	1,000
Davidsonville, Statesville, E. T. Lee	200	Parker's Chapel, Jackson, McKinley Nicholson	300	Lee's Chapel, Cedar Grove	1,000
First, Harmony, W. LeGrant	700	Piney Grove, Halifax, C. E. McCulloch	800	Lilington, First	1,000
Friendship, Hickory, D. O. Cooper	2,800	Pleasant Hill, Enfield, E. C. Watson	800	Lincoln Memorial, Durham, McArthur Clemons	1,000
Grace Memorial, Felix Bailey	500	Quankie, Roanoke Rapids, R. H. Kidd	500	First, Mebane, J. E. Davis	1,000
Graves Chapel, Mooresville, M. E. Walker	300	Red Hill, Rocky Mount, J. O. Thorne	300	Moredah Ave., Durham, B. A. Mack	1,000
Knox Grove, Cleveland, R. L. Coleman	300	Roaanoke Salem, Garysburg, Edward Fleming	1,200	Mt. Gilead, Durham, A. D. Moseley	1,000
Liberty Hill, Claremont, E. B. Wilkerson	800	St. Chapel, Enfield, W. A. Barnes	400	Mt. Olive, Mebane, W. D. Jones	1,000
Morning Star, First, Hickory, W. E. Lytle	5,500	St. James, Rocky Mount, C. T. Bullock	1,000	Mt. Sinai, Durham, & T. Alston	1,000
Mt. Carmel, Taylorsville, J. H. Turner	1,000	St. John, Red Oak, J. B. Woodhouse	1,200	Mt. Vernon, Durham, Percy High	1,000
Mt. Moriah, Marion, L. Gamble	300	St. Marks, Rocky Mount	200	Mt. Zion, Chatham Co., J. R. Bur	1,000
Mt. Pilgrim, Lenoir, K. F. Gamble	2,200	St. Paul, Enfield, F. L. Bullock	200	Mt. Zion, Durham, Donald Fozard, Sr.	2,500
Mt. Zion, Valdese, Ervin Millsaps	300			New Bethel, Durham, L. W. Reid	600
				New Hope, Apex, M. V. Ingram	600

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Northeast, Durham, David Massey	1,000	Sycamore Hill, Greenville, H. Parker	1,500	Little Zion, Halifax County	200
Orange Grove, Durham, James Daniels	800	Spring Garden, Washington, E. McNair	2,000	Louest Grove, Wise, M. R. Hedgpeeth	900
Peace, Durham, W. E. Daye	800	Tabernacle, Calico, J. Haines	200	Lovely Hill, Macon, M. R. Hedgpeeth	400
Shiloh, Morrisville, Johnny Leak	900	Triumph, Washington, C. B. Gray	2,000	Mr. Moriah, Louisville, F. M. Strickland	300
Terrace Creek, Chapel Hill, T. J. Foster, Jr.	900	Union, Tarboro, R. A. Morris	2,200	Mt. Olive, Littleton, J. S. Spruill	200
White Oak, Apex, C. R. Tynes	1,500	Ware Creek, Blounts Creek, G. Smith	700	Mt. Vernon, Nashville, L. Edwards	200
White Rock, Durham, L. A. Lynch	2,000	Weeping Mary, Tarboro, G. Smith	600	Mt. Zion, Macon, W. C. Tabron	200
		White Oak, Chapel, Speed	300	New Bethel, Macon, Charlie Battle	200
		White Oak, Grimesland	900	Jack Grove, Littleton, C. E. McCollum	800
NEW HOME & DURHAM—T. E. Taylor, Moderator				Pine Chapel, Hollister, Kermit Richardson	1,600
Hatchet Grove, Morrisville, R. L. Fuller	300	ORIGINAL SHILOH—P. G. Davis, Moderator		Pleasant Zion, Littleton	200
Northside, Durham, C. R. Mitchell	400	Antioch, Oxford, E. C. Moody	400	Roanoke Chapel, Littleton	200
Orange Cross Road, Hillsborough, E. Rainey	200	Belton Creek, Oxford, P. G. Davis	1,500	Rocky Chapel, Louisville, J. M. Boone	400
		Brookston, Henderson	600	St. Luke, Littleton, W. C. Tabron	400
NORTH HAMPTON COUNTY—S. W. Edwards, Mod.		Coley Springs, Warrenton, L. G. Brown	600	St. Paul, Warrenton, Norman Richardson	200
Antioch, Jackson, R. L. Knight	800	Dickies Grove, Henderson, A. B. Bass	600	St. Zion, Warrenton, S. A. Manning	200
Branches Chapel, Rich Square, J. Webb	400	First, Oxford	1,000	Second, Macon, Jeremiah Webb	400
Chapel Hill, Rich Square, J. R. Wiggins	600	Fairley's Chapel, Louisville	200	Shiloh, Warrenton, W. C. Tabron	600
Creekside Second, Conway	300	Haywood, Louisville, Luther L. Coppedge	600	Shocco Chapel, Warrenton, Roger Brodie	400
Cumbo Chapel, Rich Square, D. L. Morris	300	Ilong, Oxford, McCoy Bullock	2,100	Social Union, Nashville, L. H. Montague	400
Faithful Band, Pleasant Hill, W. R. Burston	600	Jones Chapel, Louisville, Roger Brodie	300	South Street, Littleton, G. E. Battle	500
First, Conway, Earl A. Hatcher	600	Jordan Chapel, Norlina, J. R. Fogg	200	Walnut Grove, Louisville, N. M. Harvey	1,000
First, Rich Square, C. E. Hatcher	1,000	Jordan Chapel, Louisville, James Barham	200		
First, Severn, E. C. Watson	1,000	Mitchell, Louisville, E. L. Brown	1,000	RIISING STAR—J. G. Gaston, Moderator	
Jersusalem, Woodland, A. C. Robinson, Jr.	600	Oliver Grove, Littleton, P. G. Davis	1,100	Antioch, Granite Quarry, Rufus T. Wyal	300
Neb. Murrumbidgee, C. M. Creecy	1,000	Phelps Chapel, Youngsville, J. S. Spruill	400	Borwood, Macksville, K. E. Alexander	300
Patillo Chapel, Henrico, E. L. Fleming	1,000	Ridgeway, Ridgeway, W. T. Ramsey, III	700	Brown New Calvary, Thomasville, L. Turner	500
Revelle Hill, Conway, L. J. Morris	800	St. John, Henderson, A. A. Brown	400	Emmanuel, Thomasville, Samuel McLendon	400
Second, Creekside, Frank Lee, Jr.	200	St. Matthew, Granville Co.	200	Fairview Heights, Salisbury, R. N. Lockhart	2,400
Second, Potocasi, S. W. Edwards	1,200	Sandy Grove, Henderson, J. R. Fogg	500	First, Southmont, J. G. Gaston	1,200
Zoar, Pendleton, C. M. Creecy	1,000	Serapta	200	New Zion, Linwood, Moses Caldwell	400
		Shiloh, Henderson, R. W. Perry	5,200	St. John, Winston-Salem, W. M. Adams	200
OCEAN VIEW—Freeman Gause, Moderator		Snow Hill, Warrenton, C. H. Brown	300	Shiloh, Albemarle, W. S. Wilkerson	300
Cedar Grove, Supply, W. H. D. Flowers	3,400	Swift Creek, Whitakers, W. A. Barnes	700	Union, Thomasville, William Fulp	600
Cedar Grove, Supply, Freeman Gause	500	Union Grove, Warrenton, P. G. Davis	1,200		
First, Riegelwood	200	Warrenton, Warrenton, Walter Warborough	800		
Friendship, Southport, Freeman Gause	500			ROANOKE—W. H. Davis, Moderator	
Hickory Grove, Fair Bluff, R. Davis	200	PEE DEE—J. H. Ferguson, Moderator		Alligator Chapel, Columbia, S. C., J. C. Chance	200
Little Macedonia, Supply, W. Frink	400	Bethlehem, Laurinburg, R. L. Milhouse	1,500	Bagley Chapel, Hertford, W. D. Moore	200
Little Prong, Ash	200	Bright Hopewell, Rev. Byrd	500	Ballard's Grove, Gates, R. E. Smallwood	200
Mt. Zion, Longwood, M. C. Herring	900	Center Grove, Red Springs, T. M. McDonald	700	Chapel Hill, Columbia, A. R. Winborne	500
Piney Grove, Nicholas, S. C., R. L. Blue	200	Covington, Troy, J. D. Bratton	400	Christian Home, Mayock, George W. Powell	300
Pleasant Grove, Thomasboro, H. Stanley	800	Fairley Chapel, Laurinburg	200	Cornerstone, Elizabeth City, W. H. Trotman	1,500
Pleasant Hill, Charlotte, G. H. Buck	300	Faith, Southern Pines, T. E. Flowers	200	Ellis Temple, Winfall, W. A. Davis	200
Pleasant View, Shalotte, H. Jones	600	First, Southern Pines, J. H. Haire	1,500	First, Gates, H. C. Saunders	200
St. James, Bolivia, R. Smith	300	Friendship, Hamlet, D. M. Ferguson	1,200	First, Hertford, J. H. London, Jr.	800
Zion Hill, Bolivia	400	Galilee, Pinehurst, J. L. Daniels	400	First, Roduco, W. E. Reddick	200
		Holly Grove, Rockingham, Hallie Johnson	500	First Zion Grove, Plymouth, Hoyt Hammond	400
OLD EASTERN ASSOCIATION—K. R. Hammonds, Moderator		Little Pee Dee, Ellerbe, Arlester Simpson	200	Galatian, Hertford, George W. Powell	400
Antioch, Scotland Neck, F. Davis	200	Levingston Chapel, Ghio, J. J. Covington	200	Gale Street, Edenton, O. C. Welch	200
Batts Chapel, Tarboro, G. E. Brown	600	Lovely Hill, Rockingham, H. G. Liles	200	Galilee, Elizabeth City, J. M. Etheridge	200
Cedar Grove, Greenville, Jasper Suggs	1,000	Mount Tabor, Rowland, Jesse Everett	300	Greater Welches Chapel, Tyner, W. H. Davis	200
Cherry Chapel, Hobgood, G. Jones	200	Nashville, Marston, N. Worley	500	Haven Creek, Manteo, A. M. Winslow	200
Cornerstone, Greenville, Arlee Griffin	4,500	Poplar Spring, Rockingham, J. H. Ferguson	1,200	Joppa, Hobbsville, C. A. Proctor	300
Cornerstone, Williamston	2,000	Providence, Rockingham, R. T. Gilchrist	1,200	Lebanon Grove, Cagesville, C. A. Hart	300
Craven Corner, Havelock, J. R. Person	1,200	Rock Hill, George Thomas	200	Memorial, Elizabeth City, J. L. Dunston	300
Davis Chapel, Washington, C. B. Gray	300	St. John, Aberdeen, J. L. Gilchrist	400	Mount Carmel, Elizabeth City, W. H. Davis	300
East Street, Scotland Neck	200	St. Luke, Scotland County	200	Mt. Eprew, Roper, D. W. Lamb	900
First, New Bern	1,200	St. Paul, Pinehurst, W. M. G. Jones	300	Mt. Pleasant, Columbia, W. H. Davis	200
Free Union, Lawrence, R. Holloman	200	St. Stephen, Rockingham, S. J. Rector	300	New Bethel, Hertford, S. Lawrence	700
Cherry Hill, Hobgood, J. Williams	200	Sandy Grove, Maxton, John Foster, Jr.	1,000	New Chapel, Plymouth, R. R. Winborne	200
Green Chapel, Havelock, J. R. Smith	300	Sandy Grove, Rockingham, Roosevelt Jennings	200	New Haven, Hertford, Butler Sharpe, Jr.	200
Green Chapel, New Bern, W. E. Sinclair	300	Shiloh, Maxton, H. E. Edwards	1,500	New Hope, Gatesville, H. L. Mitchell	tithe
Guilford, New Bern, A. G. Moore	800	Spring Branch, Wagram, J. W. Swindell	1,000	New Middle Swamp, Corapeake, Andrew Cherry	500
Hayes Chapel, Greenville, J. B. Crandol	500	Spring Hill, Red Springs, W. M. Gay	300	New Oak Grove, Virginia Beach, Va., O. L. Cromwell	200
James Mt. Pilgrim, Oak City, C. H. Brown, Jr.	400	New Hope, Hamlet, W. H. Gatewood	1,000	New Piney Grove, Gates, R. E. Smallwood	200
Jones Chapel, Palmyra, J. Williams	400	Union, Hamlet, Howard McLaurin	300	New Piney Wood, Gates, W. L. Vines	200
Kehukie, Scotland Neck, W. T. Taylor	500			New Providence, Shawboro, S. L. Lawrence	300
Macedonia, Farmville	1,600	PEE DEE Union—Arlester Simpson, Moderator		New Salem, Elizabeth City	200
Mary's Chapel, Scotland Neck, E. King	600	Belford, Jackson Springs, M. Isaac	300	New Sayers Creek, Camden, J. M. Etheridge	200
Mildred, Tarboro	500	Chapel, Grove, C. A. Lewis	300	New Shiloh, Shiloh, J. Smith	200
Moore's Chapel, Aurora, J. B. Crandol	500	Pleasant Grove, Mt. Gilead, A. L. Evans	200	Oak Grove, Blackwater, Va., O. L. Cromwell	500
Moore's Chapel, Newport, C. E. Parks	400	Saron, Ellerbe, G. T. Thomas	300	Philadelphia, Shiloh, W. A. Davis	200
Mt. Calvary, New Bern, C. D. Bell	500	Sidney Grove, Ellerbe, Arlester Simpson	200	Pleasant Branch, Powells Point, F. D. Owens	200
Mt. Olive, Ayden, F. R. Peterson	500			Pleasant Grove, Belhaven	200
Mt. Shiloh, Williamson, K. R. Hammond	3,800	PROGRESSIVE TAR RIVER—George W. Dudley, Moderator		Poole's Grove, Hertford, Joseph L. Wills	500
Mt. Tabor, Beaufort, W. Pritchett	800	Greater Mt. Hermon, Rocky Mount, J. O. Thorne	1,600	Providence, Edenton, James L. Fenner, Sr.	1,200
Mt. Zion, Beaufort, J. M. Moore, Jr.	3,500	Mount Zion First, Rocky Mount, G. W. Dudley	2,500	Riddick's Grove, Belvidere, W. A. Moore	300
Phillips, Simpson, D. S. Hammond	2,500	St. Stephen, Spring Hope	1,600	Ryans Grove, Edenton, Calvin Whedbee	300
Providence, Robersonville, W. Taylor	800			St. James, Elizabeth City, Butler Sharpe, Jr.	200
Roanoke Zion, Palmyra, W. E. Battle	400	REEDY CREEK—Lawrence Edwards, Moderator		St. John, Crowder, D. W. Lamb	200
St. James Temple, Tarboro, L. L. Lloyd	1,200	Ashley Grove, Vaughan, Wayne Welch	500	St. John, Edenton, J. E. Griffin	700
St. Luke, Rocky Mount, Les Beal	600	Chapel Hill, Warrenton, John E. Hall	300	St. Paul, Edenton	200
St. Mark, Greenville, F. R. Peterson	600	Greater Lovely Hill, Macon, M. R. Hedgpeeth	1,200	St. Paul, Sunbury, C. N. Moore	200
St. Paul, Tarboro	900	Ivory Hill, Enfield, J. J. Copeland	400	St. Reddick, Belhaven, James W. Harris	600
St. Peter, Greenville, H. Walston	200	Lee's Chapel, Littleton, G. E. Battle	600	St. Stephen, Elizabeth City, W. A. Jordan	200
				Salem, Columbia, B. P. Heckstall	200
				Saunders Grove, Hertford, C. A. Proctor	500

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Zion, Murphy, Lewis Grant	800	Weeping Mary, Lewiston, W. D. Lassiter	300	Flakes Chapel, Wadesboro, L. W. Walker	300
Pleasant Grove, Canton, U. C. Wynn	600	Woodville Plains, B. P. Heckstall	200	Garris Grove, Wadesboro, F. R. Butler	600
WEST ROANOKE—J. W. Law, Moderator		Wynn's Grove, Colerain, J. W. Law	200	Henderson Grove, Wadesboro, J. N. Coble	tithe
Andland, Merry Hill, Brady Carmack	1,500	Zion Bethlehem, Merry Hill, Leroy Gilliam	500	Mount Pleasant, Wadesboro, E. H. Martin	500
Levay, Ahoskie, H. H. Murrill	200	Zion Grove, Aulander, S. B. Lewis	400	Mount Zion, Badin, D. L. Thompson	500
dar Landing, Lewiston, H. H. Murrill	200	Zion Hill, Colerain, C. C. Lawrence	1,000	Olive Grove, Mt. Gilead, W. H. Sturdivant	400
Secretary, Aulander, C. C. Lawrence	500	WESTERN UNION—J. H. Everett, Moderator		Parson Grove, W. H. Sturdivant	400
in Grove, Aulander, R. L. Lassiter, Sr.	500	Bear Skin, Clinton	200	Piney Grove, Waxhaw, James McCoy	500
st, Aulander, W. D. Moore	400	Big Piney Grove, Clinton, Leslie Morrissey	300	Pleasant Hill, Ansonville, C. M. Huntley	600
st, Colerain, J. A. Davis	500	Brown's Chapel, Clinton, W. C. Marble	600	Thomasville, Mt. Gilead	300
st, Kelford, J. W. Law	200	Community, Willard, J. H. Everett	200	Walker Grove, Wingate, L. W. Walker	600
st, Murfreesboro, A. M. Williams	400	Elizabeth, Autryville, Rudolph Tripp	800	YADKIN VALLEY—Montreal Howell, Moderator	
st, Powellsville, A. J. Cherry	300	First, Clinton, C. A. Jones, Sr.	3,000	First, N. Wilkesboro, John A. Speaks	800
st, Winton, A. C. Robinson	600	First, Roseboro, John Oliver	500	Friendship, Olin	300
urresville Chapel, C. A. Hart	600	Ingold First, Ingold, E. B. Garrett	800	Mount Ararat, Mount Airy, Thomas Howell	200
ian Woods, Windsor, C. M. Creecy	1,000	Lisbon Street, Clinton, H. R. Cogdell	4,500	Mount Peace, Jonesville, Montreal Howell	500
ella, Kelford, C. D. Spruill	200	Littelfield, Newton Grove	1,900	Mount Valley, Ronda, J. R. Allen	300
enda First, Woodland, J. A. Davis	800	Mount Pleasant, Belvoir Community, Lucy Jones	400	New Damascus, N. Wilkesboro, W. N. Rowe	1,500
Branch, Aulander, W. L. Welch	500	Snow Hill, Roseboro, J. H. Everett	400	Parks Grove, Wilkesboro, W. O. Brown	300
ill Neck, Como, H. L. Mitchell	tithe	Mount Zion, Dunn, L. J. Penny	200	Pleasant Hill, N. Wilkesboro, Cool Gilcreath	1,200
Ararat, Windsor, A. J. Cherry	300	Union Hill, Autryville, Carroll Midgett	300	Poplar Spring, Roaring River, Fred Carlton	tithe
Hermion, Aulander, W. D. Moore	200	WILSON—T. A. Watkins, Moderator		Saint Home, Elkin, Rodney Stevenson	300
Moriah, Winton, C. E. Hatcher	300	Antioch, Wilson, George Cooper	400	Saint John, Taylorsville, Mack Millsap	400
Olive, Lewiston, Moses Shearin	1,500	Barnes Chapel, Wilson	500	Sandy Creek, Traphill, W. C. Tidline	300
Pleasant, Harrellville, J. R. Wiggins	400	Calvary, Wilson, D. D. Williams	200	Thankful, Boomer, H. P. Dalton	700
Sinal, Como, Frank Lee	400	Ebenezer, Wilson, W. I. Bowden	1,200	Union Grove, Roaring River	300
W Ahoskie, Ahoskie, M. F. Boone, III	400	First, Bailey, E. D. Woodard	700	Zion, Mount Airy, J. A. Webster	300
W Bethany, Ahoskie, C. M. Creecy	1,000	First, Lucama, Odell Forte	300	ZION—A. L. Bell, Moderator	
W Haven, Murfreesboro, S. W. Edwards	1,800	First, Elm City, James Barron	200	Brown Creek, Wadesboro, R. E. Blount	500
W Holly Grove, Colerain, E. W. Flynn	200	Jackson Chapel First, Wilson, T. A. Watkins	3,500	East Rocky Ford, Wadesboro, Donald Taylor	400
W Light Grove, Richard E. Smallwood	200	Johnson Chapel, Elm City, James Barron	300	Ebenezer, Wadesboro, W. Williams	500
W Key Hill, Merry Hill, J. R. Wiggins	400	May Grove, Lucama, E. Woodard	400	Elizabeth, Monroe, J. H. Ferguson	2,000
W Parkers Grove, Mapleton	800	Roundtree, Wilson, I. M. Jordan	1,400	First, Hamlet, W. O. McCullough	2,000
W Person Chapel, Merry Hill	800	Sandy Fork, Wilson, David Howell	400	First, Wadesboro, A. L. Bell	2,500
W Person Grove, Windsor, B. P. Heckstall	200	Vaughans Chapel, Elm City, Harvey Woodard	200	Flag Branch, Monroe, E. H. Martin	500
W Pilopi, Cofield, C. A. Hart	400	Williams Chapel, Wilson, John Mangum	300	Flint Ridge, Marshville, A. L. Evans	300
W Wood Chapel, Ahoskie	1,200	YADKIN-DAVIE—Ardeal Roseboro, Moderator		Friendship, Monroe	2,000
W Pleasant Oak, Windsor, B. P. Heckstall	200	Cedar Creek, Mocksville, W. C. Hay	400	Galilee, Oakboro, Jasper Pove	500
W Pleasant Plains, Ahoskie, L. Ray Williams	800	Forbush, W. A. Hauser	200	Meltonville, Peachland, L. Presley	600
W Elmo, Windsor, E. C. Watson	1,200	Mount Nebo, Harmony, Ardeal Roseboro	1,500	New Grove, Peachland, D. H. Dockery	200
W Francis, Windsor, Brady Carmack	200	Pleasant Grove, Yadkinville, F. A. Leak	300	New Zion, Peachland, E. H. Martin	200
W Luke, Windsor, Leroy Gilliam, Sr.	200	Pleasant Hill, Charlotte, W. E. Howard	500	Nicey Grove, Wingate, C. J. Evans	1,800
W Mark, Colerain, John H. Chance	200	Smith Grove, Hidenite, Walter Yarbrough	500	Olive Branch, Marshville, J. C. Robinson	tithe
W Matthew, Windsor, Lycurgus Harrell	400	YADKIN PHILADELPHIA—W. H. Sturdivant, Mod.		Parson Grove, Lilesville, J. A. Bennett	300
W Paul, Windsor, Leroy Gilliam, Sr.	300	Antioch, Monroe, E. H. Martin	1,500	Pleasant Hill, Morven, B. A. Allen	200
W Paul Branch, Roxobel, Lycurgus Harrell	500	E. Macedonia, Norwood	600	Poplar Hill, Polkton, Harlie Sturdivant	300
W Point, Windsor, J. W. Law	500	First, Ansonville, R. E. Blount	400	Poplar Spring, Burnsville, D. W. Morehead	400
W Pond St. John, Ahoskie, W. D. Lassiter	300	First, Norwood, C. C. Clark	400	Ramath Grove, McFarlan, Lewis Blakney	1,000
W Pond Union, Ahoskie, S. B. Lewis	500			Sandy Ridge, Morven, W. H. Sturdivant	600
W Spring Hill, Lewiston, A. J. Cherry	800			West Deep Creek, Wadesboro, W. A. Sellers	500

Homecoming: "How Do We Get There?"

All of us that are at this Homecoming today had to make some preparations to get here. The greatest transportation system to get anywhere is our train of thought. It can and will carry us wherever we direct it to go.

Right now, our train of thought, the mind, is carrying us to different places. I we allow our mind to get on a train that is filled with separation, fear, resentment, guilt, condemnation, depression and illness, we are bound to end up at a destination of unhappiness. On the other hand, if we get on a train of thought filled with love, joy, faith, forgiveness, praise and thanksgiving, we are headed for a bright, joyous destination.

When we realize we are on a train that we do not want, it is our privilege to change trains. There are always stations along the way in our mind where we can make a change in our train of thought. I will simply say to myself, "I don't like where this train is headed. I am created in the image of God and I have no busi-

ness that is unhappy for me." So let us praise and give thanks, rejoice and be glad as we acquaint ourselves with the contents of our new train and keep our faith and attention on our new destination. If we feel we are slipping back, then we should ask God for strength and faith, and try to stay on the right train.

A young man of Biblical fame, the Prodigal Son, had been on a number of inferior trains of thought that finally brought him to a place where he was forced to eat with pigs. A painful comedown for a human being created in the image of God. When he finally came to himself, he shifted from one train of thought to another and said, "this is no place for me. In my father's house, even the servants are better off than I am here. I will arise and return to my father's house even at the risk of an unhappy homecoming." But instead of a train of thought that returned him to his creator and he was welcomed with love,



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which is the only kind of homecoming our heavenly Father has for his sons and daughters who board the train that

stranded. Jesus also revealed that our Father's house is the kingdom of God. Here is the train of thought that takes us on the inner trip to the destination where we are loved, welcomed, forgiven, healed, prospered and blessed. It brings us to the secret place of being where we are united with our heavenly Father, who knows what we need before we ask. This train of thought is the ultimate in transportation systems and is often called prayer.

When we pray, we board the train of thought that carries us directly, swiftly, and gratefully to the union with God. After the celebration of this union, we no longer travel alone. As we celebrate this Homecoming today, let us keep in mind the most important thing. If you are not on the train with God, get on the right train so at the end of our journey we too can celebrate the greatest Homecoming ever, which is with Jesus Christ.

—Bradley Long
Mt. Calvary

Black Pastor Overcomes Hatred

BY STEPHEN LONG
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—
Carl Nelson hated white
people and God when he was
five.

The trigger for that hatred
was an incident 22 years ago in
Mississippi when Nelson,
black, innocently stepped into
a public wading pool occupied
by a white child.

"Her mother sent a bigger,
older brother to beat me up,"
Nelson recalls. "And that's
when I started hating both
white people and God. How
could God allow that boy to
beat me up?"

Now 27, Nelson is a third-
year theology student at Southern Baptist Theological
Seminary in Louisville, Ky.
Every weekend, he drives 300
miles, alternating as pastor of
two rural black congregations
with a combined average
attendance of 225.

Nelson is preparing for a
ministry that includes all
people, regardless of color.
But the path to that commit-
ment has been strewn with
obstacles.

When he was seven,
Nelson's family moved to
Memphis, Tenn., where "a
gang jumped me the first
day."

"I decided then that I would
fight back," he relates. The
next day he bought a knife.

and the gang left him alone.
But the incident caused him to
"wonder where this God was
my grandmother told me
about."

Nelson's grandmother
helped raise him and three
other children after his father
abandoned the family when
the oldest of four children was
five. But even a caring mother
and grandmother could not
sway Nelson from his early-
rooted hatred.

While still in high school, he
became a pimp. Controlling his
prostitutes meant carrying
weapons, and violent confronta-
tions were inevitable. On
separate occasions he was
stabbed in the chest and shot.

Nelson's concern for fellow
blacks eventually led him to the
Black Panthers. Martin
Luther King's assassination in
1968 intensified Nelson's
hostility despite the recurring
prayer and conviction of his
grandmother that "one day
the Lord is going to open your
eyes."

That day came at age 17
when Nelson heard a sermon
he still remembers. "The
preacher said that even after
Jesus had been beaten and
persecuted, He prayed,
'Father, forgive them,'" Nelson
recalls. "I wanted to
read more about what the
preacher had said. I lied about

the reasons, but I got a Bible
and began to read."

At that point, Nelson began
"not to trust whites, but to at
least give them a chance."

After becoming a Christian,
Nelson's life got no easier. In
Army intelligence in Vietnam,
he was wounded by a land
mine explosion which killed
two men next to him.

Nelson's turbulent past has
had an impact on his com-
mitment to ministry. When he
came to Southern Seminary,
residue of his hostility toward
white persons remained. "For
a while, I felt there was a
separate gospel for blacks and
whites," he admits. But he
credits professors such as
Clyde Francisco, Dale Moody
and Frank Staggs with helping
him understand that "the
same gospel applies to all
races."

Now he believes "the Lord is
leading me to preach the
gospel to the poor and the 'put
down,' in ghettos—both black
and white—and a lot of other
places most people don't want
to go."

"If you haven't been there,
felt the pain, seen the hurt,
experienced living in
poverty and hate," he
explains, "it may be hard to
understand why I want to
minister in those places."

But for a young man who
found healing for his hatred in
the gospel, such a conviction is
easily understood.

Seminarians Visit Soul City

BY REV. RUDOLPH TRIPP
President, Shaw Divinity
School Student Body

On Saturday, Nov. 21, the
students and instructors of the
Shaw Divinity School visited
Soul City, in Warren County.
The trip was planned by Floyd
B. McKissick, the founder of
Soul City, who is a student at
Shaw Divinity School.

The trip was planned as part
of a course taught by Rev.
William H. Brock in Urban
Studies, where the students
are challenged to examine the
"state of powerlessness" of
most black people in America
and try to plan ways to help
move them to a state of per-
manence within the
society.

All of the students agreed
that this was indeed a learning
experience beyond what any
had expected. Factual data
and documentation were
presented on Soul City, from
inception to its present status.

We also learned that the
name, "Soul City," did not
mean "Black City," as the
media throughout the country
would have us believe. Inter-
estingly, it was named from
the book of Genesis, and is a
reminder that God took

HEALTHFULLY SPEAKING

BY REGINA L. YOUNG, MPH

Sponsored by the Health and Human Services Project

YOUR "IDEAL" WEIGHT

Diet is one of the most important factors in determining your
health. And YOU usually have control over what you eat. Excess
weight is associated with high blood pressure, cholesterol, and
types of diabetes. All of these, in turn, are associated with
increases in heart attack and strokes. So it is healthier for a person
to maintain their "ideal" weight.

How do you determine what your ideal weight is for you? There's
no answer that is 100 percent correct for every person. The
following table shows a range of acceptable weight for most adults.

Suggested Body Weights Range of Acceptable Weight			Approximate Energy Expenditures in 150 Pound Person in Various Activities	
Height (feet/inches)	Men (Pounds)	Women (Pounds)	Activity	Calories per hour
4'10"	119-141	99-119	Lying down or sleeping	80
4'11"	120-142	100-120	Sitting	100
5'0"	121-143	101-121	Driving an automobile	120
5'1"	122-144	102-122	Domestic work	140
5'2"	123-145	103-123	Standing	160
5'3"	124-146	104-124	Walking, 2 1/2 mph	210
5'4"	125-147	105-125	Bicycling, 5 1/2 mph	310
5'5"	126-148	106-126	Gardening	290
5'6"	127-149	107-127	Bowling	270
5'7"	128-150	108-128	Golf, lawn mowing, power mower	250
5'8"	129-151	109-129	Swimming, 1 1/2 mph	230
5'9"	130-152	110-130	Walking, 3 1/2 mph	300
5'10"	131-153	111-131	Square dancing, volleyball,	400
5'11"	132-154	112-132	roller skating	350
6'0"	133-155	113-133	Wood chopping or sawing	400
6'1"	134-156	114-134	Tennis	400
6'2"	135-157	115-135	Sling, 10 mph	600
6'3"	136-158	116-136	Squash and handball	600
6'4"	137-159	117-137	Bicycling, 13 mph	600
6'5"	138-160	118-138	Running, 10 mph	700
6'6"	139-161	119-139	Swimming, 2 1/2 mph	600

NOTE: Height without shoes, weight without clothes.
SOURCE: NCHS conference on obesity, 1971.

To assure yourself an adequate diet, eat a variety of foods daily
that include selections of:

Fruits
Vegetables
Whole grain and enriched breads, cereals, and grain products
Milk, cheese, yogurt
Dry beans and peas
The greater the variety of foods, the less likely you are to develop a
deficiency.

If you need to lose weight, do so gradually. One to two pounds a
week is a relatively safe amount of weight to lose. Remember, you
must develop eating habits that are good for you to keep your weight
lost. That way, you'll be more likely to reach and maintain your
goal.

A pound of body fat contains 3500 calories. To lose one pound, you
must burn at least 3500 calories more than you eat. Thus, if you
normally use up 1700 calories a day, and only eat 1200 calories per
day, you'll burn 500 calories of your body fat. In one week, you will
have burned 3500 (500 x 7 days) calories, which equals one pound of
weight loss. So to lose weight:

•First, consult a health professional. THIS IS IMPORTANT.

•Then, either decrease the number of calories you eat, increase
your exercise level, or both.

•Set a goal for yourself that is realistic, and don't try to lose
weight too fast.

Here are some activities you can do to help you use up more
calories, and the number of calories they burn per hour:

nothing and made something,
thereby recognizing that
Warren County is one of the
poorest counties in North
Carolina, and that a community
of North Carolina offered so little
to and for the people in this
community. A biblical idea of
making something from
nothing is a unique but uplift-
ing message for this community.

Regardless of what may
happen to Soul City in the
future, this community
development project has
already given "Soul" to this
part of North Carolina.

The students are indeed
grateful to Floyd B.
McKissick and the Soul City
Company, along with Rev.

Brock, for this most reward-
ing experience. It is an expe-
rience that all North Carolin-
ians should be afforded.

New Testament

Then shall thou be
in the field; the
one shall be taken,
and the other left.

Two women shall
be grinding at the
mill; the one shall
be taken, and the
other left.

Watch therefore;
for ye know not
what hour your
Lord doth come.

Matthew 24:40-42

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Dr. Cameron M. Alexander (insert) president of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc., inspired approximately 1,000 guests attending the Annual General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Banquet in Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., held Jan. 8 in Raleigh. (See Story inside)

REAGANOMICS: "Threat To The Hungry"

BY JIM BERGIN

year, our country will begin to feel the effects of the Reagan administration's fiscal policies for the first time. These include cuts in federal administration's budget request totalling \$35 billion, as well as substantial tax cuts for individuals and businesses.

These cuts in the federal budget fall heavily on programs designed to serve the poor. U. S. citizens will want to pay close attention to the effects of the administration's policies.

For example, some \$22.3 billion was cut from programs designed to serve the poor. The administration has defended these cuts on the grounds

that the need for anti-poverty programs was not as great as previously; 2) the programs contained waste and fraud; 3) a 'social net' consisting of seven programs exempted from cuts would threaten the well-being of the 'truly needy,' and 4) relief programs are the responsibility of the states rather than the federal government.

Guest Editorial

One of these claims needs close examination. Each raises important questions about the use of our resources as individuals and as citizens in a democratic society.

HAS POVERTY BEEN ELIMINATED?

In an Anderson, President Reagan's chief domestic advisor, said that poverty had been "virtually wiped out in the United States." He also stated that the government aid had been a brilliant success... They know he is dismantled."

It is true that government programs have been a major factor in helping people out of poverty and in alleviating misery for those who cannot help themselves. But, according to the National Advisory Commission on Economic Opportunity, some 25 million U. S. citizens are still in poverty and another 30 million are on the verge of poverty. The Census

Bureau reports that the number of poor people in the United States increased 3.2 million between 1979 and 1980. If anti-poverty programs are cut back, won't the increase be even more dramatic?

* See Page 8

Ushers In Winston-Salem For Convention Feb. 27

The One Day Session of the North Carolina Baptist Ushers' Convention will meet with the New Bethel Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, Feb. 27. Dr. Jerry Drayton, pastor.

The year 1981 was a banner year for the North Carolina Baptist Ushers. The New Bethel Baptist Church is making preparation for our inspiration and comfort, therefore, it is necessary to plan now and have busloads of people in Winston-Salem this February.

The oratorical contest promises to be an outstanding feature in the afternoon on this date. Even though we did well last year, there are many challenges that will keep us moving upward in an effort to carry on the unfinished task that has been assigned to our hands.

—Arthur Williams, President

\$60,000 In Pledges Made Toward

New General Baptist Headquarters Goal

\$100,000 Needed Before Ground Breaking May 5 In Raleigh

BY CURETTON JOHNSON,
EDITOR

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is over halfway toward raising \$100,000 for a new headquarters building by May 5.

Since the Convention inaugurated a pledge drive among churches for the new building early in January 1982, approximately \$60,000 in pledges have been made. The Convention approved the idea of building a new headquarters

during the annual session in Greensboro, Nov. 24. The two-story facility will cost an estimated \$800,000.

"I'm very optimistic that we'll be able to reach our goal of \$100,000 by the One Day Session, May 5," said GBSC Executive Secretary-Treasurer Dr. C. C. Craig. The session will be held at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in Raleigh, Dr. W. B. Lewis, pastor. The ground breaking ceremony for the new building is planned for that date.

"We've outgrown the space we need," Dr. Craig said about the present facility at 603 S. Wilmington Street in Raleigh. "We have some future projections that must be provided for."

Among these projections are plans for opening a Baptist Supply Store and a Baptist library. The new headquarters should also accommodate up to 200 people for conferences compared to almost nonexistent conference space at the present location.

Churches have pledged more than \$43,000 to the effort in a brief three-week period largely through \$1000 and \$500 pledges (see list in the INFORMER). The Woman's Convention has pledged another \$15,000.

These pledges will be above and beyond the annual "Unified Dollar" contributions expected from the churches of the General Baptist State Convention said Dr. Craig. He welcomes others to give as much as they can toward the May 5 goal.

The Convention will build the new headquarters on property leased from Shaw University for 99 years with an option to renew the lease. The site is



DR. CRAIG

FROM THE EXEC. SECRETARY

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention along with the President of the parent body, moderators, presidents and other leaders of groups and auxiliaries:

We praise all of you for working with the General Convention in an effort to move the Baptists of North Carolina nearer to the goal of Christian unity as we seek to honor our Christian commitments to Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions, the Central Orphanage and other worthy objectives. There is a need for the Convention to recommit itself to the Unified Program. The motto of our Convention is "The multitude which does not reduce itself to unity is confusion."

Since the Unified Program is the adopted plan of the Convention, we would like for all of the pastors and leaders to join together in promoting the "Unified Dollar for the Unified Program." We urge all of our churches to send monthly contributions for the Unified Program.

1982 EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

Our togetherness of both the General Baptist State Convention and the Baptist State Convention in an annual session of 1981 was an example of how we can work together as we move into our "12 Evangelistic Crusade." We urge all of our churches from the mountains to the sea to participate in this joint adventure in an effort to win North Carolina for Christ. Each church in every association is encouraged to plan at least a one-week revival meeting and begin the revival on the first Sunday of the suggested date for the area of the state. The revival dates are:

1. Coastal—March 14-18
2. Piedmont—April 4-18
3. Mountain—April 25-May 9

In an effort to realize \$30,000 that our Convention has committed to give for mass media in promoting the crusade, we will ask each church to give a special contribution on or before May 9, 1982.

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

The purpose of our workshops is to interpret the programs and plans of the Convention to the constituents in an effort to grow bigger and better churches that will commit themselves fully to the will of God in promoting missions and Christian education. The theme for our regional workshops for the fiscal year 1981-82 is: "How the Church can use its Boards and Auxiliaries for the Benefit of the Whole Body."

A workshop will be conducted in each of the ten regions beginning in January, 1982. We need your support and cooperation whenever the workshops are held in your area.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We express to our pastors and churches many thanks for their support and cooperation. The Convention is blessed to have so many midnight friends. Friends who will respond to the call for help in the midnight hour. The fiscal year 1981-82 will be a challenging year in light of our effort to build a new Baptist Headquarters at a cost of \$800,000, along with maintaining our level of support for our objectives. The Executive Committee and the General Board, in a recent meeting, gave their stamp of approval for a new Headquarters Building.

These committees authorized by your executive secretary to contact pastors across the state for pledges in an effort to realize \$100,000 on or before May 5. In carrying out the orders of the committees, I have contacted the following pastors who have pledged to lead their churches to give \$1,000 and pastors who have pledged to lead their churches to give \$500 for the Headquarters Building:

PLEDGES OF \$1,000

1. Dr. J. R. Manley, First, Chapel Hill
2. Dr. P. H. Johnson, Martin Street, Raleigh
3. Dr. H. S. Diggs, Mayfield Memorial, Charlotte
4. Dr. S. A. Raper, Mt. Calvary, Shelby
5. Dr. C. W. Ward, First, Raleigh
6. Rev. Arline Griffin, Cornerstone, Greenville
7. Rev. John G. Gaston, First, Southmont
8. Rev. J. W. Law, West Roanoke Association
9. Rev. J. W. Law, First, Kelford and Sandy Point, Windsor and Wynn's Grove
10. Rev. G. A. Jones, Sr., Wake Association
11. Rev. G. A. Jones, Sr., Juniper Level, Garner
12. Dr. C. R. Mosley, First Nazareth, Asheville
13. Dr. H. L. Mitchell, New Hope, Gatesville
14. Dr. J. B. Humphrey, First, Charlotte
15. Dr. C. R. Edwards, First, Fayetteville
16. Dr. E. B. Turner, First, Lumberton
17. Dr. J. J. Johnson, First, Fairmont
18. Dr. G. W. Dudley, Mount Zion, Rocky Mount
19. Dr. J. W. White, Mt. Zion, Rocky Mount
20. Dr. J. C. Harris, First, Statesboro
21. Dr. O. L. Hairston, Shiloh, Greensboro
22. Dr. W. B. Lewis, First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh
23. Dr. Norman Kerry, Mt. Sinai, Charlotte



President J. R. Manley and Executive Secretary C. C. Craig proudly hold a check for \$85,000 from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation for the operation of the GBSC Health and Human Services Project. Curtis H. Jackson is project director.

TAX INFORMATION FOR PASTORS

Income Tax Information for pastors and ordained clergy of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Inc. will be provided free of charge by the Benefit Commission of the Convention.

The material will include information on: The Economic Recovery Act of 1981; Self-employment and FICA tax rules for pastors; The Parsonage Exclusion or Housing Allowance; apportionment of business expenses to tax-exempt income; and other valuable information.

Any pastor or ordained minister of the Convention who wishes this information please request by calling (919) 821-7466, or send a card with your return address on it to: Reverend A. D. Logan, Jr., assistant to the executive secretary, 603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601.

Headquarters

From Page 1.

located adjacent to the South campus at Wilmington and Smithfield streets.

According to GBSC President J. R. Manley, the new building will help the Baptists and Shaw. It will enhance the property by virtue of immediate development, while the opportunity also saves the Convention from purchasing expensive land. The idea to lease the land from Shaw was presented to the Convention by Dr. Paul H. Johnson, pastor of Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh and chairman of the GBSC building committee.

CORRECTION

The pastor of the Smith Grove Baptist Church, Hiddette, is the Rev. Walter Tidline. The incorrect name was listed under church "Unified Dollar" quotas for the Yadin-Davie Association in the January 1982 BAPTIST INFORMER. We sincerely regret this error.

24. Rev. P. C. Holland, First, Kannapolis
25. Dr. C. T. Bullock, Saint James, Rocky Mount
26. Dr. J. E. Arnette, Metropolitan, Rocky Mount
27. Dr. C. E. Dewberry, Gethsemane, Charlotte
28. Dr. Lemar Foster, Second Calvary, Charlotte
29. Dr. Preston Pendergrass, Antioch, Charlotte
30. Dr. L. C. Riddick, Mount Carmel, Charlotte
31. Dr. W. C. Hay, Galilee, Winston-Salem
32. Dr. J. D. Ballard, United Metropolitan, Winston-Salem
33. Dr. J. D. Rayburn, Shiloh, Winston-Salem
34. Rev. F. O. Bass, Jr., Mt. Vernon, High Point
35. Dr. R. T. Bigelow, Greater St. Paul, Durham
36. Rev. J. H. Ferguson, Elizabeth, Monroe
37. Rev. J. D. Fuller, Lewis Chapel, Fayetteville
38. Rev. S. Walker Mack, Emmanuel, Winston-Salem
39. Lawrence Curtis, Emmanuel, High Point
40. J. R. Samuels, St. Stephen, Winston-Salem
41. St. Stephen, Spring Hope
42. Rev. Prince Graves, St. James, Greensboro

PLEDGES OF \$500.00

1. Rev. W. A. Rorie, Mount Peace Association
2. Rev. Elbert Lee, North End, Rocky Mount
3. Rev. L. A. Reid, Guiding Light Association
4. Piney Grove, Marshallville
5. Rev. H. T. Dodd, Oak Grove, Forest City

NOTE

The pledges of other pastors will be published in the next Informer.

National Baptist Christian Education Conference Trip Planned

The General Baptist State Convention has made arrangements for transportation with Eastern Airlines to attend the National Congress of Christian Education, meeting in Milwaukee, Wis., June 21-25, 1982.

Our planes will depart the Raleigh-Durham Airport and the Douglas Airport, Charlotte on Monday, June 21 and will return on Friday, June 25.

At present, our roundtrip air fare is \$445 for double occupancy. This amount includes transportation from the airport to the hotel, baggage handling, and room at the Pfister Hotel and Tower in downtown Milwaukee. For those persons who desire private room, the roundtrip fare is \$533.

Please fill out the enclosed form and return it to our office with a deposit of \$200 by March 15, and the balance is due by May 1, 1982. Make all checks or money orders payable to the General Baptist State Convention for plane fare. In an effort to avoid the possibility of an air fare increase, you may send your tour amount for the trip before May 3.

Please enroll me for the trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 21-25, 1982. My deposit of \$200.00 is enclosed.

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J. Ray Butler Enters GBSC Race For President

J. Ray Butler, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, and President-at-Large of the General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc., takes this opportunity to announce publicly his candidacy to the presidency of the General Baptist State Convention. The Baptist Ministers' Conference and Associates of Winston-Salem and the Board of Deacons of the Shiloh Baptist Church endorsed my candidacy unanimously, April 1981.

I seek the position because I have always been very jealous toward the spiritual growth, strength and economic progress of my denomination, particularly as relates to the General Baptist State Convention, and because I have a strong desire to work with, encourage, inspire and cooperate with Dr. C. C. Craig as Executive Secretary-Treasurer, of whom I feel is doing a job in conducting the management and daily affairs of the convention.

Myetteville; Dr. J. J. Johnson, Fairmont; and Dr. J. R. Manley, Chapel Hill. I was elected vice chairman of the General Board in 1959. Dr. J. E. Tillett, chairman, Edenton, having constantly throughout my pastoral ministry, I have been very faithful as a supporter of the General Baptist State Convention. I have attended every annual state convention since the year 1948. As chairman of the General Board of the state convention, I have served well with five presidents: the late Dr. R. M. Stiles, Sr., Winston-Salem; Dr. J. W. White, Asheville; Dr. C. R. Edwards,

been ill, felled upon me to carry out the mandate of chairperson with the exception of two sessions during the six-year period of the late Dr. Pitts' tenure of presidency. In 1966, I was elected chairman.

The leadership in pastoral ability that God has allowed me to render for sixteen years as pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wilmington, and twelve years with the Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, and as moderator of the Western Union Association, 1955-73, I feel will equip me to handle the office as president of the General Baptist State Convention. I hope that I merit the favor and votes of ministers and pastors, moderators and presidents with the lay people across the state of North Carolina, as we move toward the culmination of the state convention in Durham, White Rock Baptist Church, Dr. Lorenzo Lynch, pastor, the fourth week in October, 1982.

After completing high school with honors at the Charles E. Perry school, Roseboro, I entered Shaw University and the Divinity School and graduated with the BA and BD degrees. I later pursued post graduate study toward the 2.Th. degree, Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, 1966-67; was awarded Doctor of Divinity degree from Friendship College, Rock Hill, S. C., 1964, where I am now serving on the Board of Trustees; was admitted to the M.Div. degree (Master of Divinity), Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, April 23, 1974; was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree, Shaw University,

Raleigh, April 21, 1973; am a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; recipient of the LL.D. degree from McKinley Theological Seminary, Dr. N. K. Nelson, president, Jackson, Miss., July 17, 1977.

In the community, I have served as chaplain, second vice president and presently, first vice president-at-large of the Winston-Salem Branch of the NAACP; vice president-at-large and president of the Baptist Ministers' Conference and Associates of Winston-Salem and vicinity; past president of the Forsyth Clergy Association of Winston-Salem and vicinity; member of the Board of the Experiment on Self-Reliance (ESR), and Human Relations Commission, Winston-Salem.

On the state level, I have served as president of the National Theological Alumni Association, Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh; member of the Executive Board of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, U. S. A., Inc.; member of the Executive Board of the Hampton Ministers' Conference, Inc., Hampton, Va.; a member of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.; elected Contributing Writer for the National Baptist Sunday School Publishing Board; chairman of the General Board, General Baptist State Convention; vice president-at-large of the General Baptist State Convention; was recently appointed to the Board of General Contractors by Gov. Jim Hunt (1980).

I have toured the Holy Land and Athens, Greece (Middle East); attended the Baptist World Congress in Stockholm, Sweden and visited five



Dr. J. Ray Butler

other European countries; toured two African countries (Nigeria and Liberia); am listed in Marquis "Who Who in Northeast and Southwest" and "Who's Who Among Black Americans."

I began the ministry in the First Baptist Church, East End, Newport News, Va. My former pastorates are the First Baptist Church, Greedmoor; Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Fayetteville; New Christian Chapel Baptist Church, Rose Hill; Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wilmington; Leadhall Baptist Church (six weeks pastorate), Baltimore, Md.; and am presently pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem.

I am married to the former Miss Marion C. Lucas, of Durham, and have four sons.

Sincerely,
J. Ray Butler, Pastor

CHURCH CIRCUIT

Lay Witness School Welcomed By Mt. Shiloh Baptist, Williamston

BY ANN C. HONEYBLUE
Study to show itself applied upon to God, a workman needeth not be ashamed, fully dividing the truth," fitly describes the activities within the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church of Williamston in Rich County, and within the rich community as the Lay Witness Training School for 1982 was inaugurated under the leadership of Pastor Kenneth Raymond on Sunday, Jan. 3.

eporatory to the opening of Lay Witness Training School, a new session on "What

session. Subjects treated during the session were "The New Life," "The Cleansed and Controlled Life," "The Witnessing Life," "How to Have a Full and Meaningful Life," and "The Growing Life."

In increasing numbers the membership gathered for each session and participated with enthusiasm in the activities, expressing their gratefulness for the leadership and instruction that they were receiving. Topics receiving special emphasis were: "The New Life and What it Involves—Repentance, Faith, Commitment;" "What the New Life Provides—Forgiveness, Fellowship in God's Family, In-Dwelling of the Holy Spirit, Ability to Gain Victory over Temptation;" "What the New Life Brings"—new orientation, motivation, direction, and growth through a study of God's Word, learning how to pray, fellowshiping with God's people, and effective witnessing.

How to become an effective witness was also carefully considered with recognition of atti-

tudes and sins that inhibit a witnessing life (namely, mixed-up priorities, laziness, prejudices, ignorance and sins in individual lives).

A highlight of the program came during the fourth session, when the class divided into groups of threes and went out to carry the message to individuals in the community. Reports of being graciously received in the community were returned by all participating groups.

In response to expressed desires for a continuance of the program, the membership has been advised that this was only the "commencement," and that a series of such studies would be forthcoming monthly. It was the opinion of the group that the impact of the training school will be felt throughout the community, and that the relationship in and around Mount Shiloh have been greatly enriched.

Christ is God clothed with human nature.

—Benjamin Whichcote.

The Baptist Informer welcomes announcements from candidates for offices in the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Please limit your announcements to one and one-half pages, typed double space. Pictures are welcome. The deadline for materials is on the 10th of each month for publication the following month.

BAPTIST BRIEFS



Rev. Wiley Graduates

Rev. Keith Bertram Wiley, pastor of the Lawson Chapel Baptist Church in Roxboro, graduated from the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest last December, with the Master of Divinity degree. Prior to receiving this degree, Rev. Wiley received a BA degree in religion and philosophy from Averett College in Danville, Va. in 1977. In 1980, Rev. Wiley received a Master of Divinity degree from the Shaw Divinity School.

Rev. Wiley is currently doing independent studies at Faith,

Lutheran Seminary in Tacoma, Wash., where he is a candidate for the Doctor of Ministry degree.

"Woman Of The Year" Honored At Center Baptist

GASTONIA—Mrs. Frances L. Floyd was chosen recently as "Woman of the Year" for 1981 at Center Baptist Church, Gastonia. She received a plaque for her outstanding spiritual growth and service. Mrs. Floyd states that her firm belief in God is first in her life, fellowship second, and self last.

Mrs. Floyd serves as president of the Missionary Circle at the church, assistant recording secretary of Gaston County Baptist Missionary, and assistant secretary of Gaston County Baptist Missionary Association for the Training Institute.

—Elsie Grier, Reporter

Record Numbers Gather For

Highlights Of The 28th Annual Mid-Year Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina

BY AUGUSTA A. WHITE

More than two thousand men, women and youth from every corner of North Carolina crowded the Civic Center in Raleigh on Saturday, Jan. 9, to participate in the 28th annual Mid-Year Session featuring the Senior, Young Adult and Youth Departments of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. "God's Will: A Cause—A Concern—A Conviction," was the theme of the Mid-Year Session.

The tone of the meeting was set by Mrs. Georgia Thompson and the Worship Committee. Mrs. Thompson led the audience in singing "I Am Thine, O Lord." During the moments of meditation, Mrs. Thompson stated: "I know my Shepherd and He knows me." The Shepherd knows his sheep and the sheep knows the shepherd. "I know a man called Jesus and He is my shepherd and your shepherd. He knows each of us by name. We can depend on the good shepherd for nourishment and strength."

Moments With President

Thelma Horton

It's a special privilege to see you here this morning in spite of the extreme cold weather. The Lord is good to us having brought us through the holiday season and through another year. We must look to the future for new ideas and directions. We must work to get Christ in every home even in Russia and Poland. President Horton addressed the audience to put God first in everything we do and He will give us the desires of our hearts. "Make Christ the ruler in every home. We must continue to adjust priorities, change what needs to be changed and implemented. All of us have sinned and fallen short of the goal. Let us give understanding when it is needed and learn to forgive. As a challenge for our convention year, let us believe in the new year, a year that's never been touched.... If we truly believe our theme will become a reality."

Dr. J. R. Manley, president of the General Baptist State Convention, greeted the convention. He stated that onward and upward should be the watchword and the challenge for today and the future. "With the hand of cooperation and a team spirit, we can't help but move onward and upward."

Mrs. William Lewis, first vice president of the Woman's Missionary Baptist Union of North Carolina, brought greetings from the Woman's Baptist Union. "I thank my God for every remembrance of you and for the opportunity to share in your meeting. We must continue to work together as we plan for the spring revival."

Dr. James Alexander, dean of the Shaw Divinity School, expressed gratitude for the support and help given the Divinity School.

"We want to get where we want to go, but we don't want to take the 'trip.' We cannot freeze life, we cannot forget the past. God is alive and history is alive. It

is better to be aware than to have answers. In order to discover the truth, you must give yourself to it."

Theme Discussions Were Inspiring

The theme discussion was presented by individuals representing the objectives of the Woman's Baptist State Convention.

Rev. Rudolph Tripp, president of the Shaw Divinity School student body, stated that God is concerned that Shaw

Mrs. Dollie Sullivan represented the Leadership Training Conference. Mrs. Sullivan stated that the ideal place of a retreat was at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly at Laurel Hill. "It makes one conscious of the greatness of God, by shutting out the outside world and communing with God."

Leon Robinson, alumnus of Central Orphanage, expressed sincere thanks and gratitude to the Convention for the support of the orphanage. Many students are able to further their

schisms in our churches.

"The church was the community under the power of the Word. We now have our sanctuary that we own and control and we vote on who belongs. We have gotten away from our community. God so loved the world that He gave the best that He had, His Son, to die for Him. He did not spare the best that He had for sinners."

"For I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore, very deep stained within, sinking to rise no more. But the master of the sea, Heard m' despairing cry, From the water life me now save am. I Love lifted me, Love lifted me, when nothing else could help. Love lifted me."

The setting was at Jacob's Well, Samaria. The characters were the disciples and the woman at the well, the Liz Taylor of Samaria. The drama was the woman at the well. He looks beyond her faults and recognized his needs. He caused her to see herself, she was. We must point straight fingers at the cross instead of our churches and budgets. We must keep the spirit of the Word which is always fresh. The Messenger leads to Christ. Jesus said, "I will draw all men unto me." The woman is the one who called the witnesses to Christ. "Come see a man who told me everything about myself. She caused others to hear the word."

"Chatter" is when I always lift myself. When I can talk and not live life. Each of you must go to your own destination and proclaim the Word. God and see a man that can give, living water."

Honors Given For Service

Recognition was given to following persons for 25 or more years of service to the Convention: Henry Clyburn, Winston-Salem; M. W. M. Alexander, Charlotte; and Gladys Watlington, Raleigh.

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer of WBAHF, was presented for her report. She said it was good to see so many present.

"We are grateful to God and to for being here. What The Bible About Stewardship is the book to use the institutions. We are not our stewards but we are God's stewards. The whole world is God's world. Hopefully we are a part of it, too. 1982 goal: spiritual, 1,500 souls; financial, \$314,521. As you to reach the financial budget, it is sincere hope that you work extra hard to reach the spiritual budget. "A charge to keep I have, a G glory. Don't lose God's gift."

The pastors and visitors were recognized.

The joint session was opened departmental highlights from Bronnie Daniels, young adult dir and Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, youthervisor.

Mrs. Daniels reported a number of 45 young adults at their session.

"The new year is here. The old with its heartaches" disappointments and failures is a thing of the past and the new year has become the beginning again. Yet many who the future with great expectation refuse to give God any assurance they are going to be better than

Woman's Page

The "Heart" Of Giving BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Here we are in the second month of this new year already, the month of the heart or St. Valentine's Day. However, we could think of last month as a "heart month," for many of



Dr. Brodie

you responded so beautifully at our Mid-Year Session through your prayers, songs, attendance, fellowship, and funds. Such good things are certainly assurances from a changed and sacrificial heart. For what you have done to get the more you will do are, the Woman's Convention, grateful. Please be reminded of the balance (\$109,276.65) needed to realize our budget of \$314,521 (a part of the \$1,378,074.54 budget of GBCS) which was reported on the distributed financial sheets. Our fiscal year ends

May 31, 1982.

Certainly we can say that God has blessed us (you and our Convention) and will continue to bless us as we seek to glorify Him and not ourselves. Oh, Yes! What great things can we people of God accomplish when we work together prayerfully and cooperatively and seek to do missions in His name. Thus, let us not be complacent nor discouraged, but rather strive for even greater missions in His name.

REMINDERS

Persons who desire self-denial envelopes may write to this office and request them.

The Pre-Convention Banquet tickets are now available. Please make checks or money orders payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention and indicate on the check or money order for tickets.

Also available are housing applications for the Woman's Convention in Winston-Salem this year.

education through scholarship funds and help from the Convention.

"I see America as a rising sun and not a setting sun. This I believe of the Central Orphanage."

Vickie Lassiter, junior camp counselor, explained how serving as a junior camp counselor gave her an opportunity to learn more about God. God's will is for us to help the weak, the sick and the poor. If God gave His Son to die for us, can't we help others?

Bible Study Concentrates On God's Will

Mrs. Horton presented Rev. Clifford Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church, Clinton, for the Bible study theme: "God's Will: A Cause—A Concern—A Conviction."

"God's will for us must be seen and understood by Christians in the life of Jesus. Jesus was sent by God to do His will. His life and ministry are service. The messenger is to give of the word of the message. The missionary messenger is more than a social volunteer. The disciples are commissioned to do God's will. As messengers we are to act in oneness with Jesus. If we are one with Jesus, we would not have the splits and

University equip men and women for the total society. Not only for the home, but the country and the world. "We must remember that the only hands God has to move this world are my hands and yours. Thank you for helping us to meet the challenge through your support and cooperation."

The objective for Foreign Missions was represented by Mrs. Armina Morgan, past superintendent of Lott Carey Foreign Mission, Liberia.

"We want to follow God's will, but we are perplexed about what to do. To do God's will, we must take a step that He has already made. Seventy-five years ago, you started to help the Lott Carey and you can't turn back. Thank God through you we can boast of a first-class library. Thanks for your continued financial and spiritual support."

Ms. Cheryl O'Neil, BSU, Shaw University, urged the Convention to help the Shaw family to set up programs and activities to draw the students and faculty and staff closer together and to put God first. "Funds and scholarships are greatly appreciated. We pray that you continue to support the college financially and spiritually."

82 Woman's Missions Thrusts



The 1982 slate of officers for the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention includes (left to right, back row): Mrs. Bronnie Daniels, Michael Little, Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, Mrs. Jettie Cas, Donald Crawford, Mrs. M. C. Crier,

Mrs. Mildred L. Chavis, Dr. J. B. McLester, Mrs. Georgia Turner, (front row) Mrs. Clara N. Hayes, Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, Mrs. Luella D. Edwards, Mrs. Eva Johnson, Mrs. Robbie Diggs, Mrs. Maggie White and Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie.



Recognition was given to three women for 10 years or more of service to the WBH & FMC. Pictured (left to right) are Mrs. Thelma Horton, president of the Convention, Mrs.

Cora Reid receiving the certificate for Mrs. W. M. Alexander, Mrs. Henry Clyburn, Mrs. Gladys Watlington, and Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, executive secretary.



Miss Minnie C. Lyon thrilled the hearts of the WBH & FMC Young Adult Department with words of wisdom during their session in Raleigh Jan. 9. Pictured (left to right) are the

Rev. Wayne Hines, Miss Lyon, Mrs. Bronnie D. Daniels, Young adult director, and Mrs. Luella D. Edwards.

"For the first time in the history of the young adult department, Miss Minnie C. Lyon thrilled the hearts of the young adults with her words of wisdom. A love offering was presented to her.

A skit on the Convention theme was presented by the Wayne County young adults.

Mrs. Mitchell reported that over 500 youths, supervisors and visitors attended the session of the youth department.

The spiritual mood was set through scripture and prayer. Ivy Murrain, third vice president, discussed many scriptural references on mission. She stated that mission means to proclaim and demonstrate the kingdom of God to the world. God's mission is to be accomplished through the teaching of the life of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

The theme skit, "Behold, I Stand at the Door," was presented by the youth from Johnston County.

Plans were discussed for the Annual Session.

The officers elected at the annual meeting held in Charlotte were presented.

"Heaven's University" Preached

Rev. Charles Tyner, moderator of the New Hope Association, presented Dr. Percy High, pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, for the sermon subject, "Heaven's University on Earth." Text was taken from Psalm 25.

"This is a rather strange university. There is no tuition, room or board. One does not have to travel by bus, car or plane. You do not have to leave home to be enrolled. No one is expelled. There are no honor rolls. Whatever you use in a technical school can be used here. Not what you do will get you in, but why you do it. No prerequisites, all start at the same level. This strange and rare school does not have an earthly alumni. Only real institution on earth that is free. It includes all mankind. The President is the same yesterday and today.

"No one can fire this President

because He is the founder. He knows all about His students. He knows those that will do and those who will not. This President is always present. The Dean is unusual. He is just like the President. This Dean has no office hours and no secretary. He designed the curriculum Himself. He invites all students to come by the Dean's office. He knows all about us. He is our friend when the way is dark. 'What a Friend We Have In Jesus.'

"The Professor has never been seen by anyone but He is always present. He is called the Father of the 'Holy Ghost.' He will warm your soul if you enroll in His course.

"First, while the university is open to everybody, only a few will enroll. Although it is free with three hot meals a day, we will not all come in. There is only one way to get in. You must confess, 'I am a sinner and need to come in by the Dean.' In this school there are no 'Big I's' and 'Little You's.' You just need to come by the President.

"The degrees are as follows:

"IB—I have been born again.

"MA—I have been by the Master.

"PHD—I am going to praise Him daily.

"You must come as a sinner and be born again.

"Second, no time to study for examination is needed. We are tested daily. If you are enrolled in God's university, you will be tested by those who are not enrolled. Sometimes you are tested by those you sleep with and even those in your church.

"Finally, there is no set time for school closing. Graduation comes to all. The sign in the hall reads 'Follow Me.' You will find a dedicated and caring President, a warm Professor and a tender Dean. You don't all graduate at the same time, but the Dean will call your name. I want to see the President at graduation. 'Home at last ever to rejoice. O I want to see Him look upon His face, cares are past only to rejoice.'

Following this soul-stirring message, closing remarks were made by the president with benediction by Dr. High.

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THE COMPLETE BOOK OF BABY AND CHILD CARE (Revell, \$16.95) covers all areas of child care, from infancy to adolescence. The up-to-date information is presented in an easy-to-use, practical style. Among topics all parents need to know about are: nurturing the infant, family planning, personality development, symptoms and treatment of childhood diseases, and helping and understanding the troubled child and the special child.



MRS. GEORGIA GUEST

Georgia Guest Thanks

To the Moderators, pastors and woman's auxiliaries: I would like to take this time to thank you for your many invitations throughout the state. I enjoyed being with your church families and associations. I am available for the 1982 year for concerts, revivals, woman's days, etc. You may contact me at area code 704-482-3082 or write: Mrs. Georgia Guest, Route 9, Box 265, Shelby, N. C. 28150.

May God continue to bless you and I am looking forward to serving you.

Specialists Urge Sex Education; Stay Together For Children

BY GAIL ROTHWELL
GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)—Christian parents in troubled marriages should stay together for the sake of their children, Harry Hollis told participants in a Child Life conference at Gloria.

Hollis, director of family and special moral concerns for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, told 130 professional and volunteer children's workers: "Perhaps if parents stay together for the sake of the children, they can pull themselves away from their self-centered pride or other problems and work together. Maybe then they will find meaning and purpose for their marriages."

Urging participants to follow the example of Jesus to be an advocate for children, Hollis said, "Jesus loves children, led them, laughed with them and died for them."

One of the most important things that the family can do for children is to provide them with a sense of identity, he said. "There are a lot of forces at work in our society which persist in telling us we are

nobodies. The task of the family should be to tell children that they are somebody."

The good news for families, he said, is that "what children so desperately need in today's world is provided for by God's Holy Spirit. In fact, our only hope for providing for children is to let God work through us."

While families can minister to the needs of children, children can contribute many things to the family, said Hollis, including helping parents reach out to others.

"Children have a way of getting you outside you self and giving you a sense of determination to get out into the community and make it a better place for children. When adults do this, they also make it a better world for themselves."

A major area of concern for the church should be in providing families with an understanding of sexuality, Hollis noted. Traditionally, many Southern Baptists have sent negative messages about sex, he said. "Baptists need to have a positive word to say

about sexuality. We need to start speaking to the needs of people by providing education in our churches about sexuality and bringing redemption to sex," Hollis said.

The best resource for teaching sex education is the Bible, because it respects the power of sexuality, he said. "The Bible has guidance or sex and views it as God's gift given for the enrichment of human life."

The process of sex education in the home is an ongoing, verbal and nonverbal process, he told workers. "Sex education is not just a one-time lecture that you give your children." He told workers that children need the viewpoints of others to validate and facilitate what they have learned at home.

Finally, Hollis said, the church should prepare families for the future by giving them a solid foundation to build upon. "Families facing divorce can pull through when they have a foundation built upon Jesus Christ," he said.

"Our Hungry Neighbors In Carolina"

Greensboro, Asheville, Winston-Salem Face Food Crises

RALEIGH—"The suffering may have come to such a degree that it raises awareness and creates a public outcry," said Congressman Charles Rose, representative from the seventh district of North Carolina.

Rose discussed the effects of the budget cuts on the hungry in North Carolina at a Monday, Dec. 7, forum entitled "Our Neighbors: The Hungry in North Carolina."

The forum Rose spoke at was co-sponsored by Bread for the World (BFW) and the North Carolina Hunger Coalition.

The Rev. John W. Westcott, III, Greensboro coordinator for Bread for the World, compared the results of the budget cuts in Greensboro to an oceanside town being hit by a fair-sized earthquake. "The quake does quite a bit of damage," he said, "but not as much as the tidal wave that follows closely behind will do."

He then discussed the overwhelming numbers of poor people seeking help from private agencies available to serve them. According to Westcott, the Greensboro Urban Ministry, which operates a food and clothing pantry as well as offering limited financial aid, has already run up a deficit trying to help those who are truly in need. And people in Greensboro who receive food stamps, Medicaid and other federal assistance are being

forced to make decisions between food, utilities and medicine.

"Our study found that cuts have not helped to decrease dependency, but rather to increase it."

According to H. Edgar Pray of Asheville, the Asheville-Buncombe Community Christian Ministry is experiencing a similar situation. "Two years ago we were averaging about 30 clients per day," Pray said in a letter to the forum audience. "This year, the average will be

between 55 and 60."

Patty Fenstermaker, president of the local BFW chapter in Winston-Salem, explained the results of a hunger awareness tour made by over 40 persons in that city. On the tour, they visited the office where food stamps are administered, an eating center for senior citizens, a day care center and the Samaritan Soup Kitchen. Such tours, sponsored by Bread for the World and other anti-hunger groups, will occur in 1982 across the state.

POEM

Ed. Note—Ernestine Crumpler resides in Cumberland County in the Autryville Community. She is a member of Union Hill Baptist Church and a choir member there. This poem was submitted and read in her church recently.

IF YOU CAN'T TAKE IT, YOU CAN'T MAKE IT

If you get angry when things don't go your way;
If you are always afraid of what others will say;
Here's a message, repeat it each day:
If you can't take it, you can't make it.

If you let every little problem get you down;
And instead of smiling, you wear a frown;
Just remember when you reach for the crown,
If you can't take it, you can't make it.

Even though you can't always see the sunshine;
That's no reason to sit around and whine;
Just keep walking straight down when you go down the line,
Because if you can't take it, you'll never make it."

The words of this verse, may not be new,
But the message it gives is so very, very true;
Maybe it will help in giving a guideline for you;
'Cause if you can't take it, you can't make it.

Ernestine Crumpler

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Awards Presented At M.L. King Banquet

"The Spirit Of Martin Luther King, Jr." was celebrated during the General Baptist State Convention's Annual Banquet in memory of Dr. King, held Jan. 8 at the Royal Villa Convention Center in Raleigh. Nearly 1,000 people attended the affair. (1) GBSC President J. R. Manley and GBSC Executive Secretary C. C. Craig greet Dr. Cameron M. Alexander, president of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, Inc. Dr. Alexander spoke on the subject, "Am I Wasting My Time?" he emphasized the spirit of Dr. King and the spirit that all Baptists must display. He said that "Martin didn't waste his time or your time - he didn't die in vain." (2) President Manley presents the "Spirit of Dr. King Award for Education" to Dr. Stanley Smith, president of Shaw University. (3) President Manley presents the "Spirit of Dr. King Award for Political Action" to Benjamin Ruffin, special assistant to Governor James B. Hunt. (4) President Manley presents the "Spirit of Dr. King Award for Religion" to Dr. J. H. Ferguson of Rockingham, for 50 years of service in the ministry. (5) The banquet closed with the head table guests and audience joining hands to sing "We Shall Overcome."



Oak Grove Baptist Church near Littleton recently received Life Membership in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)—making it only the second church in Halifax County to be awarded this honor. Board members of the Halifax County Chapter of NAACP on hand for the award ceremony were, left to right—Charles Thomas; Rev. James Clements, church work; Rev. Edward Fleming, president and presenter of the award; Rev. C. E. McCollum, pastor of Oak Grove and chapter second vice president; Dock Brown, first vice president; Emily Smith, recording secretary; and Solomon Jenkins, treasurer.

Person Co. Missionary Union Presents Play

The Person County Missionary Union Young Adult Department presented a play entitled "Arise, Thy Light is Come," on Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Olive Grove Baptist Church, Leasburg. Music was rendered by the Leasburg Community Workshop Choir under the direction of Rev. Clevis Brandon.

Immediately after the pageant, Rev. Keith Wiley brought forth a dynamic sermon, "The Crises of the Black Church."

To carry out the spirit of Christmas, the young adult members presented gifts to all the senior citizens who were

present. To climax the event, time was allowed for fellowship.

—LULA WAGSTAFF

Sampson Union Dines In Clinton

The Upper Sampson Missionary Union of the Western Union Association held its second Annual Christmas Banquet Dec. 11 at the Butler Avenue School, Clinton.

Out of the 20 churches in this association, we had 14 churches present at the banquet.

The speaker was Rev. H. R. Cogdell, pastor of the Lisbon St. Missionary Baptist Church, Clinton.

—Christina Peterson

Reaganomics And Hunger

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WILL CUTS ELIMINATE WASTE AND FRAUD?

Everyone agrees that waste and fraud are important concerns and should be eliminated insofar as possible. But it is important to distinguish between inadvertent errors and fraud. The most recent available government surveys show a net loss of 7.8 percent of the food stamp budget to waste and fraud. This figure was down from 8 percent in 1977 and 14 percent in 1975.

Only a small fraction of the total loss is the result of deliberate misrepresentation by clients. The rest are mistakes or oversights by applicants and government workers or administrative fraud. According to John R. Block, secretary of agriculture, "The overwhelming majority of food stamp recipients are honest Americans who are doing their very best to get by in these inflationary times."

The crucial question is whether federal cutbacks will actually reduce waste and fraud, or whether they will result in denying assistance to many who need it.

WILL NEW FEDERALISM HELP?

So far, states have been given much more responsibility, but much less money. States stand to lose more than \$2 billion in tax revenues and higher borrowing costs because of federal tax cuts. More than 30 states are considering raising taxes to match federal cutbacks, and some already have. But most tax increases in 1981 were in sales and gasoline taxes, which impact heavily on lower-income people. And in many cases, the efforts of states to provide additional relief merely result in lower benefits from federal programs.

President Ronald Reagan has suggested that private voluntary efforts will be important in replacing federal programs. Will they be able to "fill the gap?" James Rosebush, President Reagan's special assistant for voluntary activities, says "Absolutely not."

WHERE DO CHURCHES FIT IN?

What about the churches? Many are already involved in social service programs of various kinds. National Council of Churches' surveys show that U. S. churches already devote about 20 percent of the contributions they receive to benevolences. These include services in this country and abroad.

Churches can certainly do more, but will they be able to meet the need? The Ohio Hunger Task Force recently did a study on this question. They found that Franklin County, in and around the city of Columbus, will lose \$7 million in food stamp benefits. Last year, churches in the area donated some \$500,000 worth of food to direct relief efforts. That means that if the churches doubled the amount of food donations given last year, they would still be \$6 million short of the amount lost from the Food Stamp program alone.

Many of us in this country are rooted in Jewish and Christian traditions. This heritage has influenced our legal and ethical standards as well. The mandate to care for the poor as a matter of public policy is explicit and uncompromising in this tradition. The Old Testament prophet Isaiah said, "Some day there will be a king who rules with integrity, and national leaders who govern with justice. Each of them will be like a shelter from the wind and a place to hide from the storms... Their eyes and ears will be open to the needs of the people."

We recognize that many around us are in need. We see that many obstacles stand in the way of filling their need. But our willingness to help the poor among us is a measure of our humanity and compassion. Our goal should be to provide help in a way that is adequate, fair, efficient and humane. It is possible that the new directions of the Reagan administration will provide us with the opportunity to re-evaluate our earlier efforts. But it is not all clear that the new federalism will bring us closer to achieving this goal.

GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT DESIRABLE

One of the tasks which the U. S. Constitution assigns to the federal government is to "promote the general welfare." This includes responsibility for the poor and the helpless. We must recognize that government cannot achieve this without active help and participation on the local level. We also need to recognize that the efforts of individuals, churches and charitable organizations cannot replace those of government.

Working on their own, individuals and private voluntary organizations cannot hope to assess the extent of poverty in our land. They cannot provide a system that would avoid duplication or inequity of services. They do not have either the technical expertise or the financial resources to assume the full burden of caring for those who cannot care for themselves. Only government can fill that role.

Not even the staunchest defenders of our welfare programs would claim that they had achieved the goal of being adequate, fair, efficient or humane. Still, they did deliver a great many services to people in need. We have yet to see the Reagan administration propose a system that will do a better job than the one now being dismantled. Sadly, this can only lead us to ask whether the administration's eyes and ears are open to the needs of all of our citizens, including the millions of poor Americans in our midst.

Jim Bergin is a staff associate at Bread for the World, a Christian citizens' movement working to fight hunger through public policy.

Noted Scholars Set For Shaw Pastor's Conference In March

The Shaw Divinity School proudly announces the observance of its Ninth Annual Pastor's Conference March 22, 23, 24, 1982 at Shaw University, Raleigh. Registration for the conference will begin at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 22, and the conference will end near noon on Wednesday, March 24. Registration and all sessions of the conference will be held in the Shaw University Church. The cost of registration is \$35.00.

The theme for 1982 is, "The Pastor Views a Variety of Leadership Styles." The series of three outstanding pastors and/or educators have been secured.

Dr. Robert H. Wilson will be conference preacher. Dr. Wilson is executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of America, Dallas, Texas. Dr. Wilson will deliver sermons on Monday and Tuesday evenings, at 8. He will also preach for the Shaw Theological Alumni Association's Theological Convocation on Wednesday, March 24, at 11:30 a.m.

The Rev. Cain Felder will be a principal lecturer. The Reverend Felder is assistant professor of New Testament at Howard Divinity School, Washington, D.C. He will deliver two lectures on that aspect of the theme entitled, "Biblical Leadership Styles." Both lectures will be delivered

on Tuesday, at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Rev. Russell Arkward will be a principal lecturer. The Reverend Arkward is pastor of New Zion Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. He will deliver two lectures on that aspect of the theme entitled, "Contemporary Leadership Styles." Both lectures will be delivered on Tuesday, at 11:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.

On Wednesday, between 9:30 a.m. and 11:25 a.m. a summation session consisting of a review of lecture presentations will be featured. Question and answer periods will follow all lectures and the summation session. We have reserved 25 rooms at the

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Middle District Dedicates Chapel

More than 300 members of the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association gathered joyously together at the Burgaw Institute, Burgaw, for Founders Day on Nov. 9, 1981. A new milestone was reached in the association's 110-year history. The long-awaited dream was now a reality as the chapel was complete and ready to be dedicated to God for His glory. So the people came with praise on their lips and thanksgiving in their hearts. They just praised the Lord.

The rich heritage of our founding fathers, having built the facilities for religious training and Christian Education, has continued through the years. Burgaw Institute has long been the training center for ministers, laymen and women missionaries of the area.

The needs of the present age provided the vision for our present association leaders to expand the Lord's work so that the teaching ministry might be enlarged, so the word of God might be spread to others hungry for the Word, and that special attention be given to meeting the needs of our youth.

Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, and former pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wilmington, was the speaker. Dr. Butler has roots in the area, having pastored several churches and served in other leadership capacities during his tenure. He spoke from II Samuel 3:16-24: "Digging Ditches." Even though the founding fathers had dug many ditches to get us to where we now are, he challenged the association to be aware of the many more that still need to be dug.

Rev. Hermon Cogdell led the dedication litany. Rev. F. R. Devane, the oldest association minister, gave the dedicatory prayer. The service concluded with the laying of the corner stone by the Middle Chamber Masonic Lodge, 169, Burgaw, assisted by the Past Master Council of District No. 1 of North Carolina.

Dr. B. L. Rich is moderator of the association and Rev. Carroll Middette is secretary. Our hats are off to Rev. Middette who coordinated the program and supervised the work from the beginning to the finish.

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Gospel Sharing

Evangelism: A Wholesome Task

WAKE FOREST—Today's Christians are called to evangelize in a day of celebrity Christians and superstar saints," Delos Miles told a chapel audience during opening ceremonies of the spring semester at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Miles, associate professor of evangelism at the Southern Baptist Convention seminary, was part of a threefold emphasis on the seminary's purposes of education, evangelism and missions.

Speaking on the subject, "A Wholesome and Intelligent Evangelism," he characterized evangelism during the past thirty years as saving many facets, reflecting a diversity of fads and emphases.

Unlike what some people think, Miles stressed that a wholesome and intelligent evangelism is not entertainment.

"Evangelism is not a performance. It is not playing. When we use unethical

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Be Prophetic, Not Popular

WAKE FOREST—Speaking to 83 mid-year graduates at Southeastern Theological Seminary here, Chauncey R. Daley said that "Your first and foremost responsibility is to live and proclaim the gospel."

Daley, editor, "Western Recorder," the Kentucky Baptist news journal, said that while his remarks were not profound, "they are real." At times, he painted a negative picture, saying that "the setting for Baptist preaching today is not conducive for excellence." His negativism, he said, "is a way of saying your encouragement and comfort are to be found in God and not your hearts."

The former Southeastern trustee and father of one of the

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we must continue to build

These archaeological ruins show the foundations of a heavy gate built by King Solomon in the 10th century B.C. Buildings and houses often become outdated, as the General Baptist family has experienced at its present headquarters in Raleigh. But many churches and pastors have responded to the challenge to build a new Baptist Headquarters building. More contributions to the \$100,000 May 5 goal are included in Dr. C.C. Craig's column on page 2.

Sunday School, BTU Workshops Stress

"Who, What, Why" Of Christian Education

The Sunday School and BTU congresses, auxiliaries to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, attracted more than 800 Baptists to the Annual One Day session held at the Martin Luther Baptist Church in Raleigh Feb. 13. Dr. Paul H. Johnson, pastor.

Althornton Canada and Edmund Turner, Sunday School and BTU presidents respectively, presided. The

theme was "Teaching and Growing Our Churches," with an emphasis on education. The motto verse was taken from Acts 4:40-41: "And with many other words he testified and exhort - Then they gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

The congress featured three 15-minute workshop sessions on Christian education.

Rev. W.T. Ramey, III and Mrs. Mary L. Mitchell, representing the Vance County Baptist Sunday School Convention, presented the first

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topic - "Who: Children, Youth and Adults; Unserved Persons and Christians: The Whole Life."

Rev. Ramey said that all men should be saved. He said that

nobody can save themselves. Only through Jesus is this possible (Romans 3:19-24, Ephesians 2:8-10). Rev. Ramey covered several questions that Christians asks, such as: "What is meant by the name Christ?"

"The name Christ, as well as Messiah, means the anointed - that is, the King," he said. "He is given this name because he has the right to the loyalty of all

men, reigns in the hearts of believers, and because the day is coming when in his name every knee shall bow."

Another question asked was whether any man is excluded from salvation by the will of God?

"No," said Rev. Ramey. "God loves all mankind and for their salvation has given his only begotten Son." And to be saved, he said that one must believe in Christ, turn from sin (repent), and obey the Word of God.

Rev. Rogene E. Newkirk and Mrs. Hazel N. Logan, representing the Wake County Sunday School Convention, discussed the topic - "Why: For Teaching and Understanding: Training for Faithful Living and Fruitful Service."

Mrs. Logan told the audience that each church must be properly equipped to teach Christian beliefs and doctrine. She said that all Christians must study Christian witnessing, ethics, church history, church organization,

Teaching And Training Mission Of The Church

The church has a teaching mission. Jesus charged His followers to make disciples and to teach them to observe all things He had commanded. This commission of the risen Lord places teaching and training at the heart of the church's witness and work. The true concept of the church must always embrace its educational task. The New Testament Church is in fact a teaching church.

It is highly important that the educational task of the church be seen in its comprehensive scope. Five aspects of this scope give direction in building a curriculum. First, it includes all youth and adults. In other words, a church is to be concerned for all ages, from the youngest to the oldest. Second, it relates to the whole of life. The church's educational ministry has significance



More than 800 Baptists throughout the state packed the Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh Feb. 13 for the Sunday

School and BTU Congress. Dr. Paul H. Johnson and congregation served as hosts for the occasion.

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N.C. Governor Seeks More Citizen Input

There is a good chance that some time during the month of March you will have the opportunity to become a "citizen of the future."

This won't involve a "time warp" and is not science fiction, but is part of a statewide effort to involve citizens in North Carolina in planning for the year 2000.

Citizens will be asked to fill out a simple questionnaire which focuses on the qualities about North Carolina that they value most now and want to preserve and on the areas in which improvement is needed.

During March, almost 800,000 copies are expected to appear in banks, town halls, public libraries, and in the hands of school children and at meetings of community organizations. It also will be carried in many newspapers.

The questionnaire is only one part of NC 2000, a major statewide project which is involving leaders and citizens in mapping out a course for the next two decades in North Carolina.

"The questionnaire raises some fundamental, but not so easy questions about what North Carolina citizens want and expect for their next 20 years," said Gov. Hunt, who is distributing the questionnaire along with a state Commission on the Future of North Carolina.

"We have the opportunity right now to do some things that can mean a better life for our children and our communities in the years ahead," Hunt stated. "But before we can do those things, we as a people must look closely at the choices before us and re-examine our goals and values. The questionnaire will help us to do that."

Governor Hunt initiated NC 2000 in June, 1981, and in October appointed a Commission on the Future of North Carolina to head the project. UNC President William C. Friday serves as commission chairman. Among the concerns which are surfacing in commission discussions are the future availability of affordable, suitable housing; the loss of prime agricultural lands; health care for the growing areas; the availability of water, especially in growth areas; and skills training for the changing job market.

The chief tool for involving citizens across the state in the planning process is a network of NC 2000 committees.

For more information on the questionnaire, citizens are encouraged to contact their county NC 2000 chairs or the North Carolina Department of Administration at (919) 733-4131.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Your contribution for Missions and Christian Education makes it possible for the Convention to move forward in a progressive way in an effort to accomplish its objective, which is to give financial support to Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions and the Central Orphanage.

As dedicated leaders and Christians, we are commissioned to carry the Gospel message to all the world. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

That is what we are doing about this command of Jesus?

Part of the answer lies in what we are going through the Unified Program: 1. (Shaw University and the Divinity School)—Through the Unified Program, the Convention supports education for more than fourteen hundred college students and also supports the Divinity School in providing training for students who are preparing to preach and minister in Christian education.

2. (Foreign Missions)—Through the Unified Program, the Convention provides support for more than 75 foreign missionaries in four countries (Guyana, India, Liberia, and Nigeria). This includes building churches, hospitals, clinics, schools, and seminaries, preaching, witnessing, ministering and much more. 3. (State Missions)—Through the Unified Program, a portion of our Unified dollars is used in our own state for State Missions. Here are examples of how missions dollars are used: provide training and materials for church leaders; institutes, workshops and clinics for church leaders and members; the upkeep of the Baptist Headquarters, compiling of records, reports, program planning and general program and administration of the parent body and the work of the women, men, ushers, Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress. 4. (Central Orphanage)—Through the Unified Program, we support children who recognize the Central Orphanage as their home. This support includes food, clothing, shelter, education and recreational opportunities to help young discarded lives have mature adulthood. Through percentage giving, every Baptist church can have a part in expanding the work of Missions and Christian Education. There are four things each of us can do:

(1) Become knowledgeable about the mission work of the church and the General Baptist State Convention;

J. Ray Butler Enters GBSC Race For President

J. Ray Butler, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, and President at Large of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., take this opportunity to announce publicly my candidacy to the presidency of the General Baptist State Convention. The Baptist Ministers' Conference and Associates of Winston-Salem are composed of Deacons of the Shiloh Baptist Church endorsed my candidacy unanimously, April 1981.

I seek the position because I have always been very jealous toward the spiritual growth, strength and economic progress of my denomination, particularly as relates to the General Baptist State Convention, and because I have a strong desire to work with encouragement, inspire and cooperate with Dr. C. C. Craig, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, of whom I feel has done and is yet doing a most masterful job in conducting the management and daily affairs of the Convention.

Throughout my pastoral ministry, I have been very faithful as a supporter of the General Baptist State Convention. I have attended every annual state convention since the year 1948. As chairman of the General Board of the state convention, I have served well with five presidents: the late Dr. R. M. Pate, Sr., Winston-Salem; Dr. J. J. Fairweather, Asheville, Dr. C. R. Edwards, Fayetteville, Dr. J. J. Johnson, Fairmont and Dr. J. H. Manley, Chapel Hill. I was elected vice chairman of the General Board in 1959. Dr. F. T. Tillet, chairman, Eden, having constantly

been ill, fell upon me to carry out the mandate of chairperson with the exception of two sessions during the six-year period of the late Dr. Pitts' tenure of presidency. In 1966, I was elected chairman.

The leadership in pastoral ability that God has allowed me to render for sixteen years as pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wilmington, and twelve years with the Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, and as moderator of the Western Union Association, 1955-73, I feel will equip me to handle the office as president of the General Baptist State Convention. I hope that I merit the favor and votes of ministers and pastors, laymen and presidents with the lay people across the state of North Carolina, as we move toward the culmination of the state convention in Durham, White Rock Baptist Church, Dr. Lorenzo Lynch, pastor, the fourth week in October, 1982.

After completing high school with honors at the Charles E. Perry school, Roeboro, I entered Shaw University and the Divinity School and graduated with the BA and BD degrees. I later pursued post graduate study toward the D.Th. degree, Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, 1960-67; was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree from Friendship College, Rock Hill, S.C., 1964, where I am now serving on the Board of Trustees; was admitted to the M.Div. degree (Master of Divinity), Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, April 21, 1974; was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree, Shaw University,

- (2) Pray daily for the mission work;
- (3) Commit ourselves to a plan of increased mission giving;
- (4) Give an open ear to what the Lord has to say.

Shaw And Divinity School Emphasize

OUR FISCAL YEAR 1981-82

As we move forward in an effort to reach our financial goal of \$1,378,047.54, let us keep in mind that the fiscal year for the Shaw University and the Divinity School closes on June 30, 1982. I strongly urge the churches of each association to sponsor Shaw Day on or before June 30. Shaw University has been blessed to have state and our churches for more than a century; therefore, it is necessary for us to continue to give our support. An effort to keep Shaw fully alive and functioning. If each member of the Convention would give to Shaw University and the Divinity School a sacrificial gift of \$10 yearly, it would go long way in solving the financial problem.

IT BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

It is heartwarming to know that many of our churches, in addition to their monthly gifts to Missions and Christian Education, are responding to our need for \$100,000 for our building fund on or before May 5, 1982. We are asking each church to make a pledge for our building fund within the next 30 days.

The following churches have been added to the list of pledges.

Johnston District Association, A. A. Crum 500.00 (paid)

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Raleigh, April 21, 1973; am a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; recipient of the LL.D. degree from McKinley Theological Seminary, Dr. W. K. Nelson, president, Jackson, Miss., July 17, 1977.

In the community, I have served as chaplain, second vice president and presently first vice president-at-large of the Winston-Salem Branch of the NAACP; vice president-at-large and president of the Baptist Ministers' Conference and Associates of Winston-Salem and Vicinity; past president of the Forsyth Clergy Association of Winston-Salem and Vicinity; member of the Board of the Exposition and Reliance (ESR), and Human Relations Commission, Winston-Salem.

Previously, I have served as president of the National Theological Alumni Association, Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh; member of the Executive Board of the Loti Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, U.S.A., Inc.; member of the Executive Board of the Hampton Ministers' Conference, Inc., Hampton, Va.; a member of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.; elected Moderator, Writer for the National Baptist Sunday School Publishing Board; chairman of the General Board, General Baptist State Convention; vice president-at-large of the General Baptist State Convention; was recently appointed to the Board of General Contractors by Gov. Jim Hunt (1980).

I have toured the Holy Land and Athens, Greece (Middle East); attended the Baptist World Congress in Stockholm, Sweden and visited five

other European countries; toured two African countries (Nigeria and Liberia) am listed in Marquis "Who's Who in North and South" and "Who's Who Among Black Americans."

I began the ministry in the First Baptist Church, East End, Newport News, Va. My former pastorates are the First Baptist Church, Creedmoor, N.C.; Olive Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N.C.; New Christian Chapel Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md.; and the pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem.

I am married to the former Mrs. Martin Lucas, of Durham, and have four sons.

Sincerely,
J. Ray Butler, Pastor

Friendship Baptist, Monroe, Honors Pastor Crowder

A retirement service honoring Dr. John Bunyon Crowder was held Sunday, Dec. 13, 1981, at Friendship Baptist Church, Monroe.

Dr. Crowder has given 25 years of service as pastor of Friendship. He was reared in Monroe County where his formative years were spent. He attended the public schools before entering Friendship College in Rock Hill; from there, Benedict College was the choice, where he received the BA degree. He attended the School of Theology at John C. Smith University, Charlotte.

He taught in the public schools of South Carolina before entering the full-time pastorate, serving 28 years as president of Pine Creek Sunday School Convention, and is presently first vice moderator of the above association.

He is a Master Mason and holds the Royal Arch degree. He is not retiring from the ministry, just from the Friendship Baptist Church; he will continue to serve as pastor of the Davie Baptist Church in Langate, where he has been pastor for 39 years.

He is married to the former

Miss Josephine Craig.

Highlights of the retirement service included testimonials from the general church by Mrs. Helen Cureton, from the deacon board by Cleveland Huntley, from the trustee board by P. E. Bazemore, from the Sunday School by G. C. Wilson, and the other auxiliaries of the church by Miss Lula C. Faulkner.

A number of visiting ministers and friends attended the service. Schoolmates of Rev. Crowder present were Dr. W. B. Knox, who had been a roommate of Rev. Crowder while they were students at Friendship College; and Dr. P. B. Barnett, who had been a classmate at Benedict College.

Dr. E. H. Martin of Wadesboro, oldest continuing pastor in the General Baptist State Convention, presented the guest speaker, Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary of the General Baptist State Convention.

Dr. Craig enlightened the public concerning ministers' retirement. He commended Friendship Baptist Church for having enrolled Dr. Crowder, its pastor, in the retirement system set up by the General Baptist State Convention before

now, and urged other Baptist churches to care for their pastors by enrolling them in the retirement system provided for ministers.

On behalf of the General Baptist State Convention, Dr. Craig thanked God for Dr. Crowder. He further stated, "You have meant so much to the Convention. Whatever I have needed from Friendship in money, all I had to tell Dr. Crowder was, I need a thousand dollars from Friendship and Dr. Crowder saw to it that I got that thousand."

Dr. Craig commended Friendship for having selected Dr. Crowder as pastor, a man who knows where he is going, how to get there and how to carry someone with him. Friendship had made lots of progress, a beautiful church, carpet, pews, etc. He thanked God that Dr. Crowder had made this county a much better place than it was when he found it.

Then Dr. Craig selected Psalm 119:5 as his subject. "Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet and a Light Unto My Path." He cited a story about a conductor on a train who, when asked about his life's work, replied, "It seems as though I

have spent my whole life trying to help people to get home."

He stated that Dr. Crowder has spent his life trying to show people the way to get home to God. "If we want to get home and are on our way, we have to hear the pastor. Don't hinder the preacher, because he is God's signal light, he serves as a conscience of the congregation and of the nation. He has to tell it like it is: Whatever the Lord tells him, he is going to tell the people. The Word is our guide."

In the absence of Mrs. Annie Ingram, mother of the church, Mrs. J. A. Little gave remarks; Rev. J. W. Lomax also gave remarks. A book of remembrance was presented to Dr. and Mrs. Crowder by Miss Ernestine Maske. The book contained the names of the officers of the various church organizations, names of church members and their families and autographs of the large number of visiting ministers who were present at the service.

Gifts from Friendship Baptist Church were presented by Kevin Wimberly. The gifts consisted of money given by each family of the church and friends. Gifts from St. Davie



DR. JOHN B. CROWDER

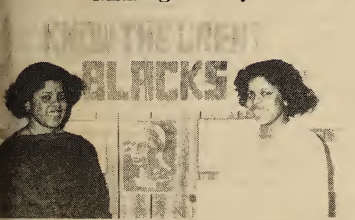
Church were presented by Deacon Bivens and Mrs. Ivy presented gifts from the Missionary Circle of Lane Creek.

Music for the service was rendered by the Friendship choir, with Mrs. Dianne Burns as organist and by the choir of Pine Grove East. Rev. J. H. Lightsey, pastor of Langsford Chapel CME Church of Monroe, presided during the service.

We have all been blessed and enlightened by having known Dr. J. B. Crowder.

Church Circuit

Making History



Marie (left) and Marjorie Debnam have proven to be double dynamite scholastic circles. The Raleigh twins have won semifinal ratings in the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro students. The daughters of Dr. and Mrs. George C. Debnam, both would like to enter the medical profession like their father, a Raleigh naval practitioner. They are active members of the Martin Street Baptist Church, Dr. Paul H. Johnson, pastor.

Yadkin-Davie Assoc. Meets

YADKINVILLE — The Yadkin and Davie Association recently held its annual One-day Session at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Yadkinville, Rev. F. A. Leak, pastor. The theme for the day was "Who Is on the Lord's Side?" Scriptural basis was Exodus 12:26-27.

The session opened at 9:50 a.m., with morning devotion, singing a hymn led by the moderator, and scripture was read from Exodus by Rev. F. A. Leak. Prayer was offered by

Bro. Luther Dalton.

After the morning devotion, there was a short business session, and a short discussion of the theme for the day, which was enjoyed by everyone. The moderator asked Sis. Mildred Leak to escort our guest for the morning to the front and the introduction was done by Sis. Leak also. Our guest was Sis. Bronnie Daniels, director of the Youth Department of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention. Sis. Daniels centered her

Sycamore Hill Installs Pastor Parker

GRENVILLE—In services last month at Sycamore Hill Baptist Church in Greenville, the Rev. Howard W. Parker, Jr., of Winston-Salem, was installed as the church's 14th pastor.

During an 11 a.m. service, the Rev. Gilbert G. Campbell, Jr., pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, delivered the morning message.

At a 3 p.m. service, the Mt. Zion Baptist Church Choral, directed by Harry D. Wheeler, furnished music and Dr. K. O. P. Goodwin, pastor-emeritus, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and Rev. Parker's father-in-law, the ministry, delivered a message followed by the charge to the church—Rev. G. G. Campbell, Jr.; charge to the minister, Dr. Royal Puryear, LL.D., and president, Florida Memorial

University. "What It Means to Be a Missionary in the Baptist Faith," Sis. Daniels did a wonderful job with her discussion and was highly enjoyed by everyone present.

The afternoon session consisted of devotion, a business session, committee reports and a wonderful message by Rev. James Tarrant, associate pastor of Forbush Baptist Church. His subject, "One Life to Live," was taken from Genesis 3:1-2.

Rev. Ardeal Roseboro, Moderator

College, St. Augustine, Fla.; the Rev. William R. Hairston, prayer of consecration, con-

cluding with the "Hallelujah Chorus"—Händel, by the Mt. Zion Baptist Church Choral.

Charge To Deacons

BY CLIFTON STONE
Coordinator, New Hope Association

Since the position of deacon came out of a need when the ministers were not able to take care of the flock, and the congregation approved them, hence the deacons are really pastors' assistants and are to help him or her administer the affairs of the church. Therefore, you are charged as follows:

- 1—to be sure you are qualified for the position. If you are not sure, it's not too late to say so. You are to be filled with the Holy Spirit, have control of your home, be sober, well versed in the affairs of the Baptist church and able to lead and guide people.
- 2—to be faithful to your pastor and church. If the time comes when you cannot support your pastor and the congregation is supporting him or her, then be honest and resign.
- 3—to carry out the rules and regulations of the church, even when you are against them.
- 4—to be fair about all things, even if the problem is in your own family.
- 5—to keep the affairs of the deacons secret until they come before the congregation. This means not telling your wife, girlfriend, etc.
- 6—to keep yourself unspotted from the world. Never let members of your church lose respect for you and your leadership.
- 7—Serve the three tables that are your responsibility: the offering table (pay your tithes and offerings); the pastor's table (see that he or she is well taken care of) and the communion table (be present and ready to serve each time the communion is announced). Be sure the sick and shut-ins are served communion at least quarterly.

Woman's Page

ON THE MARCH

BY EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY BRODIE

Can it be said that we are still marching as we find ourselves even now in the month of March? That is, are we still involved in the endeavor of letting our Christian joys be known (State Missions), of speaking Christian joys abroad (Foreign Missions), of maintaining institutions which yield many religious truths (Shaw and the Divinity School), of drying away tears of children without homes (Central Orphanage)? Should we wonder what we can deny ourselves in observance of the Lenten Season? We can give sacrificial contributions to missions, a greater gift than we ever have given, while "we're marching to Zion."

Now please be reminded of the following! Our Annual State-Wide Leaders' Workshop will be held Saturday, April 3, at the Memorial Auditorium. However, the Young Adults and Youth will meet at the Civic Center for their session until 11:45 a.m. and then come to the Memorial Auditorium for the joint session. We are counting on meeting all leaders and receiving a liberal contribution. The session should begin near

the hour of 8:45 a.m.; however, registration for all departments will begin at 8 a.m. in the Memorial Auditorium. But we hope that you will pre-register by sending two dollars to our office now.

Persons desiring reservation forms for housing for the North American Baptist Women's Union in Kansas City, Missouri, may secure these from our office now.

Banquet tickets (\$14 each) and hotel/motel reservation forms for the 98th Annual Session of the Woman's Convention in Winston-Salem, July 26-29, are available at the office.

The Second Ministers' Wives Retreat will convene at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, Saturday, May 1, with Mrs. Luella D. Edwards serving as the consultant. All ministers' wives are invited to attend. The retreat will begin at 9 a.m., and registration for those who have not pre-registered will begin at 8 a.m. However, we should appreciate if all persons pre-registered. Pre-registration fee for those who come on Saturday is \$15. For those who come on Friday and spend the night, the pre-registration fee is \$22. Please send the pre-registration fee to the office no later than April 16. Persons who come Friday will need to bring their bed linen and toiletries.

Teaching

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for, and application to, all areas of experience. Third, it is directed toward unsaved persons as well as Christians. It calls for teaching with a view to conversion and to faithful discipleship. Fourth, the educational task includes both teaching and understanding and training for faithful living and fruitful service. Teaching and training are a unity; they aim at understanding and practice. Fifth, the educational task includes the whole message of the Bible. The church must teach all that the Bible says about doctrine and duty.

Evangelism

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and un-Christian methods to win others to Christ, we deny the sovereignty of God," he said.

Christians are called to evangelize in a day of "superstar saints" and "celebrity Christians," but Miles pointed out that "celebrity Christians seem especially susceptible to producing celebrity stillbirths."

Some churches today report more conversions than baptisms, and Miles questioned this practice. "Dare we count anyone as a true disciple of Jesus Christ if he or she does not follow through with responsible church membership in some local expression of the body of Christ?" he asked.

He added, "An intelligent and wholesome evangelism will face up to the fact that making converts who do not follow through with responsible church membership is irresponsible and incomplete evangelism."

Jesus, the apostles and the martyrs of the Christian faith all paid a high price for evangelizing and to most Christians today. "There is no authentic evangelism without the cross," he continued.

According to Miles, true evangelism also will follow the servant model of Jesus.

"A wholesome and intelligent evangelism in our day cannot escape responsibility for doing something about the social and political conditions which spawn poverty, ignorance, injustice, classism, racism, crime, immorality and war," he added. "I believe that an evangelism concerned only with the souls of men will utterly fail. It is also our Christian duty to blow up the dams which have stopped the flow of justice and mercy that issues from our Lord's wounds on the cross."

"An evangelism which does not result in both changed individuals and changed society is a spurious evangelism," he concluded.

Miles joined the faculty at Southeastern in 1981, coming from a similar post at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rockingham Missionary Union Holds Study, Training Institute

BY JOSEPHINE NEAL

EDEN—The Rockingham County Missionary Union held its mission study institute Jan. 4-8 at the Springfield Baptist Church in Eden, with host pastor, Rev. W. M. Lea.

"A Handbook and Study Guide for the Missionary Baptist Woman" was the text. The past executive secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Dr. Berthenia D. Horne, was the instructor. "To Help and Exalt the Name of Jesus" was the main purpose for Dr. Horne's accepting the challenge to be the instructor for the week.

"The missionary responsibilities are great," Dr. Horne gave a demonstration of Christian leadership and responsibility to man and God, and she illustrated the need of the Christian woman in every

walk of life.

We wish to thank the following churches for their attendance: Bold Spring Baptist, Rev. A. C. Hill, pastor; First Baptist, Reidsville, Rev. O'Kelly Lawson, pastor; Gwynn Chapel Baptist, Rev. Clarence Hairston, pastor; Morning Star Baptist, Rev. J. J. Sims, pastor; Mt. Sinai Baptist, Rev. Allandus Wright, pastor; New St. Paul Baptist, Rev. R. J. Howard, pastor; Springfield Baptist, Rev. W. M. Lea, pastor; Wentworth Baptist, Rev. James Dillard, pastor;

Zion Baptist, Rev. E. L. Kirby, pastor; Chapel Hill Baptist and Sunny Home Baptist.

Enrollment for the week was 130 persons.

Leaship certificates were presented to 38 persons by Dr. Horne and Rev. E. L. Kirby, moderator of the Rowan Baptist Association.

We wish to express further thanks to the Springfield Baptist Senior Missionary Circle for their warm hospitality and to our social workers, Mesdames Eunice Kirby and Martha Howard.

General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Department of Christian Education Vacation Bible School Clinics

The Department of Christian Education of the General Baptist State Convention, in cooperation with associations, district Sunday School conventions, and churches, will conduct two Vacation Bible School Clinics at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, N.C. 1—Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and No. 2—Saturday, March 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The purpose of the clinics is to give training to associational, district Sunday School conventions, and churches' vacation Bible school teams and other persons. The teams will be given training in order to return home and assist with an associational clinic and help with their church programs.

Each Sunday School convention president, in consultation with the associational moderator, is asked to be responsible for the selection, organization and attendance of at least seven persons as a team from his or her convention. There should be one person to receive instructions in each of the following areas: preschool division (birth-5); children's division (6-11); youth division (12-17); adult division (18-up); school principal or director, music and arts and crafts.

Churches that wish to do so may sponsor their teams to the clinic. Persons who may not be sponsored by a church or association are invited to attend also.

Registration for each person is \$10, which includes the cost of a full-course lunch and other handout materials. Associations, conventions, and churches that pay the registration for their teams or personnel will receive credit for the amount in the annual report. All checks and/or money orders should be made payable to: General Baptist State Convention.

Sunday School, BTU Aim

"Teaching And Growing Our Baptist Churches"

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and many other areas related to the work of the church.

Teenagers from Enloe High School in Raleigh presented a skit demonstrating what may happen when parents and churches take Christian education lightly. A young boy asked his father what Baptists believe and why he is a Christian. The father fails to

answer his son's questions. In a scene several years later, the young man returns home after joining another religious group. He tells his father, "You never taught me what Christians believe."

Rev. Robert L. Milhouse and Mrs. Hazel McLean, representing the Pee Dee

Sunday School Convention, addressed the topic - "What: The Whole Message of the Bible (Doctrine and Duty)."

Rev. Milhouse told the

congregation the Bible "is a miracle book." He said that the Bible has one major theme: the Salvation of God offered to sinful man through Jesus

Christ. He said that the Bible is a miracle because it has "survived through the ages, been received by the world, and because it is truly the life giving breath of God." He said that the Bible is a manual for living.

During the question-and-answer period which followed the workshop, one delegate asked whether there is any way to get information to children in the public schools concerning Christianity.

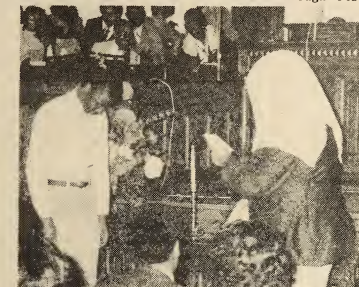
Mrs. Logan responded by saying that the law forbids this type of mission work. She said however that "we cannot leave it to the schools to teach our children. That child comes to the parent first and we must assume our responsibilities. And our churches must address themselves to these issues."

Greetings were also extended by Dr. J. R. Manley, president of the GBSC, and Dr. C. C. Craig, GBSC executive secretary.

Dr. Manley said that educational work in the churches of the General Baptist Convention is one of the major thrust for the future. He said "you can catch the Spirit, but we should know what we believe."

"We need to know more about the literature we have, which is some of the best that any black convention in this country has to offer. It is really what we need."

Dr. Manley urged all Baptists to obtain literature from Dr. Leo Williams, director of Christian Education for the GBSC, by contacting him at the Baptist Headquarters in Raleigh.



Students from Enloe High School in Raleigh presented a skit during the workshop on "Why: For Teaching and Understanding: Training for Faithful Living and Fruitful Service." The scene pictures a young man who returns home having joined another religious sect. He tells his father that he never knew what Christians believe.

Children's Conversion Discussed

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)—

Confusion about the doctrine of accountability is causing some Southern Baptist parents to rush their children into making professions of faith before they are ready, a seminary professor says.

Robert B. Sloan, instructor of theology at Southwest Baptist Theology Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., told 150 participants in the Child Life Conference, "We are defining the biblical doctrine as the age of moral accountability when it should be the age of gospel accountability."

"This age is not when your child begins to know right from wrong," said Sloan. "It is when your child understands the gospel and knows that Jesus died for our sins. The biblical doctrine is one of a nurturing, developmental model, not a moral guilt model."

As evidence of his contention that some parents are pushing children into professions of faith, Sloan cited increasing numbers of children who make decision and later in life realize they did not understand the meaning of their action.

Sloan, however, acknowledged many children do have legitimate conversion experiences.

Sloan said to effectively teach children about God, "We must not change the back truth of one Lord, one faith and one baptism, but we must package it differently."

He advocated the use of stories in teaching children. "We take our content from the Bible, so why shouldn't we take our method?" he asked.

From hearing stories, Sloan said, children begin to ask questions which often lead to conversion.

"Baptism follows the hearing and believing of the gospel, no matter the age," Sloan said. "Baptists have never advocated adult baptism; what we do advocate is believers' baptism. There can be no conversion apart from understanding the gospel."

Health Classes Begin

GBSC HEALTH PROJECT CLASSES IN MARCH

Interested in learning more about hypertension, diabetes, maternal and child health problems and other topics relating to family and community health? Then you might want to attend health training classes sponsored by the General Baptist State Convention's Health and Human Services Project.

Training Session for 1982 will begin Tuesday, March 2, at New Bethel Baptist Church in Rolesville and Juniper Level Baptist Church in Garner. The sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m. We encourage anyone who is interested in the health of their families and community to attend. For more information, contact Barbara Baylor at (919) 821-7466.

Baptist Calendar

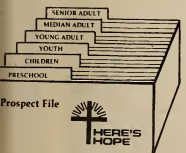
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March	
6	Vacation Bible School Clinic No. 1, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
14-28	1982 Simultaneous Revival Dates—Coastal Plains Region
20	Vacation Bible School Clinic No. 2, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
22-24	Eighteenth Annual Pastor's Conference, Shaw University, Raleigh
27	Lott Carey Laymen One Day Session, Brooklyn, N. Y.
April	
3	State-Wide Leader's Workshop, Woman's Convention Raleigh
4	Palm Sunday
5-10	Holy Week
9	Good Friday
11	Easter Sunday
4-18	1982 Simultaneous Revival Dates—Piedmont Region
May	
1	N. C. State Laymen's One Day Session, Emmanuel Baptist, Gastonia
1	Minister's Wives Retreat, Woman's Convention
4-5	Moderators Workshop and One Day Session, GBSC of N. C., First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh
8	Shaw University Commencement Activities

Middle Ground Reports

GOLDPOINT—The Middle Ground Association Training Institute was held Jan. 11-22 at the Runkle Tabernacle, Goldpoint.

Class hours were from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m., with worship service at 7:30 each night. The ministers who preached were the Reverends Joseph Thigpen, Joe Clyde Brown, Butler McKinnon, G. L. Harris, H. H. Moore, Freddie Hyman, T. R. Vines, R. A. Morris, C. E. McCollum and K. P. Fisher.

Each minister was accompanied by his choir, ushers and congregation. The services were inspirational and educational. Total enrollment was 179. Instructor for ministers was Rev. R. A. Morris; for deacons and men, Dr. G. E. Brown; for mission, Sister Carrie Alexander; for youth, Sister Elsie Goddard. G. E. Brown is moderator.



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BOOKS

"growing pains"

Anxiety, fear, insecurity, even self-hatred: these are some of the emotions every adolescent experiences. Fred Hartley says adolescence is full of agonies, but young people can learn to grow through their pain.

In his latest book, *Growing Pains* (Revell, \$4.95, Dec., 1981), the author urges teens to be honest about how they are feeling. Denial can only cause more serious problems. Some of the questions causing the pain are:

Identity—who am I and why am I here?

Peer pressure—does the gang really like me?

Family—Is there anybody here who cares?

Dating—how far can I go?

Conscience—how come everybody else does it?

Future—who and what will I be?

The author covers each topic with honesty about his own teen years and with illustrations from the lives of everyone from rock stars to young people he has counseled. The answers lie in practical ideas based on scripture on how to deal with oneself and others during those tough teen years.

Fred Hartley is a youth pastor, husband and father.

"survival in public schools"

"In spite of how good or bad schools may be or can be, should be, the frightening truth is that you have as much responsibility in educating your child as anyone."

Dr. Cliff Schimmels is a parent and educator. Now he shares his years of experience and observation in a handbook for parents called *How to Help Your Child Survive and Thrive in Public Schools* (Revell, \$8.95; Jan. 25). This is a lively and straightforward explanation of the public school system and how it works.

Baffled by teacher types? Dr. Schimmels discusses the four basic teaching styles and how to evaluate which one is best for your child. It is difficult to determine good and bad teaching methods? Dr. Schimmels provides a list of characteristics good teachers have in common. He also provides practical suggestions on how to deal with not-so-good teachers. The author talks about peer pressure, extracurricular activities, and the "terrible three"—drugs, sex and alcohol. Helpful tips on strengthening family ties are included.

Cliff Schimmels is now an associate professor in education at Wheaton College, supervising teacher interns.

BY MARV KNOX
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Contemporary Christians must "come to grips" with humanism if they expect to speak to today's world, Baptist philosopher Richard B. Cunningham told students and faculty members of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary recently.

"Humanism is among the most pervasive and influential universal ideologies of the twentieth century—at least in the Western world," said Cunningham, professor of Christian philosophy at the seminary.

He said it permeates most areas of contemporary life and culture and involves people who consciously consider the issue and call themselves humanists, as well as "vast numbers of people who live by humanist values, although they may not attach the label to themselves."

Cunningham identified two major divisions of humanistic belief, "naturalistic/secular" and "religious," each with variations.

"The heart of humanism is its emphasis upon the dignity and worth of human beings and their equal value as individuals," Cunningham explained. All forms of humanism stress the importance of human life, human responsibility and potential, the power of human reason to solve problems, good and happiness for all humans and concern for social justice, he said.

"It is evident that many Christians would share a number of these commitments and some Christians all of them, although any particular Christian might interpret them more within a theistic context," he said. "If that is true, then obviously there is some

common ground between Christianity and secular humanism."

Nevertheless, the Christian faith takes issue with the naturalistic assumptions of secular humanism, Cunningham said. He claimed secular/naturalistic humanism fails to provide a "persuasive world view" which can justify its position and provide motivation for implementing it.

He called for Christians to "resist the naturalistic world view and principles of secular humanism and bring a reasoned critique to the radically secular position" while also affirming "a range of humanist values that we share in common with all humanists, including secular humanism."

Contending that a true humanism must define human life in terms of a relation to God, Cunningham said the Christian faith provides a better framework for humanist values than does secular humanism, and it also provides a more dynamic motivating and sustaining power to act on behalf of humanity.

Christianity surpasses secular/naturalistic humanism on several specific points, he explained. For instance, Christianity has a "defensible basis" for affirming the value and dig-

nity of humanity, for it views humans as the "focal point of the whole created order" who "distinctively embody the image of God." Further, Christianity holds hope for life beyond, placing human life and death in a unique perspective and offering hope for an eventual balancing of good and evil.

But Cunningham cautioned that Christians must realize they live in a pluralistic society. Therefore, they must coexist with people who hold other viewpoints while advocating the distinctive Christian understanding of human life and values.

"There is a theological imperative to affirm human values within a cultural pluralism, for God has unmistakably said 'yes' to human beings and to the value of life... Christians can do no less."

The POET'S PEN

EXCEEDING RIGHTEOUSNESS

BY KAREN F. WILLIAMS

Unless your righteousness exceeds
The Sadducees, Scribes and Pharisees,
You shall in no wise enter in
And stand among the holy men.

Unless your righteousness be true,
And let that you speak be that you do,
You shall not enter the kingdom of God—
Nor taste the comfort of his rod.

Unless your righteousness endure,
Your salvation shall be insecure—
For you toss along with the tides of life
With neither obedience nor sacrifice.

Unless your righteousness crucify self,
You shall not experience life, but death—
For self seeks to be glorified,
How be you a Christian, and never died?

Unless your righteousness be tried
And your faith like gold is purified—
You yet walk along in worldliness
And ne'er had your sins confessed.

So let your righteousness exceed
And cleanse and wash the inner need
Standing firm grounded in faith
Let others see His righteous grace.

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Preaching

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graduates reminded the audience that the press of duties will often force the minister to resort to short cuts in preparation. He called for a return to the practice of the sermon resuming its "rightful place in Baptist worship services." Hitting hard at current practices, he said that "in some services with one's eyes closed it would be hard to tell whether you were in a church or a night club."

"The gospel," he said, "only needs sounding in its simplicity, proclaimed in its purity and power and declared in its demands. It is not enhanced by chasteuise suits nor plunging necklines."

Daley reminded the graduates that the economics of being a minister are not adequate to justify the call. "The truth is," he said, "some of you will have difficulty finding any church that will support you and your family." He said some of them "will have to teach school, sell insurance or automobiles or real estate... to support your family and preach."

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J. W. Barnes, First Roxboro	100.00
Rev. G. H. Washington	50.00 (paid)
David Cook, Jr., Liberty Hill, Waxhaw	500.00
W. J. Lee, Silver Mount, Pineville	500.00
C. C. Prigden, Christian Light, Autryville	200.00
C. C. Prigden, Mt. Pilgrim	200.00
Middle Baptist Association, John G. McKnight	500.00

?????what is our mission?????

Perhaps Jesus had been asked that before He read from Isaiah that day in the Nazareth synagogue. The Jews were always trying to ascertain from their teachers what was most important in the Jewish law. There were 62 commandments in the law, a staggering number to know and to practice. Thus the Jews were frequently asking for a brief summary of the most important commandments.

Centuries before the Nazareth scene, the prophet Micah, responding to a priority inquiry, declared that the Lord God required that the believer be just, loving, and humble before God. Later, Jesus was to say that love of God was the first commandment and love of neighbor the second.

The drama that unfolded in the Nazareth synagogue that day was at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He had just begun teaching and preaching in the surrounding synagogues in the region. On this particular Sabbath He went to worship in His home synagogue where He had been raised and where the people knew Him and His family.

When Jesus appeared in the synagogue, His Nazarene neighbors, aware of His recent preaching, asked Him to speak. For His first message in Nazareth, Jesus picked out from the Old Testament scripture His mission and what has become the mission of the church. Jesus opened the book of Isaiah and read these words: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Christ's mission among us as His church is to set people free from poverty, from sickness, from oppression, and from sin. One day we will be asked by our Savior how much we were involved in this freeing mission.

because there's a fire in your bones."

Daley also noted that in the area of job security, "the unpardonable sin for a Baptist minister is to become 50 years old."

He also said that the materialistic culture in which we live is more influential than the teachings of Jesus. "How else," he asked, "do we explain the fact that on an average churches keep and spend on themselves 85 cents of every undesignated dollar while devoting 15 cents to the needs of the rest of the world?"

"Let's face it," he continued,

"Many Baptist facilities of our day are monuments to our pride instead of expressions of our piety."

In his closing remarks, Daley said that "the fiercest battle you will have is whether to speak the Word of the Lord as you understand it or to speak what your hearers want to hear—whether to be popular or prophetic. To be both is very difficult."

"WHEN YOU SEE THIS SIGN . . ."



The HERE'S HOPE sign can be seen in front of hundreds of Baptist churches during the next few weeks. The sign is a special invitation to visit that church. The message of the sign is "this church cares about you and Jesus Christ cares about you."

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Christ the Lord is risen today,
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply,

Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once he died our souls to save,
Where thy victory, O grave?

Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like him, like him we rise,
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Alleluia!

Charles Wesley, 1739

Baptist Informer

LIGHT



TRUTH

DR. C. C. CRAIG



Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention:

We are counting on your monthly contributions to help us reach our financial goal of \$1,378,047.54 for the objectives and other causes on or before Aug. 31, 1982. I say again that if each pastor would lead his church to respond monthly to the suggested quota that the Convention has asked each church to give, our financial goal would be reached without a struggle. We are encouraged by the progress that the Convention is making in an effort to accomplish its goal and objectives. My personal thanks go out to all of the pastors, moderators, presidents, other leaders and members of the Baptist family for what you are doing and for what I know you will do in the interest of our convention. Our convention would not be what it is today if it were not for your dedication, commitment, prayers, best wishes and your gifts.

SHAW UNIVERSITY AND THE DIVINITY SCHOOL

As we seek to accomplish our financial goal for the fiscal year 1981-82, let us keep before us our need to honor our financial commitment to Shaw University and the Divinity School on or before June 30, 1982. We strongly urge the churches of each association to sponsor a Shaw Day. Shaw University's long history dates back to 1865; the contributions that it has made to the religious, civic and social life of the state, nation and the world; the loyalty and devotion that it has shown to Christ and humanity; and the contributions of Shaw Divinity School to our theological leadership—all call for our commitment to give our support.

BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

We are encouraged by the positive response of many of our churches to our building fund. Our financial goal is to realize \$100,000 for our building fund on or before May 5, 1982. The total estimated cost for our headquarters building is in the amount of \$800,000. The following churches have been added to the list of pledges:

Mt. Level, Durham, C. L. Dunston	300.00
Shiloh, Henderson, R. W. Perry	1,000.00
Walnut Grove, Louisburg, N. M. Harvey	200.00
First, Clinton, C. A. Jones, Sr.	500.00
Johnston Pine Grove, Clayton, Luther Coppedge	200.00
Union, Durham, Grady D. Davis	500.00
Mt. Gilead, Durham	1,000.00
St. Paul, Charlotte, Paul W. Drummond	1,000.00
Flat Creek, Henderson, Sidney E. Dunston	200.00
Cherry Grove, Whiteville, Henry Jones, Jr.	200.00
Morning Star, Winston-Salem, B. L. Fuller	1,000.00
Lewis Chapel, Fayetteville, J. D. Fuller	(pd.) 1,000.00
East Cedar Grove Association, H. L. Timberlake, Mod.	1,000.00
Zion Association, A. L. Bell, Mod.	(pd.) 1,000.00
Cornerstone, Greenville, Arlee Griffin	(pd.) 500.00
St. James, Rocky Mount, C. T. Bullock	(pd.) 300.00
Mt. Vernon, Durham, Percy High	(pd.) 500.00
St. James First, Troutman, Leroy Wilson	(pd.) 50.00
First, Bailey, E. D. Woodard	(pd.) 200.00
St. Peter, Grover, J. E. Floyd	(pd.) 200.00
Springfield, Stanley, Theodore Armstrong	(pd.) 300.00
Morning Star, Pinetops, George Cooper	(pd.) 200.00
Mt. Zion, Chadbourne, John Beese	(pd.) 200.00
First, Harmony, W. J. LeGrant	(pd.) 100.00

Observations From The EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Olive Branch, Parmele, John H. Williams (pd.) 100.00
Greater St. Paul, Durham, W. T. Bigelow (pd.) 500.00

LENT

As we focus our attention at this season of the year on Lent, which is a period of forty days set aside by the Christian church as a period of repentance for spiritual preparation for Easter, let us be reminded of three things:

I. Why do Christians Observe Lent?

Christians voluntarily observe Lent as the spiritual emphasis season of the year. The key word is "repentance," meaning a change of mind, a turning about from Satan to God, a radical reorientation of one's personal life. Lent is observed because it is an opportunity to share in the passion of Christ; it is walking to Jerusalem to suffer and die with Him. Lent gives us an opportunity to practice self-denial, the bringing of one's self under strict control to be a better disciple of Christ. Lent brings us closer to Christ by concentrating upon the Cross, what led to it, and what its deeper meanings are. Lent is observed because there cannot be a true and meaningful Easter without Lent. If there is no Cross, there can be no crown. If there is no dying in Christ, there can be no rising with Him. Lent is observed because it calls for a closer walk with God and a deeper relationship with Christ through the Cross.

II. What is the Good of Lent?

Lent produces great fruit for the one who strictly observes it. It means great happiness resulting from living close to God during the forty days. Through extra Bible reading, prayer and worship, Lent leaves us with a deeper faith. Because we fasted and denied ourselves, we have a new appreciation for the sufferings of Jesus. Out of this fresh realization of what Christ endured and suffered for us, we have a new and deeper appreciation of Him and what He did for us. This results in gratitude, which motivates us to take up our cross daily and follow Him in loving service to our neighbor. Then Easter comes in all its glory, and we share in the victory of the Resurrection because we, too, have risen out of death to life in Christ.

III. How do we G^o, the Good Out of Lent?

Begin on Ash Wednesday with a program of spiritual development. This means taking ten minutes each morning and evening for a tryst with God. Spend the time thinking, meditating, praying, and reading the Word. Before Lent begins, decide on what you will fast and stick to it through Good Friday. Climax the season by offering your sacrifices to God in a monetary equivalent on the day of Jesus' supreme sacrifice, Good Friday. Do not be content to worship as usual during Lent, but attend a Lenten service during the week. Practice the presence of Christ in your daily life: in school, in office, or at home. Since Christ died for all men, reach out each week to someone not attending a church and invite at least one to go to church with you. There will probably not be time in your already busy life to add these additional practices. It means you will have to think through the priorities of your life and drop those things that are least important in your life. Can there be anything more important than your relationship with God in Christ?

Out of the period of Lent we can all emerge stronger in faith and give ourselves unselfishly as we seek to promote the will of God through the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention, in keeping with the spirit of Lent, let us continue the practice of self-denial in an effort to promote the will of God through the objectives of the Convention.

Shaw Univ.

EDENTON—Shaw Day was observed recently at Providence Baptist Church. Mrs. Daisy Bemby, a Shaw alumna who served ably as chairperson for last year's Shaw Day, was again chairperson for our recent observance. Mrs. Bemby, a fine worker, had worked prior to this service in an effort to raise funds to help meet the financial needs of Shaw University.

On Sunday, Feb. 21, Dr. John W. Fleming and the Chorale Society of Shaw presented an afternoon of music at its best. A dynamic address was given by Dr. Fleming. The Chorale Society was introduced by the chairperson. They presented for the opening number, "The Lord's Prayer," by Mallote, sung by baritone Godfrey Nelson.

Selections were rendered from the works of such composers as Handel, Smith, Beethoven, Schubert and Rossini. The finale was "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Wilkousky.

At the intersection the congregation was entertained by guest soloist James E. Longmire, baritone. Mrs. Mignon Jenkins, an alumna, served as secretary of the committee. Mr. James Taylor, an alumna, served on the committee, as did Mrs. Emily Brooks.

Many thanks to Mrs. Bemby and her committee for a job well done and a contribution of over \$1,000 to Shaw University.

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Laymen Meet In Gastonia

The Mid-Year Session of the Laymen's League of the General Baptist State Convention will be held at the N. C. Armory and the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Gastonia, April 30 through May 1, the Rev. Sam Barber, host pastor, and Bro. Joe L. White, host layman.

The Laymen's Annual Fellowship Banquet will take place at 7 p.m. April 30. Tickets are available

from the Baptist Headquarters for a donation of \$15. Ticket deadline is April 26. Hotel accommodations have been arranged with Carolina Inn (Best Western) for \$21 single and \$30 double.

The guest speaker for the occasion will be the Honorable Judge Richard Ervin. Brother White and the laymen of the area are working

hard to make this session the greatest in history, and President I. H. Hilliard urges all laymen to be present.

Support

Shaw
University

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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Mt. Shiloh, Williamston, Observes Men's Day

The annual Men's Day service at Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church, Williamston, was observed on Sunday, March 7, at 11 a.m. The theme for the observance was "Service Call."

"Answering God's Call to Service" was the message to the congregation from the Brotherhood of the church by T. R. Roberson. In his message, he said that only one attitude of the soul is permissible and that is, "Here Am I, Send Me." For

purified lips are to speak of the unsearchable riches of Christ; opened eyes are to tell of the glory of God beheld through them. "Send Me" is the ark of every committed servant of the Lord.

The Men's Day sermon was delivered by Dr. Archie D. Logan, Jr., assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Dr. Logan's subject was "What

Manner of Man Is This—What Manner of Man Are You?" His biblical reference was St. Mark 4:35-41.

In his message, Dr. Logan urged the men of the church to assume the leadership role in the church, the home, and the community through tithing, loving, and peace. He pointed out that Christ's spirit has been passed down to them from Calvary. He exhorted them to: (1) rise up for God; (2) draw

near to Christ; (3) know who you are; and (4) find your Christian identity and exercise the gift that is within you. He closed his message by asserting that now is the accepted time.

The music ministry for the day was given by the Male Chorus of the Mount Zion Holy Church of Williamston with Keith Brown at the organ. John A. Lloyd was chairman of the Men's Day activities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Satellite Institute will be held March 8-12.

A seminar entitled, "The Christian Perspective on Sex" will be held March 16.

The Joint Evangelistic Crusade Revival will be held March 22-26.

Shaw Day will be held March 21 at 5 p.m.

The Rev. Kenneth Ray Hammond is pastor.

—Ann C. Honeyblue, Reporter

CONTEST

THE GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION
OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.
JAMES F. WERTZ ORATORICAL CONTEST

RULES:

1. The Senior Division Contest is open to high school seniors and college freshmen who are active Baptist Training Union or Sunday School students.
2. The Junior Division Contest is open to ninth, tenth and eleventh grade high school students who are active Baptist Training Union or Sunday School students.
3. Contestants must be certified by a local BTU Director or Sunday School superintendent.
4. Each contestant will choose one of the subjects listed above.
5. Each contestant must compose and learn his speech.
6. Each contestant will have five minutes for delivery.
7. Contestants will be judged by competent judges on content, composition, and delivery. Content will count 25 percent, composition 25 percent, and delivery 50 percent.
8. The three top winners in the Senior Division will receive scholarships and certificates of participation. First place, \$150; second place, \$100; and third place, \$50. Scholarship checks are awarded after the contestants are enrolled in an institution of further study. Non-winning contestants will receive \$5 and a certificate of participation.
9. The three top winners in the Junior Division will receive certificates of participation, and first place: \$15, second place, \$10; and third place, \$5. Non-winning contestants will receive certificates of participation and \$2.

Each year, young people are encouraged to enter the James F. Wertz BTU Oratorical Contest, sponsored as a part of the State BTU Congress. This not only is an opportunity, but a privilege.

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Oratorical Contest
Route 1 Box 78
Murfreesboro, North Carolina 27855

Church Circuit



The First Baptist Church conducted a Study Course, "What the Bible Says About Stewardship," recently at the church for its members, under the auspices of its Missionary Department. The study course was taught by the pastor, Rev. O'Kelly Lawson. The course ran for seven hours and 21 of the participants were presented certificates. The First Baptist membership has been involved in three study commissions during the past year. Total participation has been emphasized and perpetual Christian educational growth has been exemplified as a result of the teaching programs. Mrs. Maggie Bolden is president of the Missionary Circle. (—Exia H. Woods, Clerk)

New Bensalem Baptist Installs Pastor J.C. Paige

HIGH FALLS.—Dr. Joseph C. Paige, Sr., was installed as pastor of the New Bensalem Baptist Church in High Falls Jan. 31.

Dr. Paige is the son of the late Bennie and Elmore Paige of Siler City.

He attended the Chatham County public schools, and graduated from A&T College in 1948 at the age of 18. He has a Master of Education degree from The American University. He completed additional study at Harvard, Tufts, and Wayne State Universities, the University of the District of Columbia, and more recently, North Carolina State University and Duke University Divinity School.

Dr. Paige has held various university teaching and administrative positions, including positions at Howard University, Wayne State University, and the University of the District of Columbia. He is a former host/producer of "The Joe Paige

Show," a weekly NBC-TV urban minority-related public affairs series, and host of a NBC minority-oriented radio series.

His religious experiences in the Washington-Maryland area have been extensive and broad. He was assistant pastor (for Aging, Prisons and Special Concerns) at Ascension Baptist Church, and at Saint Ann's Baptist Church immediately prior to his return to North Carolina. At the present time, he is pastor of First Baptist Church, and of New Bensalem Baptist Church. He is parliamentarian of the Deep River Missionary Baptist Association, and a member of the Program Committee of the Deep River Sunday School Convention, and the Deep River Missionary Baptist Union. He is also chaplain of the Unity Prison Ministry.

Dr. Paige has three children. To Dr. Paige and his family, the members of New Bensalem give a welcome. May God's

richest blessings be yours as you minister here with us.

One Day Session In May

The One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention will be held May 5 at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in Raleigh, the Rev. W. B. Lewis, pastor. The church is located at 1515 Cross Link Road in the city. The Moderators' Workshop will be held at the same location May 4.

Support The Unified Program!

Person County Union Holds Third Workshop

The First Baptist Church, Roxboro, was the setting for the Person County Missionary Union's third annual workshop held Feb. 22-26. The Rev. Keith B. Wiley, a local minister, was the instructor for the week. The text used was entitled, "What the Bible Says About Stewardship," by A. R. Fagan. One hundred one persons gathered throughout the week representing 14 churches, to be enlightened on "stewardship."

As an outreach, and in keeping with Afro-American

History Month, the youth and young adults rendered music and gave a biographical sketch of a famous black American each night during the devotional period.

On Friday night, certificates were awarded for perfect attendance. The convention hymn, "A Charge to Keep," was led by Rev. R. W. McGee. A fellowship climaxed the services.

—LULA V. WAGSTAFF,
Reporter

Woman's Page

ON BEING A STONE REMOVER

BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRODIE

It was on that first Easter morning when the women were going to the tomb and were wondering who could roll the stone away for them. Little did they know that the stone had been rolled away and that Jesus had been resurrected. Could there be any among us who are treading the path of this pilgrim journey under many stones or burdens and are wondering who will roll them away? But let us be reminded Jesus is a risen Lord who has prepared the way for His redeemed people, by gathering out the stone of sin in terms of hate, envy, jealousy, deceit, lust, and greed that they (His people) may have salvation, for He has lifted the standard of LOVE and in victory reigns "or earth and heaven."

Thus it is, then, that EASTER registers "the greatest fruition of LOVE and POWER for rolling away all of the stones as affirmations."

Consequently, at this season, as Christians we should be more grateful for His ministry and rededicate and recommit ourselves to the ministry of being His disciples and emissaries. Even we, too, are called to remove stones: the stone of Christian illiteracy (let us support Christian education), the stone of a child's deprivation of a home (let us support the Central Orphanage), the stone of Christian fatigue (let us support our place for Christian retreat, the Baptist Assembly), and the stone of a sinner's deprivation (let us support foreign and state missions). Many of these would-be recipients may wonder, "Does anyone care enough for me to roll away my stone so that I may see and come to know the love of Him who 'burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal'?" Will we be stone removers so that others may witness Easter?

Please be reminded that our Woman's Convention is now in the last quarter of her 1981-82 fiscal year and that the books close May 31. The overall convention budget is \$1,378,047.34 and of that amount our Woman's Convention is responsible for \$314,521. To realize our financial goal, we need you to share with us approximately \$70,000 as follows: Foreign Missions, \$9,000; Shaw, \$11,000; Shaw Divinity School, \$7,000; Central Orphanage, \$8,000; and State Missions, \$35,000. May we express our sincere appreciation to all of you: pastors, moderators, circles, unions, and auxiliary presidents; and circles, unions, auxiliaries, other organizations, and friends for helping us to remove this stone of a deficit of \$70,000 so that we are more able to share in His fellowship of Mission. Checks or money orders made payable to the Woman's Convention for the amounts of \$200 (more or less), of \$500 (more or less), of \$1000 (more or less), of \$2,000 (more or less) should be appreciated greatly by us and those whom we serve.

Please be reminded that the contributions which you send through the Woman's Convention's office are added to what your church, union, or association sends through the General Baptist State Convention's office and are all reflected in the GBS's Annual Report at the end of the fiscal year. May God let you not lose but gain for having shared with us.

Camp blanks, housing applications for the 95th Session, self-denial envelopes, and pre-conventional tickets may be secured from our office now. However, since our books for this fiscal year do not close until May 31, please do not begin to send your ticket money or "Self-Denial Offering" until June 1.

Your administrative staff wishes each of you a happy and joyful Easter.



EXECUTIVE SECY.
BRODIE

BY MRS. THELMA C. HORTON

President

Recently, I was privileged to attend the Founder's Day Program of the Goldsboro branch of the National Association of University Women. Mrs. Nettie S. Manning, who is the national president and an active member of the missionary circle, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, was the featured speaker.

In her address she offered the following challenge. She said that in their efforts to be a success or to reach their goals, they should take whatever talents they have and "Give it all you've got."

In like manner, if we hope to be a success and reach the goals and objectives of our Convention, then we must also be willing to take whatever talents we have and "Give Our Convention All We've Got."

This can best be accomplished when men, women, boys and girls become "good stewards." A good steward, according to A. R. Fagan, "is one who has his eye on the future. He knows that one day he will be called upon to give an account for the way he has managed those things committed to his care." God has committed "witnessing to the world" into our care. This mandate is fulfilled as we strive to reach our spiritual goal, "Christ in every home," and our financial goal of \$314,521, through the support of our objectives.

As we approach May 31, when our books will close for the fiscal year, may I earnestly urge each of us to keep our minds and hearts focused on our convention's theme, "God's Will: A Cause, A Concern, A Conviction," and "Give Our



MRS.
HORTON

Convention All We've Got." The Leader's Workshop will be held Saturday, April 3, in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. Individual instruction will be available for each officer.

The Ministers' Wives Retreat will be held at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, on May 3, with Mrs. Luella D. Edwards (First Vice President, WB&FMC) as consultant. All ministers' wives are urged to attend, regardless of your affiliation with the state organization, and enjoy a day of inspiration, information and challenge.

The General Baptist Convention will meet with the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh, in its One Day Session. This historical session will culminate the first fund-raising effort for the construction of a new Headquarters Building. The Woman's Convention has been asked to give \$15,000 of the \$100,000 goal set for May 5. Therefore, I prayerfully urge every Circle, Union, District Conference and Auxiliary to "Give Your Woman's Convention All You've Got," so that we may reach our goal. Please send your spiritual and financial report to Dr. Priscilla Brodie, P. O. Box 1818, Raleigh, N. C. 27602.

Because sin is a worldwide problem and does not discriminate against anyone and affects people on every level, we must bear in mind that an organization, such as ours, is the only place many, suffering from this malady and needing redemption, can turn for help. Therefore, we ask in the name of these souls, "Give Your Convention All You've Got."

Let me conclude by thanking each of you for the wonderful way you gave for our Mid-Year Session. If you are willing to "Give Your Convention All You've Got," as the widow gave her last to Elijah, then God will multiply your resources. And, "...He will crown your efforts with success," Proverbs 3:6b LB). So, let us "Give it All We've Got."



Honorees at the Raleigh Missionary Union Banquet include: left to right, Harriet Jones, Luna Bell Hill, Ruby McKinney (accepting for Nora Sanders), Zana Haywood, Minnie Mintz, Maggie Spencer, Pattie Lassiter and Elmira Greene (president).

Appreciation Banquet Held By Union

The Raleigh-City Missionary Union held an appreciation reception on Sunday, Feb. 21, in the Paul H. Johnson Multi-Purpose Building at Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, honoring its past presidents, retired officers and members of usual Union longevity. Harriet Jones, Luna Bell Hill, Nora Sanders, Zana Haywood, Minnie Mintz, Maggie Spencer, and Pattie Lassiter were the

ladies honored.

The affair was the first given honoring such dedicated members. It was well attended with out-of-town guests, neighboring churches and family and friends of the honored guests.

The reception was coordinated by Mrs. Madeline Keith with special assistance from Mrs. Lillian Freeman and Ms. Geraldine Holt.

RENEWAL NOTICE

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Baptist Calendar

April	
3	State-Wide Leader's Workshop, Woman's Convention Raleigh
4	Palm Sunday
11	Easter Sunday
4-18	1982 Simultaneous Revival Dates—Piedmont Region
May	
1	N. C. State Laymen's One Day Session, Emmanuel Baptist, Gastonia
1	Minister's Wives Retreat, Woman's Convention
4-5	Moderators Workshop and One Day Session, GBS of N. C., First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh
8	Shaw University Commencement Activities

SOUL CITY.—There is a Warren County.

I describe Warren County as one of the poorest counties in the state. Where, no matter how invisible or visible, there is still hunger and malnutrition. There is still substandard housing, no hot water or no running water at all. There is still unemployment or substantial underemployment, no transportation, segregation, isolation and a continued move towards the maintenance of a thriving agricultural community in the midst of a rapidly declining agricultural state.

Today, right here in Warren County, there are 17,963 citizens of which 5,625 are white and 11,338 are black. This means that roughly 66 percent of the residents of this county are black and that approximately two-thirds of the county's total population is black. The records show that there are 8,159 registered voters as of September, 1980. I don't really know what it is or could be after the purging of the county's books. But there were 8,159 registered voters of which 3,720 were white and 4,439 were black. While one hand blacks outnumber whites in the total population by more than 5,700, blacks only outnumber whites by 492 in total registered voters.

So what's wrong? What happened to us after the movement of the 1950s and 1960s? What did our attitudes become towards one another? Well, in the words of one black poet,

"So we move on to needs which must be met and confess with a smile on my lips that my needs are far more important to me than your needs are to me, and even though your needs mean something to me, they are only important insofar as your needs have a need to meet mine."

We assumed postures of assigning or even ascribing symbols of "status" and "class" to each other and to ourselves so as to attain those things, of personal achievement or success. It "all" was quantified in material gains and in the evidence of monetary transfer. Then we separated ourselves and isolated one another and forgot who we were, where we came from, where we had to go.

If most, not all, black people spent just as much time taking care of business for black people as we do

addendum: Church is only hope in a changing world

During her speech, Mrs. Myles referenced the "church." She pointed out that it is a minister's task, as well as the church's task, to "administer" to fatal human needs; and not just spiritual needs of others but their physical needs, their mental needs, their economic needs, and even social needs.

Today, churches must look out in their communities and see needs. And when the church recognizes a need, the people of God ought to go out on a mission to meet that need. Perhaps preachers ought to "teach" as much as they "preach." People, all of us, need to study the Bible about common human problems such as poverty, sickness, hunger, crime, loneliness, family disorder, and divorce. The church is the only hope in a changing world.

Our ministers need to become "community leaders" for they are in a position to direct, control, plan and coordinate for the good of the total community. It is all right to preach on Sunday, but what about Monday? Someone needs to be lifted, someone needs to be comforted, someone needs to be fed, and someone needs to be guided back to the fold.

These are recessive times, times when we definitely need a Savior, and times when we need divine guidance. This is time for involvement. It does not matter whether one is male or female, Jew or Gentile, black or white, young or old, rich or poor, educated or uneducated, a deacon or trustee, teacher or preacher, leader or follower, we all are accountable to God for this life and we must surely give an account of our stewardship!

An effective ministry extends beyond the pulpit and is relevant to changing conditions.

the life you save may be YOUR OWN!



MS. INEZ MYLES

taking care of somebody else's business that really is one's own business, or just as much time as we spend socializing with somebody else's husband or somebody else's wife or trying to hook up with somebody else, if we just spent that much time taking care of the business of our brothers and sisters we might be on time. You see,

"Now more than ever, all the family must be together, every brother everywhere feels that time is in the air, now more than ever, all the family must be together."

It's the real deal. No one is playing a game in Washington. We are being side-tracked into focusing much of our attention on the budget cuts when the budget cuts are only a condition of the whole plan. And the plan was initiated years ago.

There is no conversation now about re-establishing the draft and there need not be. When budgets, unemployment compensation, food stamps and housing benefits are substantially reduced, and when CETA jobs and emergency assistance are eliminated, we can see quickly that young black men will voluntarily march in mass to the armed forces.

When you hear the Moral Majority speak so forcefully in favor of a "right to life" while fifteen years prior they marched to an opposite tune because we reproduced too much.

Seemingly, the "right to life" is not for blacks, but for whites.

As a people, we represent some of the longest lines at the welfare office, and yet we consume \$6 billion worth of alcohol a year. And we are rapidly losing our land.

I concentrate or focus much of my time on the elderly. I want you to know that I have witnessed primarily white senior citizens groups and national aging organizations marching in opposition to the proposed cuts in social security. And yet, those who will be cheated the most will be us. Only in the 1950s were we even eligible to pay into the system, but much more, if Congress is going to increase the age of eligibility for benefits, not only have we as a people received the lowest of wages, but next to Indians we have the shortest life span. The average life span for

The speaker was born in New York City, but she was reared in Raleigh, North Carolina, and received her early education there. She received her undergraduate degree from Shaw University and has done further graduate study in the fields of adult education and aging at North Carolina State University and Duke University. She has also completed additional training in the areas of community organization, organizational management, civil rights, and human services.

She has worked with a national migrant program, as an aging specialist in the North Carolina Economic Opportunity Office, as director of operations for a three-county community action agency, and is presently the founder and executive director of the North Carolina Senior Citizens' Foundation, Inc. In this capacity, she serves as an advocate for the elderly poor in eight states. She is a member of Providence United Holy Church in Raleigh.

The speaker also serves as chairperson of the Elderly Committee for the Legislative Forum for the National Community Action Association. In 1970, she was appointed by Governor Robert Scott as a delegate to the 1971 White House Conference on Aging. In 1978, North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt appointed her to the North Carolina Milk Commission. And in this position she is the only black regulating the dairy industry in the United States.

black men has not continued to increase as it has for others. The average life span for a black man reached a peak at age 68 and has reversed back to age 62. That simply means that black men will never, basically, benefit at all from social security.

Some of us do not recall, but the 1950s and 1960s opened the door for an anti-war movement, the organization of unions for women's groups, the elderly, the handicapped, and every minority in the nation. Today, we are experiencing another period of social and economic instability. And all of the social groups are already in place.

And yet there are not enough jobs, there is a lack of quality education and an ever-increasing struggle to simply "survive." Thus, people must be kept under control. To do so, the nation is being told that the present economic crisis is a result of social programs; that taxes could be decreased if black people had to take care of themselves and stop feeding off the system; that affirmative action has caused many of the economic problems and resulted in reverse discrimination. As a result, the caretakers of the country must "eliminate and reduce" social programs, forget affirmative action and the Voting Rights Act, because there must be a scapegoat.

We are that scapegoat.

If we can see what is really happening to us as a people, then we must recommit ourselves to ourselves and reaffirm our faith.

Let us not continue to isolate ourselves but free ourselves, giving all the time necessary. This is the only real deal.

For "those who progress to favor freedom and yet deprecate agitation remember you are men who want crops without plowing up the ground." If we are not willing to take the risk, if we are not willing to speak up and to within government to influence government, if we are not meeting with or negotiating with the Foundations, and the Churches and the Helms and willing at the same time to stand up not only for, but with those who are leaders within our communities, then all of our individual efforts and organizational efforts will have been in vain.

In closing, in the 80s let us not organize around issues, problems or concerns which we feel do not directly affect us. Let us not assume a condescending posture of doing something for someone else. Let us not see our participation in the Warren County Political Action Committee as something necessary for the "others" in Warren County." Instead, let us recognize the "one reason" that we must continue, the one reason that we must recommit ourselves, and the one reason for this organization.

Now more than ever, all the family must be together for "the life we save may be our own."

Baptists Announce 1982 GBSC Candidacies

The Baptist Informer welcomes announcements from candidates for offices in the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Please limit your announcements to one and one-half page, typed double space. Pictures are welcome. The deadline for materials is on the 10th of each month for publication the following month.



HUMPHREY

For President J. B. Humphrey

In following the procedure set forth by the General Baptist State Convention in the announcement of one interested in a state office of the Convention, I, J. B. Humphrey, the current First Vice President of the Convention and the minister of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte, do hereby announce and offer myself as a candidate for the presidency of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., which will hold an election during its Annual Session, October 26-28, 1982.

I make this announcement with the endorsement and support of my family, the officers and members of First Baptist Church here in Charlotte, the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association, the Baptist Ministers Conferences, and a large number of pastors and moderators of the Charlotte and Piedmont area as well as a number of moderators and pastors across the state of North Carolina.

I seek this position because I feel that my past services to and in the Convention help to qualify me for the leadership role that I seek.

I have served the Convention in the following positions: fourth vice president, second vice president and first vice president.

I have served as a member of the Trustee Board, member of the Executive Committee, member and vice chairman of the Board of Missions, a member of the Budget and Program Committees, Resolution, Christian Education, and Evangelistic Committees, and a member of the Committee of Cooperative Ministries.

I have served as a representative from the Convention to the North Carolina Council of Churches. I have served as a field worker for Region Two and Five. I have also served the Convention through its auxiliaries as a certified teacher in the Department of Christian Education and as Dean of Instruction of the North Carolina State Ushers Convention. While in this position, I co-authored the first edition of the Baptist Ushers Manual.

Other church and Convention affiliations include: member of the Executive Committee, Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention; member of the Family Life Commission of the National Baptist Convention, Inc.; member of the Baptist World Alliance; member of the North Carolina Council of Churches; and

moderator, Mecklenburg General Baptist Association.

Community activities and affiliations: member, Executive Committee of the Charlotte Area Clergy Association; member, Inter-Denominational Ministers' Fellowship; member, Charlotte Health Association; member, Board of Directors, Christian Rehabilitation Center; member, local branch, NAACP and former state NAACP auditor; member, YMCA, and former member of the board; former chairman of the Board of Boy Scout Committee of the Mecklenburg Boy Scout Council; former president, Federation of Baptist Churches; and vice president, Opportunities Industrialization Center.

Former pastorates: First Baptist Church, Trinity; Spring Garden Baptist Church, Washington.

Along with religious experiences fore stated, I served in the public schools of North Carolina as a high school teacher and certified teacher in the Extension Department of Shaw University Divinity School.

Honors received: Magnificent Man of Troas from Lott Carey Missionary Convention, 1979-80; Certificate of Merit, Shaw University, 1978; Certificate of Merit, 1978-79, Baptist State Convention; Certificate of Merit, 1979-80, Mecklenburg General Baptist Association; Certificate of Merit, 1978, North Carolina Conference on Black Studies.

I was born in Lumberton and attended the public schools of that city. Earned the A. B. and M.Div. degrees from Shaw University. Did further study at Princeton and Union Theological Seminars. In 1963, Shaw University conferred the Honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree upon me.

I was married to Mary Elizabeth Pridgen of Nashville in 1946, who is a graduate of Shaw University. She is a teacher in the public schools of Charlotte and a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. I am the father of two children.

I am aware of the awesome responsibilities that are involved in the office of president and the caliber of leadership our Convention has had and needs. Therefore, if the members of our great Convention see fit to elect me as their next president, I will do everything within my power to continue that progress that our Convention has realized under the able leadership of former presidents and executive secretaries. I promise full cooperation with staff, boards, committees, and auxiliaries. If elected, I will give my full support to the Convention objectives and the relocation of the Baptist Headquarters. To validate my experience in building, I led our church in a relocation program in the amount of more than one million dollars. This was done in 1977. I do not hesitate to ask the members of our convention, its auxiliaries and boards for your vote.

—J. B. Humphrey



TURNER

For President E. B. Turner

Fellow Baptists:

I wish by this word to announce to you that I am a candidate for the office of President of the General Baptist State Convention at our October, 1982, Annual Session.

Since our Convention has now set up the machinery for a fair and honest election, I express again to you my desire to serve our Convention as its President.

For thirty years I have loved, served and been faithful to our Convention as secretary of the General Board, secretary of the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly Building Committee, vice president-at-large, editor of the Baptist Informer, teacher in our State Baptist Sunday School Convention, and Laymen's League Convention instructor.

I have served on various Convention committees and commissions.

I have, and at present, serve as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Shaw Divinity School, and have worked for and supported all of our Convention objectives.

I also serve on the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina, the North Carolina League of Municipalities and the Lumberton City Council.

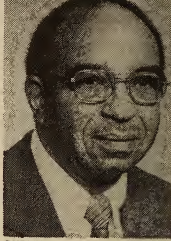
I would like to serve our Convention and I feel that I am knowledgeable of our work, able and capable.

Thank you for your support and advice.

—E. B. Turner



In 1928 Oscar DePriest became the first Northern Black to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.



DUDLEY

For V-Presd. At Large G. W. Dudley

March 15, 1982—George W. Dudley, pastor of the Mount Zion First Baptist Church of Rocky Mount, announced today that he will seek the office of Vice President at Large of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Dudley decided to be a candidate for this high office after prayerful consideration, careful thought and upon the urging of many friends and active supporters of the Convention.

He has faithfully served in the work and operation of the Convention as Editor of the Baptist Informer; Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee; member of the Executive Committee and General Board. He served with several of our strong state leaders in writing the present constitution of our Convention.

For 24 years, Dudley has served as pastor of the Mount Zion First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount. He has been a member of the Rocky Mount City Council for the past eight years. In this capacity on two occasions, he was chosen as vice mayor of the City of Rocky Mount. He also served a tenure of two years as recording secretary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. He is the moderator of the Progressive Tar River Missionary Baptist Association. Dudley is a director of United Federal Savings and Loan Association and a member of the Governor's Local Government Advocacy Council.

Announcing as a candidate for Vice President At Large, Dudley states that he is not running against anyone, but running for the continued ongoing of the outstanding program and work of the Convention. I promise faithfully to carry out the duties and responsibilities of this office. In the outset, I offered myself for president of the Convention, but since Dr. J. B. Humphrey of Charlotte, one of our towering leaders and my friend of long standing, has offered himself as a candidate for president, I decided to wholeheartedly give him my support so he may become the next president of our great Convention. I will have much to gain in becoming his right arm (vice president at large) in carrying forward the work of our Convention.

I humbly seek the support of every moderator, pastor, official and member of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. YOU MAY COUNT ON ME FOR MY BEST IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.



HARRIS
For V-Presd. At Large

J.C. Harris

J. C. Harris, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Statesville, file for Vice President-At-Large of the General Assembly Convention of N.C., Inc., to take this opportunity to officially announce my services to the Convention as its President-At-Large for the coming October, 1982 election.

After listening to the counsel of many of my friends across the state and with a desire to prayerfully and cooperatively lead my leadership to the Lord for a ministry to the people of the General Baptist State Convention, I publicly announce my candidacy for the above mentioned position.

A native of Lousburg, the seventh child among twelve of the late Jordan C. Harris, Sr., and Elizabeth Harris, I bring life experience to this position. I graduated from Riverside High School of Lousburg. I entered Shaw University and graduated with the AB and Master of Divinity degrees. I received a certificate in pastoral care from Baptist Hospital and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, did further studies at A&T State University, Greensboro, and received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Shaw Divinity School in 1975.

My pastoral and religious affiliations include 29 years of pastoral experience, including: Symona Grove Baptist Church, Granville County, Oxford; First Baptist Church, Aberdeen; First Baptist Church, Wadesboro; Social Union Baptist Church, Nash County, Shiloh; and at present, pastor of First Baptist Church of Statesville and New Ephraim Baptist Church of Cooleemee.

I served as statistician of the General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc., under the presidency of Dr. J. W. White. I was elected fourth vice president under the presidency of Dr. C. R. Edwards; elected first vice president under the presidency of Dr. J. J. Johnson. I served chairman of the Personnel Committee under Drs. Edwards and Johnson. I was elected chairman of the Committee on the Baptist Assembly by Dr. J. R. Stanley; a member of the Executive Committee and General Board; director of the Youth Bible Camp and have been in the camp for 27 years; a member of the Board of Trustees of Shaw University Divinity School; chairman of the committee on Insurance.

My past affiliations have been chairman of the Pastors' Conference of the Shaw Divinity School; president of the Theological Alumni Association; moderator of the Rowan Baptist Association for five years; executive secre-

tary of the Rowan Baptist Association; instructor for teachers of the Rowan Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Community affiliations include: In 1964, supervised 24 VISTA volunteers in Iredell County; In 1965 organized and wrote the proposal to establish the anti-poverty program for Iredell County (which later became I-CARE Anti-Poverty Program); served as chairman of the I-CARE board and chairman of the Personnel Committee; secretary of the SMC Memorial Foundation (which gives grants and scholarships to students in need).

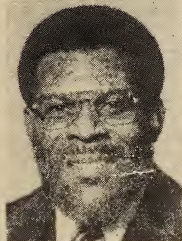
I drew and submitted a petition to the mayor and city council for the establishment of the Statesville Housing Authority in 1964; organized the first day care in Iredell County (for black children); served as a member of the board of directors of Legal Services of N. C. and served as vice chairman of the Board, also member of the Finance Committee; served as president of the Statesville Branch of the NAACP, chairman of the Committee on Education, Labor and Industry, paying on a life membership personally and through the church.

I serve as a part-time counselor of Mitchell Community College, as testing director; first black to serve as president of the Statesville Area Ministerial Association (rarely in my city); chairman of the Black Ministers' Conference of Statesville.

I am married to the former Leola N. Thompson of Lumberton. We have one daughter, Rhonda, age 19.

I feel that my commitments to the cause and service to humanity have prepared me for the leadership position which I seek. I pledge my support to the staff of the convention and its auxiliaries. I ask your prayers and support in this task.

Prayerfully yours,
Dr. J. C. Harris, Jr.



BALLARD

For First Vice President

J.D. Ballard

The motto of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., is "The multitude which does not reduce itself to unity is confusion." If this is true of the Convention, in general, it is equally true of the Convention's administration in particular. Those who lead the Convention must be a unity in order to create union among those who comprise the Convention and follow its leaders. The head must be a whole, in order for the body to be a bond. Therefore, each member of the administration must be a co-operating entity which fits well into the structure entirety. More simply put,

there is no room for fragmentation within the administration.

As I see it, it is the responsibility of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, his assistant, administrative assistant and staff to implement the day-to-day operation of the Convention, whose policy has been set firmly in place by the Executive Board, Executive Committee, Trustees and the Convention itself. The work of all other elected "officials" is purely supplementary, complementary, and ceremonial. Any effort on their part to assume more substantial roles in the fundamental operation of the Convention facilitates, produces and results in confusion. Consequently, confusion initiated at the top eventually filters down to the bottom.

Given this "philosophy of administration," I hereby announce my candidacy for the position of First Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. I shall actively and vigorously seek the support of all pastors, delegates, and constituents of the Convention across the state pursuant to the general election of officers at the annual convention in October, 1982. I solicit your support in this endeavor. I make but one pledge—namely, if I am elected, I shall serve the Convention faithfully, supportively, and cooperatively for the total success and positive effectiveness of our Convention, our state, our nation, and our world and every individual person in them.

—James D. Ballard, Pastor
United Metropolitan Baptist Church
450 Metropolitan Drive
Winston-Salem, N. C. 27101



LEWIS

First V-Presd.

W.B. Lewis

Greetings to the constituency of the General Baptist State Convention, Incorporated. I would highly appreciate your VOTE and your SUPPORT for my candidacy to be elected First Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., at the Annual Session, 1982.

I have tried to demonstrate my love and loyalty to our Convention through my work and support across the years. I feel that I could serve this position with a great deal of experience and Christian integrity. Wherever I serve, I shall always serve to the glory of God and for the good of the Convention.

I prayerfully solicit your vote and your support at the Annual Session of our 1982 Convention.

ADDRESS

1209 Platinum Avenue, Raleigh, 27610.

MARITAL STATUS

Married to the former Lillie Hilliard.

Two daughters: Wilhelmina Jeanette and Liteta Yvette Lewis.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND
A.B., M.Div., and D.D., Shaw University, Raleigh. Further study: Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest.

FORMER PASTORATES

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Raleigh; Wake Chapel Baptist Church, Millbrook; New Bethel Baptist Church, Clayton; and Shiloh Baptist Church, Wilmington.

PRESIDENT PASTORATE

First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh.

AFFILIATIONS

General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Executive Board member; Assistant Recorder of General Baptist State Convention; Executive Committee member, General Baptist State Convention; Raleigh Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance; Home Mission Board of National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.; member, Ministers Conference, Shaw University Divinity School; Raleigh Interracial Ministerial Association; member, YMCA Board of Directors; member, Constitution Committee, General Baptist State Convention; Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association; Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention, Executive Board member; National Baptist Convention, Inc.; member, State Board of Chaplains; member, Board of Trustees, Shaw Divinity School; editor, Shaw Divinity School Seminarian; chairman, Constitution Committee, Shaw Theological Alumni Association; member, Building Committee, General Baptist State Convention, for the proposed new headquarters building; immediate past moderator, Wake Baptist Association; member, Board of Directors, Rich Park; member, Prince Hall Lodge, Masonic Order of Raleigh; NAACP; Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; Assistant Secretary, General Baptist State Convention.

TRAVEL

Extensively in parts of the United States and Canada, including a trip to the Holy Land, Germany, France, Greece, Italy, Africa, Syria, Lebanon, India, and Turkey. Trip received from the membership of Shiloh Baptist Church in Wilmington, North Carolina.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

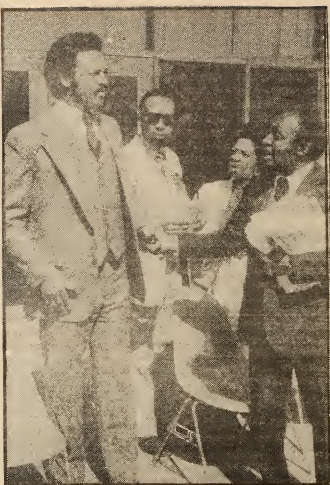
Renovated Shiloh Baptist Church, which was partially destroyed by fire; renovated Wake Chapel Baptist Church; built Shiloh Baptist Church in Wilmington; purchased land on South Blount Street for \$50,000; constructed the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in 1970; organized a Day Care Center with an approved scholastic program.

PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

President, Nash County BTU Convention; president of the Ministerial Alliance of Wilmington; clerk of the John B. White Association; clerk of the Wake Baptist Association; president of the Interracial Ministerial Association of Raleigh; recording secretary of the General Baptist State Convention; historian of the General Baptist State Convention; secretary, Raleigh Ministerial Alliance; president of Shaw University Theological Alumni Association; member of Consumer Agency of Wake County Board; chairman of Church Committee, NAACP, Raleigh; president, Raleigh Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

GBSC Candidacies

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The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, founder-director of Operation PUSH, left, is shown as he prepares to address an audience at Shaw University March 10. Pictured with Rev. Jackson is the Dr. Grady D. Davis, right, Shaw faculty member, the Rev. Ronald Swain, second from the left, university minister, and Ms. Pat Gill, second from the right, coordinator of the Jackson visit.

Men Must Adopt Servanthood

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—Ministers and religious educators have failed to help Christians understand how to have healthy marriages and family lives, an American Baptist sociologist charges.

Anthony Campolo, chairman of the department of sociology at Eastern College in Philadelphia, Pa., said, "The church has failed to tell people what love is and how it happens."

Campolo spoke to 70 theological educators from 28 countries during the Baptist World Alliance international conference on theological education in which sessions were built around the theme, "Confronting the Secular Challenge."

"The church has lent support to the idea that love is something that happens and it's either there or it isn't," said Campolo. "But Jesus talks about love as being willed and created."

Calling romance "a terrible basis for marriage," primarily because it's on-again, off-again, Campolo called for marriages based on companionship and a willingness to sacrifice one's own hopes and dreams for those of the spouse.

"There is no relationship between romance as sociologists define it and love as theologians define it in Corinthians 13," said Campolo.

He said Christian lifestyle should include the abandonment of power for a servant

role. Within marriage, Campolo said this results in mutual submissions.

"Marriages are becoming increasingly fragile. What is needed is not for women to abandon servanthood but for men also to adopt it," said Campolo. "What is needed in the contemporary culture is liberation from the craving for power."

Editor's Note: The following article by Ms. Annie Sadler was submitted for the Christmas issue of the Informer but space limitations prevented it from being published. Because of its message to the disabled and to all of us, we gladly bring you this inspirational message.

"How the disabled and handicapped can share the spirit of Christmas with others. Between the great things we cannot do and the small things we will not do, the danger is that we shall do nothing."

BY ANNIE N. SADLER
Gastonia

GASTONIA—In the year 1881, which is the International Year of the Disabled and Handicapped, we who are disabled or handicapped can make this the most meaningful Christmas ever by sharing the message of Advent and Christmas with others. Maybe we all can't be a Beethoven, a John Milton or Helen Keller who were all blind

Jesse Jackson PUSHes

"ECONOMIC RECIPROCITY"

BY CURETON JOHNSON

Flanked by a legion of black clergymen gathered from the four corners of North Carolina, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, director of People United to Save Humanity (PUSH), pushed his Economic Justice Program upon the consciousness of church leaders during a visit to Shaw University March 10.

Jackson's program, which seeks economic investment from industries in exchange for black consumer loyalty, is to be aimed at the furniture, tobacco and soft drink industries in North Carolina. And Jackson has targeted the nation's 50 largest markets, including Raleigh-Durham, Winston-Salem, High Point-Greensboro, and Charlotte, to focus his efforts.

The Tar Heel visit comes on the heels of PUSH's successful negotiations with Coca Cola which resulted in a multimillion-dollar agreement designed to foster economic development in black communities. And with boycotts posing legal liabilities today, Jackson has coined the phrase, "economic reciprocity" to describe his program.

"We must make a fundamental shift from public aid to private trade," Jackson said to an enthusiastically receptive gathering of more than 100 ministers. "Black America must renegotiate its trade contract with corporate America."

"We must confront the furniture industry, the tobacco industry, and the soft drink industry and put together negotiating teams. The same kind of focus we put on the right to vote, we must now put on the right to earn, the right to develop, and the right to trade. We must tell these industries that we want our share."

"We don't want social generosity but economic reciprocity."

The PUSH negotiating teams will be composed of members of the state's clergy. Jackson said that Coca-Cola and others in this area must be willing to negotiate with the team of ministers.

"White America can see this in one of three ways," said Jackson. "We can be seen negatively; we can be seen as a necessary evil; or we

can be seen as good business. We want to be as good as business."

Jackson urged ministers to "blow the trumpets with a certain sound so that our will know what time it is."

"Progress never came from the White House, the state house, or the governor's house; always came from my house, and your house, and the house of prayer."

While charging that there is an anti-black meanness mania gripping America, Jackson proclaimed that "God has put black a good position to remedy the ills of the nation [America] and the world."

"God has placed us in the belly of the white people. He did not bring us here to be slaves; God sent us here to save the human race. We have a mission and a function."

"God has an agenda for us."

"God has strategically placed us in a position to effect the attitude and behavior of the whole half billion Africans cannot effect this mind behavior; a billion Chinese cannot affect man's attitude; 600 million Indians cannot affect his behavior; and the USSR can only come with him. But those of us placed in the belly of the whale, who fed and raised his children, know him and can affect his behavior."

"This is the most powerful nation in the world and we have the ability, with 17 million voters, to make and break presidents."

A collection was taken after Rev. Jackson's message for PUSH while pastors received pledge cards for future donations. Dr. W. Easley, pastor of St. Joseph's AME Church in Durham, pledged \$1000 and other pastors pledged \$500. Dr. Grady Davis, pastor of U. Baptist Church in Durham, presented \$100. Rev. Jackson on the spot in behalf of his parish.

Others present at the head table or at the words of welcome included Rev. Leon White of the United Church of Christ, Father Thomas Hadden of the Catholic Diocese, the Rev. M. McKissick of Soul City and Golden Frink of Scotland Neck.

The Disabled "Must Stir Up Love"

made great contributions to the world; or a Jew who is paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair but she paints and travels making speeches, or an Einstein who is said to have had a learning disability: We can "Stir Up the Gift" that is within us and tell others of the love of

God. We can tell them of Isaiah's prophecy of the child that is to be born, whose name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6-7).

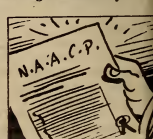
We can tell them of the word made flesh and the light that shined in darkness as recorded in the gospel of John. We can remind others of God's great love for all mankind as found in John 3:16. No one can ever tire of the beautiful message of the birth of Christ as found in Luke the second chapter, verses eight through fourteen.

We can be thankful for our

many blessings, because blessings can be found in pain and afflictions. Sometimes the best soldiers are gotten out of the furnace of affliction. For those of us who are disabled or handicapped because of an accident or illness, we can always find pleasure in reading the Bible or Bible-related books. A source of comfort can always be found in the Psalms. Disabilities sometimes come and compel us to retire into a desert place where we can really commune with God. After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia, but the spirit suffereth them not. Acts 16:7.

In conclusion, think about these words of Helen Keller: "Join the great company of those who make the barren places of life fruitful with kindness. Carry a vision of heaven in your hearts, and you shall make your home, your college, the world, correspond to that

vision. Your success and happiness lie in you. Extreme conditions are love and service. Joy is the holy fire that keeps our purpose warm and intelligence aglow. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy will shape form an invincible host against difficulty."



The NAACP was founded in 1909



Percy Julian, a black chemist, developed physostigmine, drug used to treat glaucoma

The Shroud

"Not Necessary For Faith"

BY NORMAN JAMESON

TON, Conn. (BP)—The haunting three-dimensional image of a crucified man on the cloth of Turin is definitely not the work of a hands, says Baptist scientist John Heller. Heller, founder and executive director of the New England Institute, center for interdisciplinary research, says no one will ever know if the by-4-foot linen was the burial cloth of Jesus because there are no tests to prove Jesus' existence.

"It really makes no difference, says Heller, whether the shroud, burial cloth of Christ or not, can determine the validity of his faith. To me, a belief in Christ requires a leap of faith and having made that leap, I don't need any pieces or relics of any kind to affirm my belief," says Heller, a member of the Baptist Church. "My belief is in Christ and Christ risen."

Heller, who entered Harvard at age 16 and graduated from his medical school at age 22, says a scientific puzzle, this testing is almost "impossible."

Heller's experience is in testing for the presence of elements in minute amounts. He was a 32-member scientific research team that worked with the shroud in October, 1978, to determine the presence of blood on the cloth but the traces are so infinitesimal more sophisticated tests will be needed to determine if man blood.

"I really were... arrogantly confident that I could go in with the best of our late 20th-century scientific tools, and within a few hours, spot a forgery," Heller says. "Well, it is more than a half year later and we're just looking to one another."

The shroud, venerated by many as the burial cloth of Jesus since the 14th century, never left Italy, where the Catholic Archbishop of Turin is its official guardian. It is displayed only three times each century. The research lifted elements from the shroud with a tape similar to that used at crime scenes. Heller found an astonishingly detailed, straw-colored, photographically negative image of a crucified, crucified man whose injuries parallel the biblical accounts of Jesus' crucifixion.

The similarities between the biblical accounts and the findings of the research team are so striking, in fact, that two members of the team, who were not endorsed by the team, say it would be the work of a miracle if the shroud were to be authentic.

Norman Stevenson and Gary Habermas, in their book "The Shroud: Evidence for the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ," explained that a forgery would be nearly impossible:

"The artist would have to have been one of the best men who ever lived, a man capable of creating an image with the finest detail in a group."

Survivors are her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Hulon M. Morgan of the home; two sisters, Miss D. LeVonne Morgan of Raleigh, and Mrs. Carolyn M. Henderson of Virginia Beach, Va., two brothers, Mr. Hulon M. Morgan of Bal-

timore, Md. and Mr. Dennis E. Morgan of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; her paternal grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin Carl Morgan of Fuquay-Varina; five great aunts, four uncles, six aunts, eight nephews, three nieces and a host of other relatives and friends.

"This hypothetical artist would also have had to be daring enough to depart from Christian tradition in art by depicting Jesus nude, nailed through His wrists, wearing a cap of thorns covering the entire head, bearing approximately 120 scourge wounds, and wearing his hair in a pigtail. Finally, he would have to have had access to a Roman flagrum (three-pronged whip) and lancia (spear) so that he could draw wounds that would exactly correspond to these archaeological artifacts."

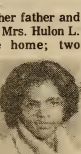
Stevenson and Habermas say the image was imprinted onto the shroud by a burst of heat and light at Jesus' resurrection. While neither Heller nor most others on the team will speak as certainly about the origin of the image, Heller says experiments did rule out the two most likely scientific explanations for the imprint: radiation and molecular transport.

"If such a precise image got on the shroud by radiation, all the rays would have to be vertical up and vertical down," Heller says. "It couldn't glow like a light bulb. That wouldn't produce the fine image at all. That would be isotropic radiation and you wouldn't get an image. There's nothing we know or could find that beams light perpendicular or parallel."

"Molecular transport actually means molecules going from an image to the surface. For a variety of quantitative, kinetic and thermodynamic and other reasons, we have been able to rule out any molecular transport."

"The science team is still waiting permission to conduct a carbon 14 dating test, which will require a tiny piece of the shroud to be destroyed. Until then, most members are unwilling to try to date the shroud. A Loyola University theologian, Francis Filas, maintains the authenticity of the shroud is proven by an imprint of rare coin in the right eye of the crucified figure that he says dates to 29 A.D."

Habermas and Stevenson aside, most team members refuse to speculate if the shroud is the cloth that covered Jesus the three days He was in the tomb. But none are reluctant to admit they are baffled by the image on the Shroud of Turin.



MISS MORGAN

—THE FAMILY

HEALTHFULLY SPEAKING

BY REGINA L. YOUNG, MPH

Sponsored by the Health and Human Services Project

INTRODUCTION

Health is intimately related to how a person "thinketh in his heart." Health is not to be "our chief end in this life"—only a possible byproduct of loving God and one's neighbor as oneself.

THE PROBLEM

The death rate of black people due to hypertension is three times that of whites. Blacks die twice as often from diabetes mellitus and 23.2 black babies per 1,000 die soon after birth, compared to only 12.2 per 1,000 for whites.

These distressing differences need to be addressed by those of us in the black community, through our own networks and institutions, working with those in health care professions.

Many of these conditions could be prevented or better controlled with correct health information and self-care methods. We need to learn these facts and pass them on to others in our communities.

WHY THE CHURCH?

Historically, the black church has always been the backbone of the black communities. It has kept alive hope and provided a basis for solidarity among black people. The church is a pillar of strength for black people, and provides help and faith in times of need.

The General Baptist State Convention (GBCS) has 1,700 member churches with more than 400,000 of North Carolina's black people as its members. The Convention has a solid, well-organized structure which may well represent the largest group of North Carolinians who can positively influence their health through mobilizing their own and their communities' resources.

Focusing health and health related resources within this institution is both wise and timely. We are finding that all the "expert" and expensive health care "solutions" still do not guarantee better health and life quality. It may be that to mobilize, educate, and coordinate resources through our own respected institutions works better. People helping people has always been our strength.

WHAT IS THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PROJECT?

The Health and Human Services Project of the General Baptist State Convention, funded by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, is designed to strengthen the social support function that the black church already provides its members. Ultimately, the goal is to improve and maintain better health for all its members.

We are training three to four lay leaders from each church, and there are as many as 20 churches participating in a chosen area. Trainees meet at one church centrally located to the participating churches. Each training cycle goes for 12 consecutive weeks (one two-hour training class per week) and each session is conducted by local health professionals or state health agency personnel. Health and Human Services staff help locate and coordinate trainers for each topic and each session, and a lot of valuable volunteer time and energy is provided by church members and health professionals.

Persons selected will be trained to: 1) recognize risk factors associated with hypertension, diabetes, and health during pregnancy; 2) recommend ways to detect, manage and prevent these health problems; 3) refer persons to community health resources which are available for coping with such problems; 4) conduct health information and referral sessions for their congregations; 5) teach simple self-help techniques (e.g., recommend exercises for expectant mothers and hypertensives, home urine tests, blood pressure checks, etc.) 6) use and operate audio-visual aids.

After participants complete training, they graduate and are certified as Health and Human Services Coordinators within their respective churches. They continue to work with HHS staff to conduct health-related activities in their churches and communities.

Over 30 participants from these training cycles have become certified by the Red Cross as blood pressure takers. They can now screen church members for high blood pressure after weekly services.

Middle Ground Holds Institute

GOLDPOINT—The Middle Ground Association Training Institute was held Jan. 11 through 22, at the Roanoke Tabernacle, Goldpoint.

Class Hours were 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. and worship service was held at 7:30 each night. The ministers that preached were the Reverend Joseph Thigpen, Joe Clyde Brown, Butler McKinnon, G. L. Harris, H. H. Moore, Freddie Hyman, T. R. Vines, R. A. Morris, C. E.

McCallum, and Kep Fisher. Each minister was accompanied by his choir, ushers and congregation. The services were inspirational and educational, with a total enrollment of 179. Instructors for ministers were Rev. R. A. Morris; for deacons and men, Dr. G. E. Brown; for mission, Sister Carrie Alexander; for youth, Elder Elsie Goddard.

—By G. E. Brown, Moderator

BITUARY

Vernetta Laries Morgan, daughter of Hulon Lee and Vera Morgan, was born Jan. 1, 1965 in Raleigh, She died this life on Monday, Jan. 5, 1982. She died in Raleigh, Vernetta died the local public school. She was a member of Martin Street Baptist Church where she was active in Sunday School and youth group.

BOOKS

For those who are reluctant to admit that they talk to themselves, David Stoop, Ph.D., has some good news. Recent studies reveal that we all talk to ourselves, all the time, at the rate of 1,300 words per minute. Dr. Stoop believes that this continuous thought-process—which he calls "Self-Talk"—is the key to changing our lives for the better.

In his new book, "Self Talk," (Revell, \$5.95, Oct. 26), Dr. Stoop discusses how to transform feelings and situations by aligning personal thoughts with Biblical truth. Based on his counseling experience, he asserts that much of our self-talk is self-defeating, because it creates negative emotions such as anger, guilt, loneliness, and stress. His observation is that "Self-Talk" is a very powerful force that is already at work within our lives. We need only to learn how to use this force for positive change.

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Former Watergate Convict Calls

Prisons Counterproductive

BY STAN HASTEY

WASHINGTON (BP)—Making his first appearance before a congressional panel since testifying eight years ago on Watergate crimes, Charles W. Colson called on Congress to make sweeping changes in the way the federal criminal system is run.

Colson, founder and president of Prison Fellowship, told a House subcommittee considering an overhaul of the federal criminal code that incarceration of non-violent criminals is counterproductive in that it often hardens prisoners into permanent criminals while costing taxpayers millions.

He told the panel, headed by Rep. John Conyers, Jr., D-Mich., that the politically popular view that imprisoning people solves crime is "one of the myths that needs to be exploded."

Colson, who has become increasingly outspoken in his criticism of the criminal justice system since founding his interdenominational fellowship in 1976, declared that instead of rehabilitating criminals, "prisons are more a part of the problem than they are of the solution."

As an example, he cited the case of a fellow inmate he met during the seven months he served in a federal prison for his role in the Watergate crimes. The inmate, although he was a medical doctor who had once been president of the American Medical Association, was not allowed under federal law to practice his profession inside the prison.

Such attitudes toward prisoners, said Colson, are "years behind the times" and unlike those in any other modern nation.

He warned that unless attitudes toward prisoners change, "we will bankrupt this country by turning it into one gigantic prison."

Asked by Conyers to describe the ministry of his organization, Colson noted it got its start when he and U.S. Sen. Harold Hughes began talking about Colson's life after he was released. Noting that during his years as a White House counsel, he and Hughes had been political enemies, he credited the former Iowa senator, himself a recovered alcoholic, with helping him to Christ and changing the direction of his life.

Furthermore, Colson explained, he "couldn't forget the help and needs" he had seen in prison.

Colson and Hughes sought and obtained permission from Federal Prison Administrator Norman Carlson to take Christian inmates out of prison for a brief seminar to train them how to minister to fellow prisoners. When the experiment proved fruitful, Colson explained, the program was repeated.

Colson, who has visited 225 prisons offering his personal testimony of a changed life through Jesus Christ, told the House panel 150 prisons now have Prison Fellowship chapters. "The organization he heads has grown from a 1976 budget of \$80,000 to this year's \$5 million, with a staff of 140, many of whom are offenders."

He argued that the proposed new criminal code, under attack from both liberals and conservatives despite its support from such widely polarized politicians as Sen. Strom Thurmond and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, recognize that "stuffing more and more people into prisons" will make the problem of crime worse.

Instead, Colson urged implementation of the biblical principle of restitution, the view that criminals be required to restore their victims what was taken from them when the crime was committed. He said that nearly 40 percent of present prisoners in the U.S. are serving time for property offenses and other non-violent crimes.

He cited the recent example of six federal inmates in Georgia prison who were released in order to winterize the office of an 82-year-old Atlanta woman, blind since birth. At first, noted, the woman was terrified at the idea.

But, Colson went on, "We saw a reconciliation and a healing during the days the work proceeded, so much that by the first day the woman had invited the inmates into her living room where they sang 'Amazing Grace' as she played the organ."

Colson told the panel such scenes were commonplace wherever the principle of restitution is being practiced.

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FREE DEMONSTRATIONS TO CHURCHES

Ex-Gang Head: Churches Must "Invade Enemy Territory"

BY PATTI STEPHENSON

ATLANTA, Ga. (BP)—To reach America's cities for Christ, Baptists must learn to "invade and occupy the enemy's territory," and build churches which are "live models of heaven on earth," New York City evangelist Tom Skinner told Baptist leaders in Atlanta.

Skinner, who led the "Harlem Lords" street gang before his conversion to Christianity, challenged participants in the Fall Forum on Urban Evangelism to become "agents of reconciliation" in America's urban centers.

"God hasn't called us to grow homogeneous churches, but to proclaim the good news to everyone, including the cities, blacks and poor," Skinner said. "God doesn't intend for churches to perpetuate the unbalanced demographics of society," he added, "but to illustrate heaven."

Skinner warned, "You won't call the city factions together until Christians are together in prayer, dialogue and soul-searching." He urged pastors to "bleed together and heal each other's wounds" as they strive to reach the cities.

Skinner advised urban

churches to bring together employers and the unemployed in their midst to fight poverty crippling American cities.

"God's commitment to poor is biblical," Skinner observed, "and city missions must begin with the practical of tithes going stained-glass windows parking lots, they should others."

Some churches help the poor for a selfish reason, Skinner said. That is to get them on feet so they don't bother church again. Instead, churches are called to "help the poor so they can help themselves even more of the poor," said.

Such an approach will allow churches to meet needs the cities which the government can no longer handle predicted.

Skinner claimed that urban dwellers are "hungry for the Good News" ever, but they're rejecting ecclesiastical forms we to."

"If people see a live model of heaven on earth, we won't have membership drives," Skinner stressed. "The people will come to us."

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STOP Drunken Drivers

I am announcing today the formation of the Governor's Task Force on Drunken Drivers.

This group of distinguished and concerned North Carolinians will thoroughly examine the continuing problem of drunken driving. They will make recommendations to me regarding how we can do a better job of keeping drunken drivers off our roads and how we can deal more effectively with those who drink and drive.

Among the 24 persons named to the Governor's Task Force are General Baptist minister, the Rev. W. C. Hay, pastor of the Galilee Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, and John Baker, Jr., first black sheriff of Wake County.

Rev. W.C. Hay, Sheriff John Baker, Named To Governor's Anti-Drunk Force

Drunken drivers are killing and maiming people on our highways. In 1980, 1,516 people lost their lives in traffic accidents in North Carolina. At least 414 of those deaths were caused by drunken drivers, and drunken driving was the suspected cause of another 567 highway deaths.

This carnage is not due to a lack of enforcement. In 1980, for example, there were more arrests for DUI in North Carolina than any other state except for Texas and California.

However, of the 49,118 DUI cases referred to the courts by the Highway Patrol, only about 50 percent resulted in convictions on that charge. Another 25 percent resulted in convictions of lesser offenses. More than eight percent were not prosecuted, and more than 16 percent resulted in acquittals.

There has been a steady decline in the conviction rate over the past 10 years. In

1971, more than 66 percent of the DUI cases that went to court resulted in convictions.

The problem of youthful drunken drivers is increasing. In 1980, the number of people 18 years old or younger arrested for DUI

increased by 33 percent over the previous year.

I expect the task force to hold public hearings throughout our state and ac-

tively seek the ideas of as many of our citizens as possible. The panel will present its final report to me no later than December 1, 1982.



SHERIFF BAKER

Jackson Applauds Shaw U.

In a recent visit to Raleigh, Jesse Jackson, head of Operation PUSH, recognized the importance of Shaw University to the black community.

"I'm at home here," said Jackson. "When I was a member of the N. C. Student Legislature and we met in Raleigh, there was only one place we [blacks] could eat. All of us stayed on the campus of Shaw University. We could not stay in the Carolina Hotel and our white counterparts would not pass a resolution for all of us to enjoy public accommodations."

"As a matter of fact, SNCC (the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee) was founded right here on this campus. Our generation came out of the workshops conducted here by Floyd McKissick and others.

"Moreover, it is a pleasure to have the chance at this historic black institution, whose sole purpose is to educate our black children; whose sole purpose is to transform the rejected stones into cornerstones; whose sole purpose is to teach the unteachable; whose sole purpose is to reach the unreachable. This is hallowed ground and I'm glad to be here."

In giving words of praise to Shaw, Jackson concluded by saying that "educating our black children is not accidental to the purpose of Shaw. For it has never occurred to Shaw that the black child couldn't learn."



REV. JACKSON



PERKINS Third V-Presd. J.E. Perkins

Rev. J. E. Perkins, offer myself as a candidate for the office of Third Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., in its October, 1982, election.

As you know, it is the duty of the Third Vice President to chair the committee of the Department of Higher Education. These are critical times for higher education with all of the budget cuts enacted and proposed by the federal government. The General Baptist State Convention always had a high degree of interest in higher education as can be seen by its support for Shaw University and Shaw University School.

Given the privilege to serve the Convention as third vice president, I would like to help develop some themes to enhance higher education in general and Shaw University in particular. We are all aware that Shaw University is going to need greater financial support for its day-to-day operation, as well as an

endowment to insure its future success. Obviously, all the blacks in North Carolina cannot go to Shaw, so we must also work to see to it that the special needs of blacks in predominantly white institutions of higher education are adequately met.

If elected, I will actively pursue these themes in close cooperation with Executive Secretary Craig, the incoming president, and other members of the committee for the Department of Higher Education.

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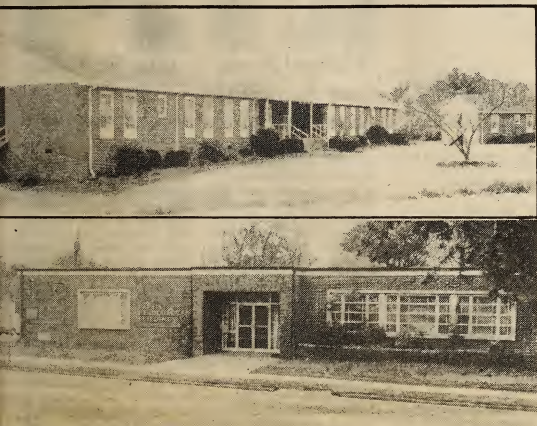
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THE CENTRAL ORPHANAGE IN OXFORD—(top) is one of the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention. The Janney H. McDougale women's dorm is pictured. All churches, unions and associations are asked to contribute to the objectives at the upcoming One Day Session (See Story). The Convention will also break ground for new headquarters. THE BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS BUILDING (bottom) on Wilmington Street, Raleigh, is inadequate to meet the needs of the Convention's expanding work in the name of Jesus Christ. Pastors are asked to give a sacrificial offering for the building fund for the new \$800,000 structure.

One Day Session; Ground-Breaking May 5, Raleigh

Moderator's Workshop Monday

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention:

We would like for all of you to take note of the fact that on May 4-5, all roads from the mountains and from the sea will lead to the Moderators' Workshop and the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention that will be held at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, 1515 Cross Link Road, Raleigh, N.C., Dr. W. B. Lewis, pastor.

We hope that you will attend both the Moderators' Workshop on May 4 at 2:30 p.m., the evening worship at 7 p.m., and the One Day Session on May 5.

The Convention, as usual, is counting on all pastors, church leaders, and members to give their full support and cooperation in an effort to make our forthcoming One Day Session one of the greatest sessions in the history of our great Convention.

We are asking all of our churches, unions and associations to report as much money as they possibly can for the objectives: Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions and the Central Orphanage.

We will have our ground-breaking ceremony for our new Baptist Headquarters building on the campus of Shaw University in the afternoon of our One Day Session.

Over and above the money for the objectives, we have asked each pastor to lead his church to make a pledge for the new Baptist Headquarters building payable to the



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VOTING RIGHTS FIGHT

Editor's Note: The following excerpts from an article published in the July, 1982 issue of the Council of 100 Reporter, a publication for black Republicans. Rev. P. L. McKissick, Sr., is a Baptist minister, founder of Soul City in Warren County, and a practicing attorney.

BASE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965

BY PLOYD MCKISSICK, SR., ESQ., General Counsel, Council of 100

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 will expire August 6, 1982, unless the proposed extension of H. R. 3112 and S. 895 is passed. The act has been unequivocally hailed by rights advocates as the most effective rights legislation passed by Congress in the last century. It has succeeded in significantly increasing the number of registered voters and minority elected officials at all levels of government.

The effectiveness of the Voting Rights Act can be seen throughout the United States; however, the most dramatic gains have occurred in the South, where racial discrimination had historically disen-

franchised minorities of the right to participate in the political process. The South was impacted more than any other region simply due to the fact that states and communities in the South had made more frequent use of literacy tests, poll taxes, and other racially discriminating devices.

The Voting Rights Act consists of permanent sections which apply to the entire country and do not require renewal. The permanent sections forbid the use of literacy tests, poll taxes, and other racially discriminatory mechanisms that could be used to deny minorities the right to vote in national elections. The Act also contains temporary sections which were passed to remedy past voting discrimination in those areas of the country which had used literacy tests as a means of denying minorities the right to vote to stop state and local governments from

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2000 Study "Leadership According To God's Will"

BY AUGUSTA A. WHITE

More than 2,000 men, women and youth from across North Carolina converged on the Capital City to attend the 13th annual Leaders' Workshop held at the Memorial Auditorium and the Civic Center in Raleigh. The theme for the workshop was "Leadership According to God's Will."

In the absence of Second Vice President Eva Johnson, the president presided over the meeting and presented Mrs. Georgia Thompson and the Workshop Committee, who set the tone for the meeting. In keeping with the Lenten season, the Workshop Committee inspired our hearts with an inspirational worship service.

The meditation thought given by Mrs. Thompson centered around the topic: "How We Serve." Mrs. Thompson stated that this is the time of the season when we clean out and pull out the "cobwebs" in our hearts just as we clean our houses. This is important because Jesus died for our sins and paid it all. Reagan can put on his movie acts and not answer questions asked of him, but all things are possible with God. He holds the reign and answers all questions. We should not answer His call

by saying, "Here is a cup of water for you," but we should say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant answers; Here am I ready to serve."

DR. BRODIE EMPHASIZES CHRISTIAN JOY

Dr. Brodie stated, "You've come a long way this morning and it's windy outside, but you still have joy." With these words, she led the group in singing "This Joy I Have, the World Didn't Give it to Me and the World Can't Take it Away." Following the song, Dr. Brodie gave the purpose of the conference. She stated that we are grateful that God has brought you here today and grateful that you had a mind to come. There are times when Satan tries to derail us, but if we keep the faith, there is always a victory. Dr. Brodie also stated that we need approximately \$70,000 to meet the budget. She urged all groups to make contributions before the books close May 31.

June 26, 1982, will be observed as Prayer Day all over North Carolina. All unions

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Observations From The EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Convention on or before May 5.

Our building fund goal is \$800,000. However, on May 5, we will need \$100,000 of the \$800,000.

We would like for each pastor to lead his church to give a sacrificial offering for the Building Fund. We hope that no pastor will report the money that we have asked you to give for the objectives to the building—let us not rob Peter to pay Paul. We hope that you will maintain your level of support to the objectives.

We trust that we will keep before you the idea that the objective of our Convention is to unify our work as well as our spirits. As we begin more and more to take seriously the value of unity, we will be able to do more and more for God and for man.

WHERE THERE IS NO VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH

There is a divine strategy of operation which is symbolized by the two phrases, "in the temple, and in every house." The temple symbolizes the sphere of a worshipping community, while the house symbolizes the sphere of a witnessing community. We come to the temple to meet with God, we go to the house to meet with man. We come to the temple to learn the Word; we go to the house to live the Word. We come to the temple to grasp spiritual concepts; we go to the house to grapple with social concerns. The Christian who has no experience of the "temple life" has no answer for the home life. Where the temple is interpreted in terms of a cathedral, a chapel, a gospel hall, or a clearing in the jungle, it is the place where God's people meet for worship, for preaching, for fellowship, and for discipline; but out of the church should march men and women of God whose hearts have been touched, whose lives will affect every sphere and stratum of society.

One of the greatest problems throughout the centuries has been the separation of the temple from the house. Christian communities can be isolated from the people that God intends them to reach. The salt of the earth can be bottled up, and the light of the world can be blotted out by a religious establishment which has no relevance to its time. I believe we have overlooked the importance of every house evangelism. We have concentrated on our enormous church plants with every device and gadget imaginable, but have forgotten that life at its grass roots is to be found in the homes of the people.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Matthew 28:19-20

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THE OCCASION

Editor's Note: The following message was submitted for publication by Ms. Cynthia W. Cunningham of Durham's Morehead Avenue Baptist Church. Mrs. Streeter, the speaker, is the wife of the Rev. Thomas W. Streeter, pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church in Winter Haven, Fla.

BY MRS. THOMAS W.

STREETER

DURHAM—In the beginning, God created heaven and earth and God said, "Let us make man in our image after our likeness." Great authority was vested in man. In the garden, man was vice-agent of the Creator, and all creation was under man's dominion.

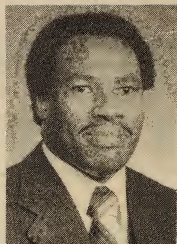
There are some folks in this world who seem to feel that they can get along without us (women), but God didn't think so.

Adam was alone. God recognized Adam's need. He looked among all the creatures He had made and didn't find a fit mate for Adam. God put Adam to sleep and from his side took a rib and made Eve, the first woman—and gave her to Adam to be his wife. Since that day, women have been trying to be wives to men who have been wise and unwise, right and wrong, kind and unkind.

Sometimes, we are like the leper. Because of sin, we are cast aside by our neighbors and friends, but because of God's abilities, we can draw near to Jesus. The healing of the leper teaches us the abilities of our Lord to deliver us from the disease of sin and give us eternal salvation. The Lord is willing as He is able and He is as ready as He is powerful. The Lord is more willing to heal than we are to seek and accept the blessings. Not only is God willing, but waiting to bestow on us present and immediate blessings through the 80s. Present pardon, purity and peace, immediate grace and instant loving kindness, spiritual health and future everlasting happiness.

I don't like the words, "God's abilities," because abilities are what He gives to us. I know that if you'll let God abide in your life, not only does He have the abilities to carry us through the 80's, but He is able to change your lifestyle from: guilty to not guilty; death to life; darkness to light; hatred to love; weakness to power; bondage to freedom; tribulation to triumph; grief to joy; gloom to glory; defeat to victory; failure to success; fear to faith; I can't to I can.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the author of the famous Sherlock Holmes sagas, supposedly modelled Holmes' assistant and friend, Dr. Watson, after himself.



Clifford Jones
For Recording
Secretary



John D. Fuller
For 4th
Vice-President

You are directly responsible for the effectiveness and efficiency of our Convention. It will function on the level of its leaders. The leadership is composed of persons elected by the Convention to plan and implement programs on at least two levels. As a body of believers who acknowledge Jesus as Lord, all planning and programs must be implemented for the glory of God. Secondly, consideration regarding human efforts must be given priority as we actively do theology through ministry.

Through the years, our Convention has been classified as one of the best in the country. However, our historical progress should not be the essence of being. Potentially, we can build on the Christian foundation of our Convention, and, therefore, shake the very foundation of our state and nation. The direction of our Convention is dependent on persons you vote for in October in our annual session.

The decade of the 80's will present challenges and hardships for minorities, handicapped, youth and senior citizens. What kinds of ministries and directives will be initiated by our Convention to assist pastors and laypersons to cope in these crisis situations? With increasing economic defaults,

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\$25,000 Drive Begins For Shaw Divinity Library

The Board of Visitors of the Shaw Divinity School has launched a \$25,000 drive for the Divinity School library. The money will be used to purchase books for the Divinity School library so that it may receive accreditation.

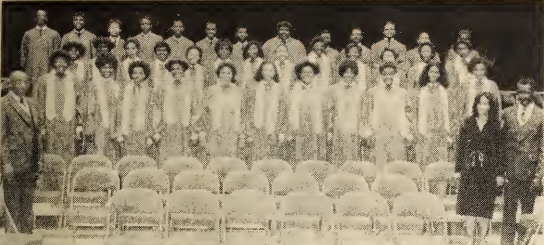
The members of the Board of Visitors of the Shaw Divinity School are asking 100 churches for \$100 each, fifty associations for \$25 each, 1,000 persons and pastors for \$10 each; the Woman's Convention for \$500; the ushers and Sunday School convention for \$250; and members of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors for \$100 each.

This will be a total of \$25,300. Thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Anyone having a desire to help in this worthy cause, please contact Dr. James Z. Alexander, Dr. C. R. Lee, or Rev. John Prince, Jr., at 642-2053 or 755-4846.

Rev. John Prince, Jr.
Chairman,
Books Committee

Dr. C. R. Lee
Chairman,
Board of Visitors



The Shaw University Chorale Society Church Circuit

Lawson Chapel Shaw Day Nets \$1000

ROXBORO—On Sunday, April 18, the Lawson Chapel Baptist Church of Roxboro held their annual Shaw Day program at 11 a.m. as a part of their regular morning worship. Music was provided by the youth choir of Lawson Chapel under the direction of Mrs. Marcia Allen.

The featured speaker for the occasion was Dr. John W. Fleming, director of church relations at Shaw University in Raleigh. Dr. Fleming spoke on the subject, "A Badge of Honor," in which he stated that it was in Antioch that followers of Christ were first called Chris-

tian. To be called Christian in Antioch was not an honor but an insult. The Christians in Antioch, however, wore the badge entitled "Christian" proudly. After an inspirational message, the pastor, Rev. Keith B. Wiley, along with Mrs. Saloma J. Mials, program chairman for Shaw Day, presented Dr. Fleming a check for the amount of \$1,000.

CONTEST

JAMES F. WERTZ ORATORICAL CONTEST

- SUBJECTS:**
- "Reach Out and Touch"
 - "Elements of Success"
 - "Effects of Worldly Pleasures"
 - "What Price Success"
 - "Today's Television—Friend or Foe"
 - "Grace of God—Our Salvation"
 - "Faith's Trials"
 - "The Path of Least Resistance"
 - "The Christian's Inventory"
 - "The Power of Christ's Cross"
 - "The Scope and Power of the Gospel"
 - "Atonement Through Christ"
 - "Knowledge's Responsibility"
 - "Fellowship With God"
 - "God's Love"

RULES:

- The Senior Division Contest is open to high school seniors and college freshmen who are active Baptist Training Union or Sunday School students.
- The Junior Division Contest is open to ninth, tenth and eleventh grade high school students who are active Baptist Training Union or Sunday School students.
- Contestants must be certified by a local BTU Director or Sunday School superintendent.
- Each contestant will choose one of the subjects listed above.
- Each contestant must compose and learn his speech.
- Each contestant will have five minutes for delivery.
- Contestants will be judged by competent judges on content, composition, and delivery. Content will count 25 percent, composition 25 percent, and delivery 50 percent.
- The three top winners in the Senior Division will receive scholarships and certificates of participation. First place, \$150; second place, \$100; and third place, \$50. Scholarship checks are awarded after the contestants are enrolled in an institution of further study. Non-winning contestants will receive \$5 and a certificate of participation.
- The three top winners in the Junior Division will receive certificates of participation, and first place, \$15; second place, \$10; and third place, \$5. Non-winning contestants will receive certificates of participation and \$2.

Each year, young people are encouraged to enter the James F. Wertz BTU Oratorical Contest, sponsored as a part of the State BTU Congress. This is not only an opportunity, but a privilege.

CORRESPOND Mrs. Emareta T. Felton, Director
Oratorical Contest
WITH: 1812 Armstrong Street
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28301

Mountain, Catawba Churches Contribute \$4,032 To Shaw Univ.

HICKORY—The Shaw University Chorale Society, directed by Robert T. Simmons and Dr. John W. Fleming, director of church relations at Shaw, were the featured guests Sunday, March 21, for the annual Christian Education Day, sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Mountain and Catawba Missionary Baptist Association. Mrs. Tressie Williams is the auxiliary director. Morning Star First Baptist Church, Hickory, served as the host church.

Following an address by Dr. Fleming, entitled, "Wake Up and Live," and selections by the choral society, the members of the choir were joined by youth of the church in a delicious meal prepared by the Missionary Dept. of Morning Star, led by Mrs. Zora Glenn. Twenty-five of the 34 churches in the association cooperated faithfully and as a

result, \$4,032.83 was raised for the university. The following churches united in this effort:

Chestnut Grove	325.00
Community	50.00
Davidsonville	100.00
Dula Chapel	27.00
First Bapt., Harmony	100.00
Friendship	288.00
Jones Chapel	100.00
Knox Grove	26.00
Liberty Hill	300.00
Lovelydale	25.00
Moore's Chapel	30.00
Morning Star First	947.00
Mount Carmel	100.00
Mount Olive	50.00
Mount Pilgrim	503.00
Mount Sinai	25.00
Mount Zion—Drexel	50.00
Mount Zion—Hickory	125.00
New Bethel	47.00
New Light	10.00
New Prospect	150.00
New Zion	35.00
St. James First	100.00
St. John	407.00
Third Creek	100.00

BAPTIST BRIEFS

Dr. Drayton Among "Powerful"

WINSTON-SALEM—In an article on the "Power Holders" of Winston-Salem, published in the Winston-Salem Journal March 7, the Rev. Jerry Drayton, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church, was among the 20 individuals cited.

Drayton, who was a key figure during the city's black

rebellion in 1967, is the pastor of another black included on the list, Larry D. Little, a member of the city's Board of Aldermen. Dr. Drayton is active in the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina as a member of the Executive Committee.

4th Anniversary For Dr. Walker

SALISBURY—The Gethsemane Baptist Church of Salisbury recently honored Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Walker for their four years of service to the church as pastor and pastor's wife, respectively. The Rev. Irvin A. Hopkins of St. Luke Baptist

Church was the guest speaker. "It has been four years of spiritual, physical and membership growth," a church statement reads, "May God continue to grant them good health and the commitment to serve."

Shiloh Celebrates 90th Year

GREENSBORO—Dr. Thomas Kilgore, Jr., pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Los Angeles and former Executive Secretary of the GBCS of N.C., and Rev. David R. Hedgley, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, were among the guest speakers

during a month of celebration at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Greensboro commemorating the 90th anniversary of the church. The festivities included a Lenten cantata, a dramatic presentation, a creative exercise recital and many other events. Dr. Otis L. Hairston is the pastor.

RENEWAL NOTICE

If you have received a renewal notice from the Baptist Informer, please take time now to send it in with your payment in order that your subscrip-

tion may be continued.

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Irene S. Steele

Meeting Goals And Making Plans

BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRODIE

To those of you who attended and supported in more ways than one our 13th Annual Workshop, April 3, we are more than grateful and words fail us in expressing our sentiments. We ask that you continue to pray for and support our missionary endeavor.

Please be reminded that this month is the last month of the Women's Baptist State Convention's fiscal year, specifically May 31, 1982. We appreciate all that you have done and will do to help us realize the financial goal. Approximately \$50,000 we need to receive as itemized by May 31, 1982: Foreign Missions, \$6,600; Shaw, \$10,200; Central Orphanage, \$20,100. The Baptist Assembly is not mentioned because we have realized its budgeted amount.

Having come to the end of another fiscal year, it is time to make and implement plans for the next year. Thus, at this time, we should like to remind you of some of our immediate future events.

1. The Prayer Missions Retreat, Saturday, June 26, 1982 has been set aside as our Prayer Missions Day all over the state of North Carolina. County and city union presidents are asked to secure a place for meeting and invite all local church circles to attend. However, if there are

churches who are not members of a county or city union, you may desire to observe this day at your church and invite other churches of your community to attend. We are suggesting the hour of 11 a.m., although you may choose your own time, but we should hope that no church will be left out and that all will be in prayer at the same time. You may write and secure your free materials for this prayer retreat from our office now. What a blessing this should be for North Carolina! Won't all of you be a part of this prayer mission?

2. The Training Conference. Our Missionary Training Conference will convene June 7-11 at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill. A banquet will be on Thursday evening. Begin electing your delegates (at least 2) now and sending in their names and fees. The fees are: registration—\$5.00; room and board—\$40.00; total—\$50.00.

3. The Bible Youth Camp. The camp begins June 13 and ends July 2. Please begin securing camp blanks and returning them now. See the insert.

4. The Convention Banquet. The banquet will be held at the Benton Convention Center July 26 at 6 p.m. Banquet tickets are available at the cost of \$14 each. Begin sending for your tickets now. Please send the money for your tickets immediately after May 31.

5. The Conventional Reservations. Our 98th Annual Convention convenes at the Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, July 26-29. However, you may desire to make your reservations for July 25-29, in order to attend on Sunday evening the Pre-Convention Musical under the auspices of the host church, Emmanuel Baptist, Dr. S. W. Mack, pastor, and on Monday evening, the Pre-Convention Banquet. The Hyatt Hotel will serve as headquarters for our convention. It is adjacent to the Benton Convention Center and will lessen walking. We are asking that seniors who accompany our youth stay in the same hotel as the youth. The Housing Bureau of the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce will handle all reservations and confirmations; therefore, all housing applications must be mailed directly to: Housing Bureau, Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 1408, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27102. No reservations will be accepted by telephone. Please allow at least three weeks for confirmation. Your applications must not be postmarked any later than June 28. You may secure housing application blanks from the Woman's Convention office.

We, the Women's Convention staff, wish all mothers A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.

Faithfulness, Structure, Loyalty And Stewardship Among Topics

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and groups are urged to participate (please send to the office for Prayer Day materials no later than May 26 if your local church circle is not a member of a county union).

PRESIDENT HORTON DISCUSSED ROLE OF PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Georgia Turner, immediate past president, presented the consultants for the workshop session. The first person presented was Mrs. Thelma Horton, who gave helpful information to the presidents about how to perform their duties better. The first duty of a missionary president is to be genuinely concerned about the unsaved, those God loved so much that "He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Secondly, a president should have a conviction, firmly believing that the work of which Jesus spoke can be implemented best as he/she submits his/her will to the will of God. This will prepare the president for the acceptance of the many challenges that will accompany the office. The acceptance of this challenge carries with it an earnest Christian responsibility to do a good job according to God's will.

Thirdly, the president should find information in the Handbook and Study Guide for Missionary Baptist Women and the Bible.

If a president of a local circle, county union or auxiliary wants to do a good job and give leadership according to God's will, there are several things she must do:

1. Examine her attitude and actions,

measuring them with God's Word.

2. Be aware of the financial qualities as well as the shortcomings of every member:

- the talented and well educated who can add to the success of the organization.
- the willing who will always say "yes," when others refuse to help.
- the thoughtful who radiate kindness, doing many little things to lighten the load.
- the devoted, hard working who are always there, making the president's job a pleasure.
- the tactful who know how to smooth out the awkward situations that sometimes arise from misunderstandings or an "hind sight."
- the twin or gang who are always together, right or wrong, looking and making critical signs as a way of showing their disapproval.
- the trouble-making who love to stir up trouble, dealing with negatives and gossip.
- the dictatorial or bossy who object to every idea that does not originate with them.
- the alarming who blow up everything out of proportion, making it appear worse.

3. Overcome the fears and apprehensions that generate mistrust, keeping the president and the members apart.

4. Know what your Woman's Convention has to say about your duties.

VICE PRESIDENT EDWARDS URGES LOYALTY

Mrs. Luella D. Edwards, first vice president, discussed the duties of the First Vice President. "As first vice presidents, you have a job to do and should be contented to do a good job and not attempt to do the president's job. Make a report quarterly to your circles and to the Woman's Convention."

- Analyze your weaknesses; have a good personality; be a little more pleasant. Do not be a grouch. Turn your weaknesses into strengths.
- Help to keep the harmony within the group.
- Tell the story of Jesus. Go, come, and do.

Some ways of getting people into the circle as vice presidents:

- personal contact
- assignment to groups
- survey the church to discover members who are not a member of a missionary group
- correspondence
- telephoning
- door-to-door canvassing

LEADERS MUST LEARN STRUCTURE

In the absence of Mrs. Eva Johnson, second vice president, Dr. J. B. McLeister, a past president, discussed the duties of the first and second vice presidents. He urged them to learn the structure of the convention and be prepared to serve, to become aware of the duties in the guidebook and to use the Bible, to know the objectives of the convention and be able to organize a local circle and to promote mission study for all groups. These vice presidents do not have

Woman's Page



Part of the crowd of senior workshop participants are shown during a session of the Woman's Convention Leadership Workshop in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium April 3.

Ministers Conference

The Ministers Council of ABCOTs, in cooperation with the M and M Board of the American Baptist Churches, USA, is sponsoring a significant and engaging retreat for all the ministers of ABCOTs. The Witness and Service of the Church in the 1980s is to be the challenging and dynamic focus for this period of study, meditation, and community building. The following information is given for your guidance and direction in making arrangements to attend this event. More information can be obtained by contacting Dr. Walter L. Parrish, II, executive minister of ABCOTs.

DATES: July 19-21, 1982—beginning at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 19, and ending at noon, with lunch, on Wednesday, July 21.

PLACE: Meredith College, Raleigh, NC—Meredith College is accessible for those driving from Routes 185 and I-40. Directions will be sent with registration fee acknowledgement.

Tuition: \$25 Ministers Council members
\$35 Non-members

Room and Board: \$35 per person Double Occupancy
\$45 per person Single Occupancy

This includes lodging, meals, coffee breaks, and meals.
A \$25 deposit is to be sent with your registration form. The balance is due ten days prior to the scheduled date of the event, which is the deadline for pre-registering.
A \$10 late charge will be made for all registrations received after July 9, 1982.

to be the teacher, but should organize the study groups and select a teacher to do the job.

Mrs. Robbie Diggs, third vice president, discussed the duties of the third vice presidents, "Mission in Action" chairman. The mission in action chairman:

- shall plan for, along with her committee, special projects in making the community Christian.
- should be active in enlisting service; reclaiming the lost, careless, and unconcerned members of the church, and unattached Baptists in the church community; encouraging the faint hearts and helping the needy.
- shall investigate and make recommendations to the circle upon all special appeals for charity and keep a record of all personal work done and report to circle.
- shall endeavor to interest local organizations in the needs of their communities and their obligations as followers of Him who went along doing good.
- shall render monthly reports to the circle and quarterly and written reports to the third vice president of the Woman's State Convention.

A GOOD STEWARDSHIP LEADER IS VITAL

Fourth Vice President Mrs. Maggie White stated that the fourth vice president the stewardship chairman, should promote the basic biblical intent of a good steward and endeavor to enlist every member in the church as a good steward. We should be raising stewards, not dollars

Sermon Message: "Your Skill Or God's Will"

Christ is concerned about us as individuals. He is concerned about all we do. Who is the owner? God is the owner of all creation. He created everyone. He is also a possessor of the creature. Everything we have belongs to God. A steward is a trustee who manages all that entrusted in his care.

1. Stewardship of Personality. If we are to be good stewards, God wants us to have a image He placed in us.

2. Stewardship of Talent. Everyone has the ability to do something. Whatever we should be done in the service of God, whether we are skilled or unskilled, we could be grateful because God made each of us. The waste of talent is a sin.

3. Stewardship of Calling. Every calling could be a sacred call. Every calling is a gift. Whatever it is, let us do our best.

4. Stewardship of Influence. Many talents are responsible for the failing of our faith. We should use our influence in the right way because we are our brother's keeper.

5. Stewardship of Opportunity. The whole course of life is the sum total for achieving a particular goal.

6. Stewardship of Time. God has made every day of our lives precious to do something.

7. Stewardship of Substance. God is the owner of everything we possess. We are to be the stewards of substance.

8. Group Stewardship or Corporate Stewardship. God is holding us responsible to how the materials are handled in the church. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

FAITHFULNESS IN SECRETARIES IS REQUESTED

The duties of secretaries were discussed by Mrs. Marian Bass. She urged the secretaries to become familiar with the formation in the handbook found on page 10. The recorder should be faithful and give a place to work near the president or presiding officer. Among the suggestions for taking notes were:

1. to use an official record book
2. to use permanent blue or black ink for making the minutes in longhand
3. to use a paragraph for each separate item of business
4. to write out each line and use no ditto marks

YOUNG ADULTS TO TAKE CENSUS

Mrs. Bronnie Daniels, young adult director, gave highlights of the Young Adult session. She stated that the room was running over with young adults. Over 100 were in attendance, including 163 new persons. "The Holy Spirit showered blessings upon the Young Adult Department. The business session emphasized the particulars peculiar to the department. We stressed workshop and institute atmosphere over the state. We are in the process of trying to get a count of active young adults over the state."

"Directors Jerry Griffin, Winston-Allair; Rebecca Brown, Belmont; Carrie McNair, Durham; and Colene Stanley, Lake Waccamaw, spoke on the topic, Leadership According to God's Will: The Director's Role." Each director was

dynamic in her own way. Each concluded that a director must be informed well, on the move, and a good Christian friend. The session was spiritually uplifting."

Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, youth supervisor, said that the room was running over to the halls with youths. There were over 550 youths and 23 new supervisors present for the session. Plans were made for the Annual Convention.

REV. R. A. MAYE SPEAKS ON GOD'S WILL

Reverend H. J. Campbell, moderator of Gaston County Association, presented Reverend R. A. Maye, Jr., pastor of Mount Pleasant Church, for the message, His subject was, "Your Skill or His Will." The woman who accidentally stopped by Jacob's well needed psychiatric help, but she was not able to pay for the help. She was sick. She came to the well at a time when no one else was there, and said that this was my father Jacob's well. She knew that Jacob was a liar and a schemer, but she compared Jesus to Jacob. She said that the well was important because Jacob had blessed it. She forgot that if Jacob blessed the well, Jesus had him to bless it. In our churches, there are so many groups that want to do what they want to do. They want to cause trouble and go the way of the world. You must remember that whatever you sow you will reap.

"I like this man called Jesus. He did not work in the realm of skill, but He worked by God's will. This woman was no different from you and me. She said to Jesus, 'How can I give you water when you have nothing with which to draw?' Today in our churches, we have deacons, trustees and members with nothing with which to draw. In our churches, we have elderly women telling our young women not to get married but their own thing: 'women going with women, and men going with men. We are living in a world of sin, and we have nothing with which to draw. There is no love in our churches, for there is too much confusion and division."

"It's good to send money to our conventions, but we need some mobile bodies. Jesus asked the woman about her private life. She said that she had five husbands and the one with whom she was living was not hers. The same thing happens in our churches. The church was set up for those persons who want to be saved. We elect presidents and directors in our churches that can't get along with anyone and are doing the things like the woman at the well. Jesus told her that He had everlasting water. I thank God that that water, living water. I know that you are skillful, but I want you to know about the Will of God who woke me up early this morning and started me on my way."

No matter how much skill you have, God's Will is stronger. I am following God's Will, and I tell the people that God wants me to tell them. When people dig ditches for me, they fall in them. One day I am going to a place where I can be at rest. One day I am going to my Father's house. If you want to go, follow His Will."

Following this soul-stirring message, the president made remarks and asked for prayer for the sick and shut-in by Dr. C. Craig. Benediction was by Rev. Maye.

With a planned decrease in human services (food stamps, fuel assistance, summer tuition programs, public education funds), does the local church have to examine the issue of home mission? There is a need for emergency assistance and

continuing education opportunities for our pastors.

These concerns can be realities. God has blessed us with the manpower, organizational structure and resources. However, without the proper leadership, our potential for

THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA, AUXILIARY TO GBSC SPONSORS THE

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL YOUTH BIBLE CAMP

For Boys and Girls (Ages 9-16)

in cooperation with THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NORTH CAROLINA



The Baptist Assembly Laurel Hill, North Carolina

June 13 - July 2, 1982

THEME: "Seeking God's Will For My Life" John 4:34

Dr. Priscilla A. Bradie, Advisor
Dr. J. C. Harris, Director
Mrs. Virginia Dye, Coordinator
Rev. Theodore Breeden, Superintendent

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return to:
THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION,
Post Office Box 1818
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602
Telephone: (919) 833-4823

Name _____
Address _____
Church _____
Pastor _____
Location _____
Age _____ Sex _____
Parent's Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____
Grade in School _____
Have you attended the camp before? _____
Special interest(s) _____
Have you any known physical defects? _____
Time of Arrival _____ Car _____ Bus _____
Time of Departure _____ Car _____ Bus _____
Are you to be a day camper or a regular camper? _____

CAMP PERIOD

Please detach form and mail each check by June 1st
1st Week - June 13-18
2nd Week - June 20-25
3rd Week - June 27-July 2

REGISTRATION CLOSING JUNE 1, 1982

PURPOSE

To provide boys and girls the opportunity to discover themselves through worship, Bible study, fellowship, counseling, nature study, crafts, and recreation in a Christian environment.

Though the camp is sponsored by Baptists, children of all denominations are welcomed.

ACTIVITIES

Campers may participate in dramatization, Bible study, hikes, nature study, special events, basketball, swimming, music, crafts, softball, talent shows, and watermelon leads.

WHAT TO BRING

Two sheets, bath and face towels, one pillow case, soap and other toiletries, a blanket, flash light, Bible, pencils and paper, bathing suit and cap, and a small cotton rug to use when sitting on the ground.

FEES

Regular Campers	
Room and board for week	\$45.00
Registration (Non-Refundable)	5.00
Total Fee	\$50.00
Day Campers (only for Laurel Hill and surrounding communities only)	
Camping Fee	\$21.00
Registration (Non-Refundable)	5.00
Total Fee	\$26.00

Campers are covered by insurance

Room Assignment on Sunday Afternoons

CAMP T-SHIRTS FOR SALE AT \$3.50 EACH
DON'T MISS ATTENDING THIS SUMMER CAMP!

HEALTH BLANK

Please have filled by your physician

I have examined _____ and believe _____ is qualified to attend the SUMMER YOUTH-BIBLE CAMP and to take part in swimming and outdoor sports.
Operation or serious illness accident within the past year? _____
Nature of heart's function _____
Lungs _____
Arteries of foot _____
History of epilepsy, diabetes, convulsions, hysteria? _____
Doctor's Signature _____
Address _____
Patient's Signature _____

"One half the world cannot understand the pleasures of the other."

Jane Austen

ministry will be minimal. We cannot afford the luxury of voting for our officers, based on personality, favors, sympathy, preaching ability, geographical location, professional status nor which church contributes the most to the Convention objectives.

There are at least three areas of concern that all candidates for office should have: commitment to Christ Jesus as Lord and actively strive to create the ideal of love, loyalty to the Convention so that regardless our support remains constant; and ability: Can the person handle the responsibility of the office they seek?

Because of my concern for our Convention, I desire to

be a part of its bold thrust in ministry. Consequently, I announce my candidacy for the position of Recording Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention. Divine guidance, coupled with proficient leadership, equals progress.

Your vote for Clifford A. Jones, Sr., as Recording Secretary will be immensely appreciated.

Thank you,
Clifford A. Jones, Sr.
First Baptist Church
900 College Street
Clinton, N. C.

Save Your Money

Jones

From Page Two

high unemployment for minorities and especially black youth, are there alternatives and considerations recommended for the local church budget?

BOOKS

Reflections In Psalm 119:1-44

The Provident Press is proud to announce the publication of "The Discovery Room: Reflections in Psalm 119:1-44," by Virginia Corfield. The book is the first title in the new "Reflection Series: Books that Mirror the Word of God," and is the first of four books devoted to Psalm 119. This 120-page hardcover book also introduces the identifying jacket design of the series: a large oval mirror embossed in gold foil. Copies will be available for distribution April 1, from the publisher and through bookstores at a retail price of \$8.95.

Psalm 119, often called "A Saint's Alphabet" because its 176 verses form a monumental acrostic based on the letters of the Hebrew alphabet, dictates

the structure and content of "The Discovery Room." The format of the book follows the psalm verse by verse, and the "reflections" mirror the words of the psalmist with images and settings familiar to our day.

The Discovery Room titles include: "The Risk of Faith," "In His Ways," "Free Will," "Why?" "Are You God or Not?" "Whirlybirds," "Addiction," "Orientation to Heaven," "You Can't Call Him 'Mister'!"

Like the psalm it mirrors, "The Discovery Room" relates every facet of life to the Word of God. The day-by-day realities of the Christian walk, the struggles and triumphs of the life that pleases God, are refined as the book unfolds. Beginning with the prayer, "Lord, teach me to walk undefiled in Thy ways," the book progresses through life-changing "discoveries," reaching its climax in an exultant affirmation of faith, "A Triple Positive."

The publication of "The Discovery Room" and the succeeding books based on Psalm 119: "At Liberty," (verses 45-88), "A Celestial Fix" (verses 89-132), and "More Than a Conqueror" (verses 133-176), will fulfill a twenty-year dream for the author.

Coley Springs Provides Excellent Model For GBSC Health Project Participation

BY BARBARA BAYLOR
Assistant to the Director

When the Health Project began last year, Coley Springs Baptist Church in Warrenton was one of the churches that participated in the 10-week health training classes. Ten persons, including Pastor Luther Brown graduated as Community Health Coordinators on May 15, 1981. Now a year later these dedicated graduates have kept the goals and objectives of the health project alive!

The Health Project staff was

able to set up a blood pressure certification course with the American Red Cross and these graduates have been trained and now certified as blood pressure screeners and are recognized as such by the Warren County Health Department. Health Assurance Section of the State of North Carolina has supplied blood pressure kits to those churches completing the blood pressure certification training.

Because of the positive interest generated by Rev. Luther

Brown, Coley Springs has now added a Health Care Department to their church. Under the direction of Mrs. Thelma Davis and Mrs. Mildred Kearney, the Health Coordinators of Coley Springs take blood pressures every first Sunday. Records are kept and blood pressures recorded for each church member who gets checked. The Health Coordinators advise persons on whether or not they need to see a doctor and if this is the case, they refer them to the Warren County Health Department. They also advise persons that their blood pressure is borderline and that they need to come back and have it re-checked.

The participation is great! One of the goals of the Health and Human Services Project was to establish positive linkages between the community and health department. Coley Springs and the Warren County Health Department are now working hand-in-hand. Dr. Joseph Lennon, director of the Warren County Health Department, said, "It is good to see Baptists working together for a good cause." Dr. Lennon, a devoted Baptist, has been working with the health project since its inception and has been very helpful.

"What is Faith Without Good Works?" Ask Rev. Brown and the Health Coordinators at Coley Springs. They believe in God, themselves and helping others by promoting good health habits. Most important, they are doing it with love and dedication. Keep up the good work!

ological Center National Alumni Association; member of the Board of Directors, Morehouse School of Religion; member of the Board of Visitors, Shaw Divinity School; member of the Board of Directors, Cumberland Community Action Financial Counseling Service; member of the Executive Board of Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention; member of the Fayetteville State University Foundation Board of Directors; president of the Union of the United Baptist Association (45 churches).

My experience in public relations and youth ministries will qualify me in helping to uncover financial support for the Central Orphanage. Further, it will afford me an opportunity to enact strong public relations in improving the quality of education and services to the boys and girls who call Central home.

In short, the Fourth Vice-Presidency will help me to do better today in carrying out the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

John D. Fuller, Sr.



Rev. Luther Brown, pastor, Coley Springs Baptist Church, and Dr. Joseph Lennon (right), director of the Warren County Health Department, are working hand-in-hand to improve local health care. (See Story)

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Baptist Union Baptist Church, Hope Mills, and Beauty Spot Baptist Church, Fayetteville. For one year, I was employed as Day Care Coordinator for Cumberland County Community Action Program. I also served three years in military service, with an overseas assignment in South Korea. I am presently a certified instructor for the Department of Continuing Christian Education through Shaw Divinity School and the Southern Baptist Convention.

I have also served in the following official capacities: Chaplain, Avery's Masonic Lodge No. 38, Free and Accepted Yorkrite Masons, Dearing,

Ga.; treasurer of the Union of the United Baptist Association; president of the freshman class of Paine College, Augusta, Ga.; chairman of the Human Relations Committee, Union Baptist Association; co-chairman of the Joint Human Relations Committee Union and New South River Associations; president of the Ministers and Pastors Conference, Union Baptist Association.

My present church, school and community affiliations include: member of the Fayetteville Chapter, NAACP; member of the Ordination Board, Union Baptist Association; member of the Fayetteville State University Alumni Association; member of the Morehouse School of Religion Alumni Association; member of the Interdenominational The-

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VOTING RIGHTS ACT A MUST

sorting to other means of discrimination which would have the same effect of literacy tests or poll taxes to deny minorities the right to vote.

In anticipation of these types of backlash actions from local communities, Congress passed Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, which expires in August, 1982.

SECTION 5—PRE-CLEARANCE PROVISION—This section of the Voting Rights Act is described by civil rights advocates as the reinforcement arm of the Act. It applies to all communities where a literacy test was used to discriminate against minorities as of November, 1974, in less than 50 percent of the eligible voters turned out for the presidential election that year. Any community meeting these criteria is required to submit any changes to voting or election procedures, such as:

- Re-registration requirements
- Polling place changes
- Redistricting
- Annexation

• New rules for candidate qualifications
• Any other change that could have a potentially discriminatory effect on

minority voters, to the U.S. Department of Justice for pre-clearance approval prior to implementation.

If the Justice Department determines that the proposed changes will have a discriminatory impact, then it is required to deny pre-clearance approval. A community may appeal a Justice Department decision to the U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia for reconsideration; however, the Justice Department's opinion will be accepted by the court as an expert's opinion. This discourages a community from incurring the cost of pursuing a lawsuit with a higher authority.

Since the passage of Section 5 in 1965 and its subsequent renewal in 1970 and 1975, over 800 pre-clearances have been denied by the Justice Department, out of a total of approximately 35,000 clearances which were submitted for review. Very few of the 800 pre-clearances that were denied would have been stopped if a private litigant would have had to bear the cost of pursuing the cases under the protection of the 14th and 15th amendments. This is because the time required and the cost of litigation would have been excessive for most individuals or organizations.

Most of the pre-clearances denied involved the use of gerrymandering and redistricting techniques which would have effectively diluted minority voting strength. A frequently used technique was the designation of at-large districts rather than ward or neighbor district voting districts. The annexation of all-white areas to a community was also a method frequently used to dilute potential minority voting strength.

Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act has served as an effective mechanism in controlling the use of back-handed

methods of discrimination in problem communities. If Section 5 had not been a part of the Voting Rights Act and those communities had been permitted to lose their resourcefulness free from scrutiny, then there is little doubt that the effectiveness of the Voting Rights Act would have been significantly lessened.

Certainly, significant strides forward have taken place, yet today, blacks are underrepresented in the Senate of the United States and inadequately represented in the mid and upper levels of federal, state and local government. Let me share with you some personal observations in regard to the current status of voting discrimination from my home state of North Carolina. Only part of North Carolina is subject to Section 5—Pre-Clearance Reviews. Until last year, Warren, N. C. County Board of Elections supervised all elections for every incorporated political subdivision in the county. The county's population is approximately 60 percent black; however, only one black served in a major elected position in the county.

The County Board of Elections has always consisted of three persons, of which one person was usually black. However, when two blacks became members of the Board of Elections, the largest city in the county petitioned the state to establish their own City Board of Elections, due to their fear of minorities being in the majority on the county board. The County Board of Elections' responsibilities included certifying all election results, reviewing all voting irregularities, designating voting precincts, appointing precinct registrars and judges and distributing sample ballots. The state permitted the new city Board of Elections to be established.

Once established and operating, they refused to provide sample ballots upon request to minorities until ordered to do so by the State Board of Elections. These types of occurrences are still commonplace in many places in the South and only serve to document the need for renewal of Section 5.

In another county in North Carolina, I observed a city whose population is approximately 40 percent black, go from a ward to an at-large voting system. The change was motivated by significant increases in the number of black registered voters. When blacks protested the changes, they were informally told that if they supported an annexation plan that would bring more whites into the city, then there was a good chance that the city would return to the ward system. This occurred in a county not subject to Section 5 review. These incidents and others too numerous to mention clearly demonstrate a need for the renewal of Section 5.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION—On April 1, 1981, Senator Charles Mathias (R-Md.) introduced a bill (S. 895) which would renew Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act for ten years. It would also modify Section 2 as we suggested and it would place Section 203, bilingual election requirements, on the same timetable as the other temporary sections, by extending it for seven years. Representative Peter Rodino has introduced the same bill in the House (H. 3112).

This bill deserves our wholehearted support since it achieves all the objectives that we seek to accomplish.

The Milky Way can be easily seen as a bright haze on a clear summer night.

State Special Olympics Seeks Aid For 24,000 Mentally Retarded

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

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Director

Dear Minister:

The North Carolina Special Olympics needs your help and the help of your congregation. North Carolina Special Olympics is a program of physical fitness, sports training, and athletic competition for mentally retarded children and adults. In North Carolina, almost 24,000 mentally retarded individuals participate in the Olympic Games.

The Special Olympics contributes to the physical, social and psychological development of mentally retarded participants. Through successful experiences in sports, they gain confidence and build a positive self-image associated with success rather than failure. Success on the playing field often carries over into the classroom, the home and the community.

Mentally retarded individuals eight years old and older are eligible to participate in over fifteen official sports—track and field, swimming, diving, gymnastics, ice skating, basketball, volleyball, soccer, floor hockey, polo hockey, bowling, frisbee-disc, Alpine and Nordic skiing, softball and

wheelchair events. Team play is offered in soccer, volleyball and basketball. Athletes are assigned to "competitive divisions" based on both age and ability.

Created in 1968 by the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, the Special Olympics has become the largest program of



Special Olympics Action

sports training and athletic competition for the mentally retarded in the world. Over 1,000,000 special children and adults have participated in the program since its inception. North Carolina Special Olympics is a fully-accredited non-profit, charitable corporation with headquarters located in Raleigh. Staffed by thousands of volunteers in 94 of the state's 100 counties, the Special Olympics serves more than 24,000 mentally retarded North Carolinians through County and State Games.

Below is a list of County Coordinators. Please encourage your congregation to actively participate as volunteers in the Special Olympics program, or to contribute financially to this worthwhile cause. Perhaps you would take up a special collection for the Olympics and forward it to us at North Carolina Special Olympics, 3901 Barrett Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

Would you help spread the message about the Special Olympics by printing this letter or excerpts from it in your Church Bulletin or Newsletter?

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North Carolina Baptists

General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. and Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

More than 500 Baptists gathered in Raleigh May 5 at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church for the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Inc. Dr. W. B. Lewis, host pastor, told the congregation that "when we talk about uniqueness and distinctiveness, this is the greatest convention in the world."



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General Baptist Session

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Voting Rights March Endorsed

BY CURETON JOHNSON, EDITOR

A ground-breaking service for the new Baptist Headquarters building and the initiation of a building fund campaign were among the many high notes sounded at the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention held in Raleigh May 5.

Hundreds of delegates filled the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, W. B. Lewis, pastor, and brought with them nearly \$100,000 in contributions to the objectives of the GBSC and for the construction of the new headquarters.

Total receipts of \$87,809.20 were reported when the session closed, but further contributions pushed that total over \$100,000. Of this amount, more than \$45,000 was designated for the building fund.

GBSC President John R. Manley, in giving a session overview, said that the work of the Convention may be seen as a trinitarian concept that is pregnant with possibilities, ready for picking, and white unto harvest.

"There is a mood, a tone, and a sentiment that seems to be drifting in upon us," said Manley. "Some call it Reaganomics, some call it hard times, and others call it being between 'a rock and a hard place.' It describes a condition of a

people who begin to feel hesitant and reluctant as we move into this time in history."

"This is not the first time that our people have been caught in difficulties," he said. "But when we met them before, we met them with faith and not with fear."

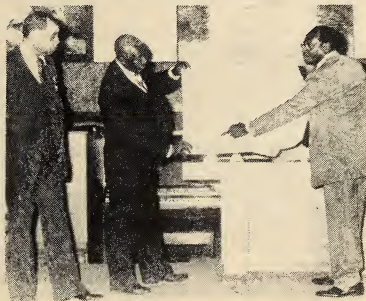
Dr. Manley recalled the plight of the prophet Jeremiah as Jerusalem approached collapse. The prophet (Jeremiah 32:6-9), responding to the Lord, bought a field at Anathoth.

"He says, 'I, Jeremiah, bought the field.' And so this afternoon, we can head like Jeremiah for the Shaw field and turn up dirt there for a new headquarters even as we pass through the valley of Reaganomics and as we stand as it were between a rock and a hard place, because we too have the Spirit to help us as we face these moments.

"I am satisfied that the cause is right," he said.

Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary-treasurer of the Convention, announced a drive among the GBSC churches designed to raise the more than \$800,000 needed for construction. The drive calls upon every General Baptist (more than 355,000

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GBSC President J. R. Manley looks at the floor plan for the new Baptist Headquarters while Third Vice-President S. A. Raper and Executive Secretary C. C. Craig (right) hold plans up for the delegates.

Executive Secretary Rallies Baptists

Dear Brother Pastors and Members of the General Convention:

I would like for you to accept my personal appreciation for the excellent work that many of you responded to the One Day Session which was a historical session.

Our total receipts, including the receipts for our building fund, exceeded \$100,000. Many thanks to all of you for what you have done and for what I know you will continue to do in supporting the Lord's work through the Convention. We have done well, however, we have much more to do as we seek to reach our financial goal for the objectives: Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions, and the Central Orphanage, along with our effort for the new Baptist Headquarters building.



C. C. CRAIG

Because of the growth of our Convention, our Baptist Head-

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Church Conference At Shaw June 14

The Shaw Divinity School's Annual Church Leaders' Conference comprised of the Forty-Sixth Annual Ministers' Institute and the Eighth Annual Church Lay Leaders' Institute will be held at Shaw University, Raleigh, June 14-18, 1982.

Registration for the conference will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 14. The first session is at 1:30 p.m. on Monday. The Conference will end near noon on Friday, June 18. Registration and all sessions of the Conference will be held in the Student Union Building on the Shaw University campus. The theme for 1982 will be: "Developing the Church's

Inner Strength for Christian Service."

Dr. Robert Taylor, pastor, Fourth Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. will be our principal resource person.

Classes for Church Lay Leaders will be offered in the following areas: (1) The Church in Missions; (2) Christian Education and Church Training; and (3) The Lay Program of the Church. A special focus on the Church Usher will be featured on Wednesday, June 16.

The cost of the full conference is \$80.65. This figure includes \$25 for registration and \$55.65 for room and board.

Health Project Graduates 82 Leaders

The fourth series of training programs for the Health and Human Services Project of the General Baptist State Convention just ended and 82 community and church lay leaders received Community Health Coordinator Certificates. The graduation ceremony and celebration were held May 14 at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in Raleigh, Rev. W. B. Lewis, pastor.

The speaker, Dr. Rudolph Jackson, of the Department of

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Dr. Craig Extols Nehemiah

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quarters building is inadequate to meet the needs of our expanding program. The month of September has been designated as Baptist Headquarters month. Therefore, we are asking each pastor to encourage each church member to contribute five dollars or more toward the construction of a new Baptist Headquarters building at a cost of \$1,000,000. With a contribution of five dollars or more from our more than 355,000 Baptists, we can build a new building free of debt and not interfere with the support of our gifts to Missions and Christian Education.

Each person who gives five or more dollars will have his or her name recorded in the Headquarters book of memory and a copy of this book will be kept in the archive at the Baptist Headquarters building. A contribution may also be given in memory of a beloved one.

Although September has been designated as Baptist Headquarters Month, we would like for you to start your effort at any time you wish.

WHEN THE WORD BECAME THE DEED

"So built we the wall... For the people had a mind to work."

Nehemiah 4:6, RSV

The Bible is valuable because it not only spoke to the situations of its age in which it was written, it speaks to existing situations. Pertinent to our objective here today is a statement from Nehemiah 4:6, "So built we the wall... for the people had a mind to work." In him the word became the deed.

Nehemiah, a young Jew in Persia, in all probability was born there, reared there, and had come to a comfortable position in the king's court. He had not experienced the glory of the Holy City of Jerusalem, nor the sorrow that came when its army was

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The architect and Building Committee members plan for the GBSC building project. Pictured (l-r) are Dr. Otis L. Halstrom, Dr. C. C. Craig, Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Dr. John R. Manley, Clinton E. Gravely, architect, Dr. Paul H. Hohnson, chairman, Mrs. Hazel McLean, and Dr. T. A. Watkins.

Great Session "Reflections"

BY PRESIDENT J. R. MANLEY

God has given us two great lamps, memory and hope. With the lamp of hope, man has the capacity to penetrate the future. With the lamp of memory, man can relive his past.

It is with the lamp of memory that we wish to invite the constituency of our Convention to reflect upon our One Day Session held with the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh, Dr. W. B. Lewis, pastor. Consider with me the very good attendance that melted into a warm fellowship. Consider the executive secretary's report that informed us that we are nearing a million dollars in receipts with four more months to go before our books close. Consider the fact that in addition to the E. Smith Reynolds funding of our Health Care Project (twice, for \$185,000), another foundation is considering funding the project in the amount of one million dollars. Consider the fact that the Convention adopted a proposal to subcontract for a project to be funded by the



PRESIDENT
J. R. MANLEY

National Institute of Health and further consider the fact that the Convention has entered into preliminary discussion on a proposal to become involved in aiding churches with

housing for the elderly.

Also consider the great sermon preached by Rev. Thomas L. Walker from Rocky Mount and then consider the fact that we broke ground for a new headquarters for our staff on the campus of Shaw University. Consideration of these matters will force the average person to say that this One Day Session was one of the greatest we have ever witnessed. But then, when you consider that in addition to these aforementioned matters, the Convention passed resolutions governing the forthcoming election of officers at our annual session in October, to be held at the White Rock Baptist Church in Durham, and that these procedures which will be printed in the Baptist Informer represent a compromise on the part of the members of the Convention. This compromise seeks to appreciate the value of our togetherness and determines to maintain our togetherness. I personally can appreciate this because it has been one of the thrusts of this administration to develop what some call "teamwork," others call "unity," and still others call "togetherness." To be aware of our great potential is worthy of compromise, especially when no principles are broken. As I reflect over the One Day Session, this is the one thing that stands out most in my mind, even in the light of the other accomplishments that were realized for our great future.

Divinity Library Drive

The Board of Visitors of the Shaw Divinity School has launched a \$25,000 drive for the Divinity School library. The money will be used to purchase books for the Divinity School library so that it may receive accreditation.

The members of the Board of Visitors of the Shaw Divinity School are asking 100 churches for \$100 each; fifty associations for \$25 each, 1,000 persons and pastors for \$10 each; the Woman's Convention for \$500; the ushers and Sunday School convention for \$250; and members of the Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors for \$100 each.

Anyone having a desire to help in this worthy cause, please contact Dr. James Z. Alexander, Dr. C. R. Lee, or Rev. John Prince, Jr., at 642-2053 or 755-4846.

Natl. Baptist Convention Trip

The General Baptist State Convention has made arrangements for transportation on Delta Airlines to attend the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., meeting in Miami Beach, Fla., Sept. 6-10, 1982.

Our planes will depart the Raleigh-Durham Airport and the Douglas Airport, Charlotte, on Monday, Sept. 6, and will return on Friday, Sept. 10.

At present, our round-trip fare is \$415 for double occupancy. This amount includes transportation from the airport to the hotel, baggage handling, and room at the Fontainebleau Hilton Hotel. For those persons who desire a private room, the round-trip fare is \$525.

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Middle District Honors Moderator Rich

BY MRS. LEOLA E. SMITH

BURGLAW—A banquet honoring Dr. Baxter Lee Rich, moderator of the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association, was held March 26 at the Association Institute Chapel in Burgaw.

Dr. Rich has given 30 years of outstanding service as moderator of the association, having been elected in October, 1951, at the annual session. Dr. Rich was born in Sampson County. He studied at Fayetteville State University, received his BD degree from the American Divinity College of Chicago, Ill., and received his honorary D. Div. degree from the United Christian College of Goldsboro, through the United Holy Church of America, Inc. He currently serves as an instructor at the United Christian College.

Dr. Rich is married to the former Ms. Annie Ruth Worthy and they are the parents of seven children. He presently

serves as pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church in Fayetteville.

More than 500 representatives from the 69 member churches and friends of the Middle District Association crowded Institute Chapel in recognition and appreciation of his outstanding service and leadership. Deacon William McGuire, chairman of the Banquet Committee, presented the master of ceremonies, Rev. Herman Roosevelt Cogdell, vice moderator and pastor of Lisbon Street Baptist Church, Clinton. Mrs. Lillian P. Shaw gave the welcome and Rev. J. T. Simpson led the invocation and grace.

The speaker, Dr. O. L. Sherrill, executive secretary emeritus, General Baptist State Convention, was introduced by Rev. Cogdell. Dr. Sherrill complimented the accomplishments of the association and spoke on the subject, "The Marks of a Good Leader."

Three of the qualities identified were:

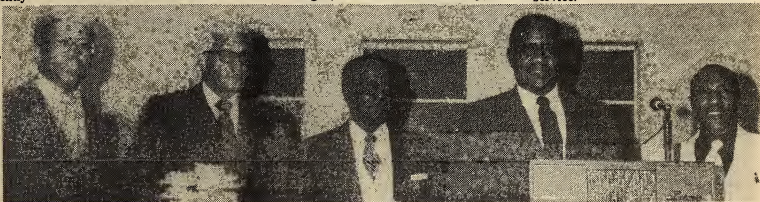
- (1) a leader must have a love for people;
 - (2) a leader must possess compassion as demonstrated by our master teacher, Jesus;
 - (3) a leader must have the quality of humility, yet must be strong and able to listen to others with understanding.
- He said that the need still exists for qualified leadership and continuous service for all who will accept and respond to the Master's call to work for Him.

Tributes were rendered by auxiliaries of the association. Rev. Willie Edward Beamon, chairman, Association Executive Board, spoke on behalf of the association. Rev. E. H. Stevenson, president of the Ministers and Deacons' Union, represented that body. Other presidents speaking on behalf of their organizations included: the Baptist Training Union, Rev. Carroll Midgette; the Usher Board, Deacon Alex Brown; the Laymen's League, Deacon Oscar Murray; the

Missionary Auxiliary, Sis. Lucille Mack; the Daughters of Zion, Sis. Beatrice P. Fennell. Deacon Donnie Manning represented Friendship Baptist Church, Fayetteville.

A plaque on behalf of the association was presented to Dr. Rich by Sis. Leola Smith. Rev. Aaron A. McRae, treasurer of the association and pastor of Mt. Pisgah, presented other gifts and a check from the association. Sis. Elizabeth Williams Young, secretary and coordinator of the Banquet Committee, recognized the special guests and presented the lovely table bouquet to Rev. Rich for his wife.

Music for the occasion was rendered by the audience and by Deacon Gilmore, with Mrs. Bibian D. Gray at the piano. In response, Dr. Rich did a bit of reminiscing of the highlights of his 30-year tenure. He thanked the body for the lovely tribute and pledged continued service.



Present for the moderator's banquet were: (L-R) Rev. Carroll Midgette, association secretary; Rev. Henry Cogdell, master of ceremonies; Rev. Baxter L. Rich, honoree; Dr. O. L. Sherrill, guest speaker; Rev. Willie Edward Beamon, chairman of the Executive Board.

Sunday School, B.T.U. Congress August 10-12

BY DR. LEO WILLIAMS, JR.

The General Baptist State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress will meet in its annual session with the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, Aug. 10-12. The Rev. Dr. J. B. Humphrey is pastor of the church.

Enrollment of messengers and registration for classes will begin at 9 a.m., Aug. 10, and the opening assembly will follow at 10 a.m.

The theme is "Teaching and Growing Our Churches: Education." Classes for all age and work areas, workshops, lectures, and recreation are planned with our continued learning, growth, and development in mind. Certificates will be awarded to persons who enroll in classes and complete the requirements. A recreational tour of the city of Charlotte is being planned for one afternoon during the session. A highlight of the annual session will be the "James P. Wertz Oratorical Contest."

Registration goal for 1982 is 1400 Sunday Schools and Baptist Training Unions. The financial goal is \$50,000. Each church is asked to give a total of \$100 during the year for Christian education. Some churches made a \$50 contribution during the One-Day Session in February. Such churches will make another \$50 contribution in August. Information and preregistration forms will be mailed to District Convention presidents and to Sunday School superintendents and pastors of churches. The financial goal and the registration goal are real, and they can be reached through the cooperation of presidents, pastors, superintendents, directors and church members in general.

Certificates of appreciation will be awarded to Congress officers who have served faithfully during the past three tenures. Certificates of recognition will be awarded to churches that make the requested contributions, and certificates will be awarded to District Conventions that lead at least half of their churches to contribute and be present at the Congress. On to Charlotte for the greatest year ever in the Lord's work of Christian education.

Church Circuit

University Park, Charlotte, Enjoys New 1000-Seat Church

CHARLOTTE — University Park Baptist Church of Charlotte dedicated a new church building Jan. 10.

This fulfilled the dream of the pastor, Dr. James E. Palmer.

The dedicatory service was a glorious occasion. Dr. J. Ray Butler and members of the New Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, were at their best. There were some 250 members accompanying Dr. Butler on this occasion. Dr. Butler started by singing "There is Something Within." His sermon theme was "Duration and Celebration."

Dr. Palmer presided and others took part, including Rev. Basic Kimber, Rev. Max McIlwain, Henry L. Suber, Willie Brown and Bill Reid. The Building Committee chairman presented the key to Dr. Palmer.

The new sanctuary has a seating capacity of 1,800 with classrooms, administrative offices and a book store. The old sanctuary was converted to a multi-purpose room and cafeteria.

The attendance in the new church has surpassed expectations.

Dr. Palmer has pastored University Park Church for 10 years. The church has grown in all areas: a radio ministry, athletic department, day care, drama department, super summer for ages 6-15. The budget has increased in ten years from \$35,000 to \$270,000.

Dr. Butler congratulated Dr. Palmer on behalf of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, of which Dr. Butler serves as vice president-at-large.



Dr. James E. Palmer led the University Park congregation into their new sanctuary January 10th.

Woman's Page

Missionary Attitude To Inflation: "Must Continue To Give"

BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRODIE

The fiscal books of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina closed May 31, 1982. We desire to express our gratitude to God and to all of you who shared with us in an amazing way that we could share with others far and near, proclaiming, witnessing, worshipping, fellowshiping, educating, healing, and serving through our giving. However, we hope that you will increase your funds by a greater percentage this fiscal year so that we can reach our ever-increasing budget.

Perhaps many persons may wish to stop giving for mission because of inflation. Yet, though money has little value, we pray that you continue to give as God blesses, for somehow under His guidance the small become large; the debased, exalted; the captured, free; the nobody, somebody; the forgotten, known; the cursed, blessed.

We are also grateful for your prayerful and participating support. Do continue in this vein as we embark upon another year's missionary journey. It is true that we know not what the future holds, but we do know our work holds the future and this bids us onward. Let us continue to work for His cause together.



EXECUTIVE SEC'Y
BRODIE

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION

The Woman's Convention Auxiliary, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., along with the parent body, will convene in Miami, Fla. If you desire to pre-register, please send to our office to secure the personal enrollment registration card (state president, district president, national officers, etc.) and/or the organization enrollment representation blank (district, local circle, etc.) as soon as possible. Please return the filled out pre-registration form(s) along with the funds to this office no later than July 16, 1982. Make your check or money order payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention, and these funds will be sent for you to them from our state office.



Sisters Thelma Horton, WBH & FMC president, and Priscilla Brodie, present \$15,000 check on behalf of the Woman's Convention to Secretary Craig for the construction of the new Baptist Headquarters building. The contribution was made during the One Day Session May 5.

WBH & FMC Missionary Conference At Baptist Assembly June 7-11

The J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly will be the setting for the 45th Annual Missionary Training Conference, June 7-11. The conference, which is sponsored by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, offers a wonderful opportunity for senior and young adult women to prepare themselves for more effective service in "Kingdom Building."

Women from across the state are invited and urged to participate in this week of inspiration, learning, relaxation and fellowship. Registration is now in progress through the Woman's Convention office.

The theme, "Learning How to Discover God's Will," will be explored through songs, study, prayer and meditation, hope-

fully, leading participants to experience God's will for their lives.

The textbook, "God's Will: You Can Know It," by Leslie and Bernice F. Lynn, will be used this year. Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, president, will serve as instructor. Books and other supplementary materials will be available at a minimum cost.

Mrs. Jettie M. Lucas, Shelby, pianist and conference coordinator, is busy planning for the Sixth Annual Banquet. The semi-formal occasion will be held on Thursday at 6 p.m. in the dining room. Mrs. Robbie Diggs, third vice president, will be the guest speaker. Persons not attending the conference but interested in attending the banquet should contact Mesdames Horton or Lucas for reservations. A small fee will be charged for the dinner.

The Rev. Daniel M. Ferguson, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Hamlet, will deliver the sermon on Wednesday evening following the memorial service and the church's choir will accompany him. Memorial service begins at 7 p.m.

In the midst of the many activities, there will be time for the Sunday School lesson, arts and crafts and for questions and answers regarding the organization and structure of the Woman's Convention Program.

In preparing to attend the conference, please remember to:

1. Send \$50.00 to the Woman's Convention Office: Registration \$5.00, room and board \$45.00.
2. Bring extra money for the banquet, books and supplementary materials, offerings and special gifts.
3. Bring linens, personal items, snacks and a small rug.

This training conference is opened also to persons in sur-

rounding areas who desire to attend classes and other activities daily but not to reside on campus.

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Health Education, NCCU, assured the graduates that they will make a difference. But he paused in his presentation and asked "What difference do you make?"

He accented the fact that the graduates' newly acquired health knowledge and skills linked to their existing roles in their communities could be a crucial difference in improving the health status of black North Carolinians. Four of the graduates, Gladys Booker, Jarvis Morgan, Bettye Stallings, and Samuel Tunstall, reflected upon the training experience and told the audience of their personal growth plus their increased abilities to serve others.

A graduate of the first graduating class, Rev. Luther Brown, pastor of Coley Springs Baptist Church in Warrenton, who has established in his church a health and human service department staffed by volunteers, encouraged the graduates to take the Health and Human Services model and develop it in their individual churches and communities. He attested to the fact that it indeed works as evidenced by his church and many other churches from previous training cycles.

Dr. A. D. Moseley, co-chairman of the Social Concerns and Political Action Committee, expressed gratitude to all who continued to make the health project a successful venture in ministering to the whole person. His remarks fell on the ears of many graduates who had for 10-12 weeks digested the idea of ministering to the whole man.

Dr. Brodie Challenges Mt. Shiloh Woman's Day Crowd

WILLIAMSTON — "Finding and Following God's Will" was the theme of the Annual Woman's Day observance at Mount Shiloh Baptist Church, Sunday, May 16. Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Auxiliary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, was the featured speaker.

Relating her message to the theme, Dr. Brodie lifted from the scriptures persons who followed God's will with the particular dimension of faith, using as a subject, "A Faith of God-Fearing Women." She chose a definition of faith from the 11th chapter of Hebrews. Looking at the word in an acrostic, Dr. Brodie gave the following steps to be followed to the realization of the theme.

F—Forward: In order to please

God, there must be a pushing forward to a greater goal.

A—Action: Putting faith to work through doing good deeds, putting God first in all things, and sharing with others.

I—Industrious: Suggesting that being industrious denotes skillful and ingenious planning to overcome the barriers met in following God's will. God plants the idea, people of faith do the work. Ask God for a plan.

T—Testimony: Women of faith have a testimony to share; I am a Christian, Jesus died for all.

H—Humility: "He that exalteth himself shall be abased, he that humbly himself shall be exalted." We must lend our lives to service through

the submission of our wills to God's will. God-fearing women need to have faith, a faith that carries them forward to the goal, a faith that is active toward God and mankind; that shows through testimony, and a faith that keeps us humble.

The final challenge given was to put God first, and to go forward saying that God will give us such a faith.

The soloist for the occasion was Sis. Ethel Johnson, who sang "Thy Holy Will Be Done." Pastor Kenneth Hammond expressed appreciation for the services of the day and made a special financial contribution to Dr. Brodie for her conventional work.

Sis. Minnie Chambers was chairperson for the observance activities.

Ann C. Honeyblue, Reporting.

1st Black Elected Seminary Student Body President

WAKE FOREST—In a runoff election for student council president at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, Ronald Bernard Wilkins of Winston-Salem, N. C., has become the first black elected to such a post at any of the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries.

"The race issue never came up" during the election, Wilkins said during an interview. "I think it says something for the students," he added. "They looked beyond what people look like."

He believes he was elected over Dyan Houston of Plymouth, Fla., "because the students wanted some issues addressed, and I addressed them."

A second-year student working toward his master's degree in religious education, Wilkins makes the 100-mile trip home to Winston-Salem every weekend to work at the Salvation Army.

That's nothing unusual for him, he said. He's been involved in Salvation Army activities, as he put it, since he was 14 years old.

Not only was Wilkins dated over the campus election, but he felt the election "says something about Southern Baptists, who have often been seen by some as racist and prejudiced." Since South-eastern is a Southern Baptist school, "nearly all my fellow students are Southern Baptist. The fact that I'm black made no difference to them."

An interesting coincidence, Wilkins observed, is that his election came in a year when his black General Baptist State Convention and the white Baptist State Convention of North Carolina are jointly sponsoring an evangelistic emphasis titled, "Here's Hope."

"Well," Wilkins said, "the election of a black by a predominantly white student body shows there really is hope."

After completing seminary, Wilkins would like to get together with some churches "who are having problems with Christian education" and work with them as a consultant, to get their programs established.

He's one of seven children of Wilbert Wilkins of New York City and Naomi Wilkins of Winston-Salem. He has a twin brother, Donald.

He said he felt the call into the Christian ministry "when I was 6 and that call has been sustained. I feel the need to help people. I know how a church should be run—it should be Christ-centered rather than preacher-centered—and I know I would be good at it. I enjoy helping people and I try to love everybody."

Both Wilkins' grandfathers were ministers and one of his grandmothers is an evangelist.

Wilkins has been licensed to preach by

Morning Star Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. Ordination is his next step in the ministry.

County-wide Forsyth Institute Conducted

WINSTON-SALEM—The 28th Annual County-Wide Institute was sponsored by the Forsyth County Union April 26-28 at the First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem. Rev. W. S. Epps, pastor. The theme was "The Qualifications of a Christian Steward."

The Training Institute began Monday evening with devotion. Mrs. Evelyn Clayborn brought greetings and Dr. M. A. Horne introduced the instructors' senior ministry, Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, executive secretary, WBH&FM Convention; Sunday school, Attorney J. L. Lassiter, Winston-Salem; Ubers Union, Rev. B. F. Daniels, pastor, Union Baptist Church; Deacons, Dr. W. C. Hay, pastor, Galilee Baptist Church, Youth, Mrs. Mary Muldrow, Shiloh, and Dr. Lela Vickers, Mars Hill; Young Adults, Dr. Jerry Drayton, pastor, New Bethel Baptist Church.

On Friday night was the presentation of certificates, and Mr. Herman Adair, Director of Human Relations, Winston-Salem, spoke concerning human relations in the 1980's.

Sponsors of the institutes and leaders were senior missionaries, Mrs. Clara N. Hayes; Sunday School, Luther Jones; nurses, Cleveland Griffin; youth missionaries, Mrs. Erma Frazier; deacons, William O. Harris; and young adult missionaries, Mrs. Bronnie H. Daniels.

42 Churches In Ebenezer Institute

SHELBY—The training institute of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association recently experienced one of its most successful sessions ever in history. The association is comprised of 42 churches.

Two separate week sessions were held wherein 21 churches participated the first week at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Shelby, where the Rev. R. E. Devoe is the pastor. The total enrollment for the week was 500; he average attendance each evening was 297. The other 21 churches participated the

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second week at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, where Rev. J. W. Whittenburg is the pastor. The total enrollment for the week was 778, the average attendance each evening was 462.

By the second week, classes were over-filled with pupils who demonstrated their eagerness toward meeting the challenges of the eighties.

The theme for the institute was "Equipping the Church for the Challenges of the Eighties," scripture, Ephesians 4:7-32.

Some of the best books were selected and secured from the Baptist Book Store. The institute consisted of eleven classes ranging from three-year-olds through adult ages. Selected teachers were: Dr. Ralph Carson, Rev. R. E. Devoe, Rev. John H. Grant, Rev. Charles A. Turner, Mrs. Lucille Evans, Mrs. Corine Calhoun, Mrs. Myrtle Oates, Mrs. Jennie Poston, Mrs. Maggie White, Mrs. Mary Degree, Mrs. Doris Wallace, and Mrs. R. L. Garvin. Those assisting were: Rev. Willie A. Maddox, Rev. J. E. Floyd, Mrs. Dessie Turner, Mrs. Tropic McClure, Mrs. Belinda Grant, Mrs. Mahalia Roberts, and Mrs. Ovella Jones. Helpers with the enrollment and sale of books were: Mrs. Julie C. Brooks and Clarence Brantley. Bobby Burton was the musician.

Dr. Everett B. Thoms highlighted each Friday night session by speaking on the topics, "Early Detection of Cancer" and "Personal Hygiene." He represented the Cleveland County Health Department.

Dr. Robert D. Abbott is the dean of the institute, and Mrs. Eva Coleman is the secretary.

Christianity, Democracy, Subjects At Workshops

"Christianity and Democracy: Renewing a Vital Link" will be the theme of a conference to be held at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem on June 22 and 23 under the sponsorship of the Institute on Religion and Democracy.

The conference will open June 22 with a

dinner and keynote address by noted Catholic theologian and Permanent U. S. Representative to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, Michael Novak, author of the recently published book, "The Spirit of Democratic Capitalism." Mr. Novak will speak on "A Christian Responsibility: Democracy and Human Rights."

Other major speakers will include the Rev. Edmund W. Robb, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Institute, speaking on "The Crisis in the Churches: Departures from Democratic Values." Prof. W. Scott Thompson, of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, speaking on "Morality and Nuclear Weapons;" and Robert L. Wilson, director of the Ormond Center for Research, Planning and Development, Duke University, speaking on "Substance, Structure and Accountability in the Protestant Churches."

Respondents to the speakers will include, among others, the Rev. William Finlator, pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church of Raleigh; Sister Evelyn Matern of the North Carolina Council of Churches for Communications and Social Ministry; and Robert Uley, director of the Toqueville Forum on Contemporary Public Affairs at Wake Forest University.

Moore Named Brown Scholar

WAKE FOREST—Irvin Moore, Jr., 3400 Mistwood Dr., Charlotte, has been named a recipient of the 1982-83 Raymond Bryan Brown Memorial Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Moore is a graduate of N. C. A&T State University and Washington University. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Irvin Moore, Sr., of 1384 Rauhst St., Burlington. Named for the late Southeastern New Testament professor, the award is one of fifteen 1,000 scholarships available annually to incoming students who have exhibited academic excellence, promise in the service of Christ, Christian character, and commitment to ministry.

Two Receive Degrees

WAKE FOREST—Vann DuWayne Battle of Washington, D. C., and Nesbitt Elwood Spruill of Warrenton were among the more than 300 graduates at recent commencement exercises at Southeastern Baptist Seminary here.

Battle received the Master of Divinity/



Nesbitt E. Spruill

Religious Education with languages degree. Spruill, who received the Associate of Divinity degree, is pastor of Allen Chapel Baptist Church, Louisburg.

Forsyth Union Meets At St. Stephens

WINSTON-SALEM—The 28th Annual Mass Meeting of the Forsyth County Missionary Union was held at St. Stephens Baptist Church, Rev. J. S. Samuels, pastor, May 2, with President Clara N. Hayes presiding. Other officers present were: Kenneth McFadden, young adult president; Mrs. Bronnie H. Daniels, young adult director; Warren Miller, youth president; and Mrs. Erma Frazier, youth supervisor.

Dr. Samuels was the speaker of the hour during a very inspiring program that was well planned by the Program Committee: Chairpersons, Evelyn H. Clayborn; Mrs. Clara N. Hayes, Mrs. Erma Frazier, Mrs. Juanita Archie, and Mrs. Bronnie H. Daniels.

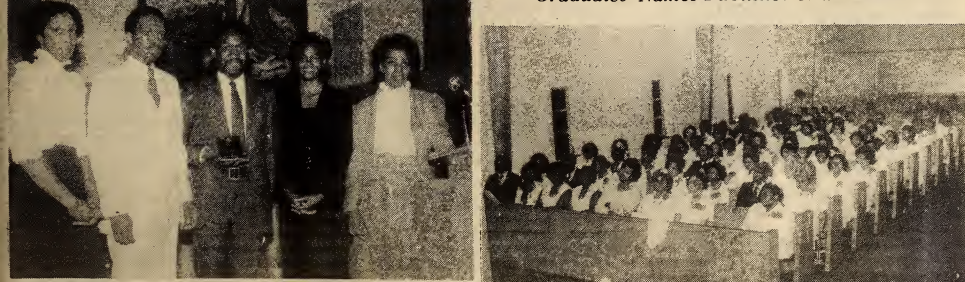
Participating churches included: Dreamland Park, Emmanuel, First Baptist, Friendship, Galilee, Mount Olive, Mount Zion, Mount Pleasant, New Bethel, Piney Grove, Red Bank, Second New Bethel, Shiloh, St. Stephens, Union Baptist, United Metropolitan, Waughtown, Zion Memorial, and Zion Hill.

The objectives for the occasion were: state mission, Shaw University, foreign mission, and Central Orphanage. For these objectives, contributing churches reported more than \$6,500.

Support The Unified Program!

WE SALUTE THE HEALTH GRADUATES!

Graduates Names Published Next Month!



Project Director Curtis Jackson (second from left) and other staff members of the GBSC Health Project presented a plaque to Dr. Charles Cook (center), chief of Health Assurance for North Carolina, during graduation ceremonies recently. Staffers pictured (l-r) are Mrs. Barbara Pullen, Mrs. Barbara Baylor, and Mrs. Regina Young.

One Day Session: "People With A Mind To Work"



Dr. John W. Fleming Advocates

"Be Dreamers And Doers"

BY JOHN W. FLEMING

To the leaders of this august body, the General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc., and to its constituents from Manteo to Murphy, and to our distinguished guests and friends:

I come today in a spirit of thanksgiving, rejoicing in the opportunity to be here and in the reason why we are present.

Some of my most impressive experiences occurred during my 12 years of work with this body. Although I had attended a well-known seminary for four years, it was through the experience provided by our convention that I received my education on the black church and a wholesome knowledge of what religion as meant in the experience of black people. Sometimes, it was a bitter pill, but it was always educational.

I shall never forget the first convention to which I delivered an address, the Nash County Sunday School convention. As I look back on that experience, I know now that I was more intent on showing the people how much I knew than on helping and serving them. After a speech and after my failure had sunk in, an old man approached me and said, "Young man, that was a pretty good lecture, but next time give me some of John on the Isle of Patmos."

That was one of the lessons taught me. Many others are to follow.

In those days there were two of us on the field for the convention as paid workers, Dr. O. L. Sherrill and myself. There were two in the Woman's division in the same category, Dr. Ellen Alston and several ladies who, at different times, served as her assistants.

More than 500 Baptists attended the One Day session held at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in High May 5.

Host Pastor W. B. Lewis welcomes delegates to the church were "Everybody is Somebody."

J. R. Manley, president, and S. A. Raper, third vice, directed the opening session.

C. R. Mosley and J. Ray Butler presented the General and recommendations to the convention for approval.

Thomas L. Walker, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist, Mt. Zion, prepares for One Day Session sermon while choir sings in background.

Delegates enjoy the worship service at the One Day session. Pictured is Mrs. Craig, wife of the GBSC executive secretary, who was recognized for her role in work of the Convention.

Dr. J. R. Manley, under whose presidency the quarters building drive began, welcomes the groundbreaking audience.

President Manley spades up the dirt at the new building site while repeating the words: "This Ground is My Ground." S. A. Raper holds the microphone (left) while Dr. Craig, Dr. Brodie and Sister Horton watch. Many others and convention workers took turns breaking the ground.

Dr. Craig challenges the Baptists to now "put your money where your mouth is" so that in a little over a year Convention may return to cut a ribbon to enter its new city.

Hundreds gathered on the corner of Wilmington and Third Streets in Raleigh as General Baptists broke ground for a new two-story headquarters. The building will include a bookstore, a 200-seat auditorium, a dining hall, vastly increased parking, rooms for the secretariat, a production area for the Baptist Informer and a room, a computer room, and offices for the staff and officers of the General Baptist State Convention and for Woman's Convention.

Now, going into the Baptist Headquarters practically every day and noticing the operation growing by leaps and bounds, I am aware that the signs of the time—Baptist growth and Baptist expansion—have made the present building obsolete and antiquated, and that a new building is absolutely necessary to carry on the work of the many facets now operating under the umbrella of this great Convention.

We have gathered here for a special ceremony in this place and on these grounds made holy by God and set aside for the purpose of hallowing His name. His name will be hallowed here as we seek to do His will in and from the building to be erected on this site.

At this very moment, many of us here must be experiencing pleasant sensations arising from the living presence of events dead and gone; of the shadows of a history that haunt us and tell us of the efforts of a goodly company of valiant people no longer among us but whose service helps to make possible this occasion. As we look back on the past, it has no meaning unless it teaches us that there is so much ahead that we can do. There are roads to traverse and mountains to climb.

*"Where there is no action
the people perish."*

All of us are familiar with that oft-quoted proverb, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." It is my feeling to meet the challenge of our Baptist history and to accomplish the task that lies before us, a complementary proverb must be placed alongside of it: "Where there is no action, the people also perish."

Nothing worthwhile can be or has been accomplished unless dreamers become doers and doers become dreamers. As someone has so perceptively noted, "the dreamer and sentimentalist who does not do a concrete deed is indeed an unfaithful character."

It is equally true that "the doer and activist who never passes to dream is indeed a hopeless figure."

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., was born in a dream and became a reality through people who acted. The small group that gathered in Goldsboro in 1867, only two years after the Civil War had ended, had a vision. They shared a vision inspired by communion with God, a vision of Baptist unity, fellowship and a togetherness that would promote the common good. Yes, it was a vision splendid that spurred them to action. Having little in the way of material resources, some unable to read or write, they did have a vision of a God "who does not faint or grow weary," "who gives power to the faint and to Him who has no might He increases strength."

*"... against overwhelming odds, a
dream became an organization."*

They suffered oppression from hostile forces, but their dream of a God acting in history motivated them to become co-laborers with Him. Against what seemed to be overwhelming odds, a dream became an organization.

As the years passed, we saw a cloud of witnesses, a goodly company of dreamers and doers in this Convention who, with God's help, set their sights on higher ground and moved up to it. Some names come to mind: Pegues, Roberts, Dean Turner, Shepard, Bullock, Hairston, Williams, Bishop, Pitts, Somerville, White, Griffin, Kilgore, Johnson, Sherrill, Riddick, Edwards, Alston, Horne, Lyons, Manley, Horton, Craig and Brodie. The latter are now working on the present scene. Of course, there are countless numbers of unsung heroes—moderators, pastors, laity—who have been part of the dream and part of the action. We are indebted to all the visionaries and activists who, up to now, have helped this Convention grow and glow.

A story is told of a man visiting the nation's capital. He was taking a cab tour of the city. He noticed on one building in the inscription, "The past is but the prologue." To his cab driver, he said, "What does that mean?"

The driver responded, "It means, you ain't seen nothing yet!"

As much as we admire those who went before us and whose dedication and commitment contributed to the survival and viability of our Convention, we must say to you, the golden age is not in the past. Jesus Christ is your role model. He is not behind us, but ahead of us. There is still much to be done in His name.

To start this project is a start toward making possible a better base, a more adequate place from which to go forth to do the Master's will. Because the challenge is greater today, we must dream greater dreams than our forebears and we must attempt greater things for God. We must realize that with all the accomplishments of our Baptist ancestors in North Carolina, we have not seen anything yet. There is no limit to what we can do through, in, and for God's cause among men!

I will say that we can learn from our leaders of the past. We can learn from them that we must have goals, goals up among the stars. We can learn from them that we must have a program to achieve our goals. And we can learn from them that we must have the zeal and enthusiasm that gives life to a program and brings us into the orbit of our goals.

*"Satan knows that prayer moves
one to dream and to do."*

We have prayed here today, and that is good. We must continue to pray for God's guidance and God's help. "More things have been wrought by prayer than the world ever dreamed of." According to C. S. Lewis, the devil is aware of what prayer can do. He wrote a little volume more than 20 years ago entitled, "The Screwtape Letters." In this work, Lewis has a senior devil by the name of Screwtape writing to a nephew, a young devil by the name of Wormwood, advising him how to win followers for the satanic powers. In Letter IV, Screwtape said, "... it is high time for me to write you fully on the painful subject of prayer." And then he advises, "The best thing, if possible, is to keep the patient from the serious intent of praying althogether."

Satan knows that prayer moves one to dream and to do. He knows that

"Even youths shall faint And be weary And young men shall Fall exhausted; But they who wait For the Lord Shall renew their strength,	They shall mount up with Wings like eagles, They shall run and not Be weary, They shall walk and Not faint."
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It is through prayer that we learn how to wait on God, but this waiting does not mean sitting down and doing nothing. Remember, in turning any dream into reality, movement is important. Sometimes it is flight toward the objective like a great eagle winging his way across the sky. Sometimes we cannot fly toward our goal, but we can run toward it. Sometimes barriers will slow us to a walk, but with our hand in God's hand we can continue to move toward our goal. Movement is the key. It is a simple but profound statement that those people who stand will never get anywhere.

Our secretary, our president, and our other officers are doing a great work, but they cannot do the job by themselves. They need all of us who call ourselves Baptists, so,

*"Rise up, O men of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task,
Rise up and make her great!"*
by becoming Dreamers and Doers.

C. R. Mosley, 2nd V-Presd.



Dr. Mosley

Because of my deep love and commitment to our beloved convention and her noble objectives, it is my wish to serve in some capacity in which I can promote this work of our Lord. Therefore, it is with a deep sense of humility that I announce my candidacy for the office of Second-Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention.

EDUCATION: Shaw University; A.B., Shaw Divinity School; B.D., M. Div.

FORMER AFFILIATIONS: Member, Advisory Committee of ASCS State Committee; moderator, Gaston County Baptist Association; dean and director, Gaston County Cooperative Training Institute; chairman, Belmont Human Relations Committee; member, Belmont Rescue Squad Board of Directors; president, Shaw Theological Alumni Association; director of music of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

PRESENT AFFILIATIONS: Member of the Executive Committee and Secretary of the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; associate secretary, Executive Committee and Executive Board of Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention; member, Shaw Divinity School Board of Trustees; chairman of Ordaining Council, Mud Creek Baptist Association; regional Director for Region I of General Baptist State Convention; director, Western North Carolina Shaw Seminary Extension; president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Asheville and vicinity.

FORMER PASTORATES: Eastern Star Baptist Church - Tarboro 1960-'63; Sycamore Hill Baptist Church - Greenville - 1963-'67; Mount Pleasant Baptist Church - Belmont - 1967-'75.

PRESENT PASTORATES: Nazareth First Baptist Church - Asheville, (fulltime) 1975 - Present; Little Mt. Zion Weaverville (parttime) 1978 - Present.

CHURCH AFFILIATION: Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church - Dr. John W. White, minister, Asheville.

HONORS RECEIVED: Key to the city of Belmont, named minister of Month in Belmont; Selected to represent Convention in a tour of West Africa in 1976; Listed in Who's Who Among Black Americans 1975-76; Listed in Who's Who in North Carolina 1976; Listed in the 1978 Edition of Who's Who in Religion; Received Honorary Degree Doctor of Divinity from Shaw University Divinity School in 1975.

TRAVELS: Holy Land, Europe, Nigeria and Liberia, West Africa.

FAMILY: Wife: Mrs. Lue Riddick Mosley, faculty member at Asheville Community Catholic School, Children: Charles Ronald III is a student at Asheville High School, Sybrennah Antanette is a student at Asheville Community Catholic School.

S. A. Raper, 2nd V-Presd.



Dr. Raper

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for second vice-president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

EDUCATION: College: Friendship Junior College, Rock Hill, South Carolina; Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina; High School: Cleveland High School, Shelby, North Carolina.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES: Third vice-president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; member of the GBSC Executive Board; member of the GBSC General Board; vice moderator of the Ebenezer Baptist Association; member of the Executive Board of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention of USA, Inc.; member of the Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention of America; Chairman of the N.C. Delegation to the National Baptist Convention; member, Trustee Board, Friendship Jr. College, Rock Hill, S. C.; pastor of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Shelby (14 years); chairman of the Board of

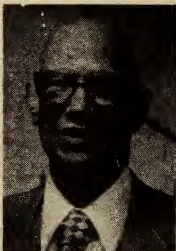
Visitors of Shaw University, Raleigh.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES: Member of the City Council of Shelby (Third Term of Office); member of the Council of Aging of Cleveland County; member of the Appearance Commission of Shelby; member of the Housing Authority Commission of Shelby; member of the Parent-Teacher Association of Cleveland School.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Built and paid for five churches in North Carolina & Spartanburg, S. C.; pastor of the Number One Church in North Carolina for four years (This honor is bestowed by the General Baptist State Convention of N. C. for liberal contributions to the Unified Plan).

AWARDS: Selected as the "Pastor of the Year" (1978) by the General Baptist State Convention; Shaw University's Award for Outstanding Works during the Shaw University Fund Raising Campaign; outstanding contributor to Gardner-Webb College, Bowling Springs.

H. Mitchell, 3rd V-Presd.



Dr. Mitchell

In accordance with the procedure of the General Baptist State Convention, and with the wishes of the Baptist Associations of northeastern North Carolina, I, H. L. Mitchell, of Gatesville, present myself to be considered for the position of Third Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention. I am presently Fourth Vice President of the Convention and have worked with the Central Orphanage as well as the general program of the Convention.

I have been asked by a number of people, in various parts of the state, to offer myself for this position. I am a native of Gates County, I am married and the father of three children.

I am a graduate of Shaw University, and have done further study at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, and at Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va.

I am the pastor of Mill Neck Baptist Church, Como; Union Branch Baptist Church,

Corapeake and New Hope Baptist Church, Gatesville. Each of these churches contributes one tenth of its offerings to the Convention. I am a member of the Trustee Boards of Shaw University Divinity School and of the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention. I serve on the Executive Committee and the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention. I am presently Vice Moderator of the Roanoke Baptist Association. I am serving the second four-year term on the Governor's Council on Aging. Forty-five years ago, I helped to organize the Gates County Credit Union. Today, we have over 600 members.

In 1954, I received the Distinguished Service Award from Shaw University, and was conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity during the 107th Convocation.

I have been attending the General Baptist State Convention since 1930.

If elected to serve the Convention as Third Vice President, I shall endeavor, as chairman of the Higher Education Committee, to support financially and morally Shaw University and the Divinity School, the United Negro College Fund and other related Baptist institutions supported by Baptist churches within the convention.

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A Case For Black Church Schools

BY REV. BOBBY R. SIMMONS
WINSTON-SALEM — Training up a child in the way that he should go has always been a charge from the almighty God. But in today's changing society, the importance of this charge has been indirectly overlooked by our black parents.

Years ago, it was common for our black mothers to stay home as housewives and raise their children. Since today's society commands both father and mother to work in the 40-hour-a

stand up and let black people know that I am concerned. If we need black businesses, black colleges, and black churches—which we do—then we need black Christian schools, too. The price to pay will be high, but the results will be higher. I believe that if we give our children this opportunity, they will march across the stage in their graduation caps and gowns and their diploma will signify their efficiency not only in liberal studies but in Chris-

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week) job market, many parents shun their responsibility to train their children. This is inevitable because it takes two paychecks to make it economically these days.

Who is willing to pick up this responsibility? It seems that no one is concerned. Criminological statistics tell us that the crime rate is higher today than a decade ago. Unfortunately, the crime rate is much higher among our black male teenagers. It is also known that drugs and alcohol are ruining the lives of our teenagers.

Now, I would like to ask the question again, who will pick up this responsibility?

I know, through faith, that there is a solution to training our children. I believe that the most reliable and responsible source is the black church. If our black churches would unite and build Christian schools, the impact of this ministry would be divine. Science, math, history and English are still important studies, but when we combine these with the fear and the knowledge of God, we will build character and a beautiful personality in the lives of our children.

It is a fact that our white sister churches saw the need for this ministry years ago. The public school system has become inferior to Christian schools. No prayer or scripture reading is allowed. The public school system is a mixing pot. Every personality goes there—nothing wrong with that—but they normally leave or graduate with the same character. When a student drug addict enrolls in a public school, he normally leaves or graduates a dope addict. The public schools teach academics, not morals.

We parents want our children to be wise, responsible, and successful. But we have to pay the price. Christian schools can provide these virtues, because they treasure the word of God. I believe that wisdom comes with the fear of God, responsibility with discipline, and success with a sense of awareness.

Therefore, I have decided to

tianity as well.

Now, let me say one other thing. I know that black people are a responsible, reliable, and vibrant race. A race of people who can teach their children with high standards. Our children, whether black, white, or red, are the foundation of America.

I believe that all of our hope lies in Christ-Jesus. Christ is the answer to all problems, but we must believe. Believe that black Christian schools are essential in today's society.

Now, I am looking for that day, when our black churches will stand and say, suffer little children to come unto me, and we will teach you the fear of the Lord.

The recommendations adopted are as follows:

1. That a small committee composed of Charles Ward, P. H. Johnson, J. R. Manley, and C. C. Craig, secure the services of someone experienced in church building to draw plans for the proposed headquarters building, and that the plans be drawn in accordance with the report submitted by Doctors Craig and Brodie.
2. That we commence in January, 1982, a campaign to raise \$100,000 towards the building, to culminate in May, 1982.
3. That plans for the proposed building be published in the Baptist Informer and also be presented at the One Day Session of the Convention in May.
4. That the proposed building be located on the corner of Wilmington and Smithfield Streets.
5. That the Woman's Convention be permitted to observe its Centennial Year in 1984 and that the All Baptist Assembly be held in 1985.
6. That the present Committee on the Health



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Recommendations Adopted By The One Day Session Delegates

Delivery System be continued through the life of the problem. The committee consists of J. R. Manley, C. W. Ward, J. J. Johnson, Jerry Drayton, J. E. Perkins, A. D. Mosley and C. R. Edwards.

5-A. That all other matters pertaining to the construction of a proposed new headquarters building be referred to the committee chaired by P. H. Johnson.

From the committee to study the General Board of the GBSC, there are the following recommendations:

7. That the present moderators who are members of the General Board continue to serve.

8. That when a new person is elected moderator, such person will replace the former moderator on the General Board.

9. That the persons who were recommended to be placed on the board in Greensboro be added to the General Board. This will include Mrs. Hazel McLean, along with the other moderators. And the General Board will include all moderators.

10. That we would accept the NIH (National Insurance Health) grant which comes through the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. The control of the grant resides with the Convention.

11. That the month of September, 1982, be designated at Baptist Headquarters Building Month. That the headquarters be built on a debt-free basis and that every church be asked to encourage their members to contribute five dollars each towards the building. The plan is to be completed by October 1, 1982. Promotional literature is to include a brochure with an architectural rendering of the new building.

The following are the amended procedural election recommendations for the GBSC:

12. There shall be no nominating or seconding speeches by or for any candidate running for office in the General Baptist State Convention who has announced his or her intentions in the Baptist Informer.

13. There shall be no nominating or seconding speeches by or for any nominee from the Convention floor. Only the name of the candidate and desired position will be given.

14. Upon the completion of nomination from the Convention floor, the Convention's recording secretary shall turn over the names of all official nominees to the Nominating Committee.

15. The Nominating Committee will prepare and print the official election ballots.

16. Upon the completion of the printing of the official ballot, the Nominating Committee shall turn over to the Election Committee all printed ballots and the number printed.

17. The Election Committee shall plan procedural distribution of ballots to all official Convention messengers at such time designated by the Convention.

18. The Election Committee shall give the official results of the election at the opening session on Wednesday evening.

19. Any two nominees running for the same position less than 50 votes apart may request a recount of ballots by the Election Committee in their presence.

20. We encourage all churches and pastors to send messengers to the annual session in Durham in 1982. In cases where a pastor serves more than one church, he may be a messenger from only one church, unless he presents an official letter from the said church stating that he is the official messenger for the Election Committee, signed by the church clerk, and the chairman of the Deacon Board. The Election Committee shall keep records and letters from each pastor and report the same to the Convention.

21. The body then overwhelmingly adopted a substitute motion requiring that all officers of the Convention be elected by a 50 percent-plus margin.

Reverends G. A. Jones And T.L. Walker Inspire Hundreds

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strong) representing approximately 1700 churches to contribute a sacrificial gift of five dollars to the building fund before or during the month of September. (See ad.)

"We want to build this facility debt-free," said Craig. "It would almost take two million dollars in interest to do otherwise. Now is the time to put our money where our mouth is."

WAKE MODERATOR INSPIRES AUDIENCE
The stage was set for a memorable One Day Session on Tuesday night by a sermon delivered by Wake Baptist Association Moderator G. A. Jones, Sr. His message ended the Moderators Workshop.

The pastor of Malaby's Crossroads in Knightdale and Juniper Level in Garner, Jones' subject was, "The Same Jesus As Lord and Prophet," Acts 2:22-36.

"Part of the problem with the church is that we've taken it out of the hands of God. If there is a head of the church we serve, Christ is the head. The disciples were looking for a messiah unlike Christ. They looked for one to deliver them from bondage."

"He was seen as a Rose of Sharon; a root; a stem from Jesse; a stone hewed out of a mountain, not made by man. There were hundreds of names for what they thought He was, but the angels just called Him Jesus."

"Some folks said that He didn't get up—His disciples stole Him by night. But thank God there were some witnesses."

"John said, I went to the hill of Golgotha. I just didn't get there but I stayed there. I witnessed Him as He cried, 'My God my God!' But also early Sunday morning, I know that He did rise. Not only that, but I was on the Isle of Patmos, and I heard a voice. And when I turned I saw one whose head was like wool!"

"Yes, He is risen today!" said Jones. "He is Lord and the Prophet. His death, which seemed to be proof of His failure, was the proof of God's love. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. God made Him and God exalted Him."

Dr. Jones' heart-warming message led Manley to anticipate that on the next day "we'll have one of the greatest sessions this Convention has ever witnessed. This Convention is going to bring about some changes."

VOTING RIGHTS MARCH SUPPORTED

In response to the call to make changes and to actively be counted as a body, the Convention on Tuesday night adopted a resolution which called for the support of the Voting Rights March which is to traverse the state en route to Washington, D. C., this spring. The GBSC contingent voted to support the march and urged its member churches to provide any assistance, both physically and financially, to the marchers.

A press conference was held at the church to announce the Convention's stand and the resolution was carried on local television stations.

RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED

On Wednesday morning, the One Day Session began, with a salute to the late Coleman W. Kerry, Jr., former pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church in Charlotte. The congregation sang "Remember," followed by prayer led by Third Vice President S. A. Raper.

Dr. W. B. Lewis, pastor of First Cosmopolitan, welcomed the body to Raleigh and to the church.

Dr. J. Ray Butler, president of the General Board, then presented C. R. Moseley of Asheville, who read the recommendations coming from the General Board to be considered by the Convention.

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After words of greeting from several Convention officers, auxiliary workers and staff members, Dr. Priscilla Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, presented a \$15,000 check to Secretary Craig as the women's contribution for the new headquarters.

"Some say they don't believe in the Woman's Convention," said Sis. Brodie, "but I say that's all right, just be a friend of Jesus. If you are a friend of Jesus, we know you'll be a friend of ours."

Dr. Craig then informed the body that during the first eight months of the 1982 fiscal year, the Convention had received \$901,166 in contributions. He said that \$475,587 would be needed by the end of August.

REV. THOMAS L. WALKER

STRESSES "QUALITY"

The morning session of the Convention closed with lifted spirits as Thomas L. Walker, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, delivered a message, "The Quality Goes In Before the Name Goes On."

He said that one of the challenges of the day is to determine what is real and what isn't.

"Now we find goods that are no good. Zenith (in using the 'quality' slogan) was saying that we must protect our name because our name means something."

He then used a portion of Acts 11:26 which says, "And the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch."

"Consider the name Christian. To some it means any decent person. To some it is those born in Christian homes, and to some it is simply those not of another religion. But everybody at my church isn't a Christian."

"The Jews saw Jesus as a failure, therefore, they said 'Christian' to humiliate them. But notice the order here. They were disciples first; then they became Christians. First they got their labor, then they got their reward. Because the quality went in before the name went on."

"They got their learning, then they got their burden."

Rev. Walker said that people who are willfully ignorant slow down our churches. He said, "You don't have to be dumb to know the Lord."

"The real test of Christianity comes in the marketplace, out there in the world. Antioch was wicked. These are times today when that stuff on the inside must be manifest on the outside."

Rev. Walker closed his sermon by singing with his choir a song he made famous, "One Day at a Time."

The morning session of the Convention then closed for lunch and the Convention delegates reassembled for the ground breaking ceremony on the campus of Shaw University (See Pages 6-7).

Mrs. Horton is president of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina and is also the wife of Rev. I. B. Horton, who was once the pastor of First Baptist Church.

Music was by Sylvester Mack, Rev. Charles Boone,

Miss Sarah Lee Mack, Miss Lucetia Key, Mrs. Mary D. George, Kenneth Key, Robert D. Williams, Miss Valdina Reeves and Mrs. Dinah Murphy.

Sis. Gloria Key, Chairman
Sis. Martha Young, President

DR. CRAIG

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defeated, its temple left in ruins, its city wall shattered, and its youth taken into captivity. He was no doubt, a descendant of one of those captives, but he had no firsthand knowledge of the experience. Then word came to him of the sad plight of his people back in the homeland. His kinship to them caused him not only to sympathize with his people, but he wanted to act in their behalf. He felt that, as God's servant, he had to return to Jerusalem and undertake the task of rebuilding the wall of the city.

Nehemiah was a man of unselfish action who believed that the word should become the deed. He did not inherit his role. He was not appointed to it. Nehemiah came to it by responding to a challenge. The wall of Jerusalem had been shattered. It needed to be rebuilt. Here was a man with a democratic sense of values, for in him we see one of voluntary accountability and responsibility. We see the initiative of a man who had been touched by God and called to perform a particular task. He was equipped by God, and the people became aware that God had selected Nehemiah to supply the leadership for the rebuilding task. They were ready to follow him.

Nehemiah was a layman, but God called him for service, not only to rebuild the wall, but to save a nation, to save its culture, and to save its religion.

Just as soon as God calls someone for a mission, the devil calls out his forces to attempt to stop it. The devil faced Nehemiah in the form of Sanballat's angry suspicion and Tobiah's bitter mockery. These two men tried their best to stop the work. "A feeble effort," they said. "Even a fox running up the wall you are building will knock it down."

Enemies attacked so that Nehemiah was forced to take some of the workers off the wall and set them as guards while the others continued to work. But that which God has mandated, the devil and his forces cannot defeat.

The people built the wall because God had motivated them to work. God expects us to do what we can do. He expects us to cooperate and to pull together in performing the task assigned to us. Nehemiah and his cohorts did not let barriers stop them. They had no problem under the wall, no roadblock caused a detour. With a mind to work, and with God to protect them, no man could hinder them. Nehemiah, a man of God and a man of action, was one in whom the word became the deed.

The time has come and now is for our word to become the deed. We have been talking a new Baptist Headquarters building. We have been saying that we can erect it to the glory of God. Now is the time for talk to become action. Some of you remember that old statement, "Put your money where your mouth is." The building can become a reality if we have a mind to give and a mind to work.

Raise up more than 355,000 Baptist strong! Five dollars from each of you can do the job. We call for our pastors to take inventory. Encourage and see to it that your church members give five dollars per member. Some may have to give more to make up for those who give less or who are not able to give, but if a church has 500 members, it should give \$2,500. If it has a thousand, it should give \$5,000 to the building drive. The word must become the deed.

For 52 days, Nehemiah prodded his people until the wall was completed. As your Executive Secretary, I will be prodding you until our new Baptist building becomes a reality, a structure large enough to house all of our operation, an edifice erected to the glory of God and for the purpose of serving His kingdom. When the word becomes the deed, we can say, "So built we the headquarters, for the people had a mind to give, and a mind to work."

In order to do the work that God has called us to do, like Nehemiah, we must know that we belong to God; we must know that God has called us; and we must know that the Lord is with us.

The following is a list of contributions to the building fund:

BUILDING CONTRIBUTIONS

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention	\$15,000
First, Fayetteville, C. R. Edwards	1,050
Friendship, Charlotte	1,000
Antioch, Charlotte, Pendergrass	1,000
Immanuel, Winston-Salem, S. W. Mack	1,000
St. Stephen, Winston-Salem, J. R. Samuel	1,000
Mt. Carmel, Charlotte, L. C. Riddick	1,000
Lewis Chapel, Fayetteville, John D. Fuller	1,000
Gethsemane, Charlotte, C. E. Dewberry	1,000
First, Kannapolis, P. C. Holland	1,000
First, Charlotte, J. B. Humphrey	1,000
Greater Mt. Sinai, Charlotte, N. E. Kerry	1,000
Pine Grove East, Marchville	1,000
Zion Association, A. L. B. Moderator	1,000
East Cedar Grove Association, H. L. Timberlake, Mod.	1,000
Mecklenburg General Association, J. B. Humphrey, Mod.	1,000

Columbus Union Enjoys President Horton

CHADBOURN—The Columbus County Missionary Union celebrated its Annual Missionary Banquet Saturday, May 8, at Chadbourne Elementary School (Westside), Chadbourne.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Thelma Horton of Goldsboro.

Alcohol Plagues Teens

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—A major problem in dealing with alcohol among youth is good Baptist parents who drink socially, a Nashville psychologist and family counselor says.

"It's mostly learned at home," Howard Stevens told participants in a session on alcoholism and youth during a national youth ministry conference.

Among youth with alcohol problems, Stevens said personality problems, primarily a lack of self-esteem, is a major factor. Also, he noted many youth begin drinking as part of a desire to assume adult roles and to rebel against authority. "The more rebellious the child, the sooner he'll try alcohol," he said.

Noting that 90 percent of youth have tried alcohol by the time they graduate from high school, Stevens said peer influence also leads youth to experiment with both alcohol and drugs. "There is a peer approval necessity because there is so much self-doubt in this age group," noted Stevens, also an adjunct professor at Belmont (Baptist) College, Nashville.

Stevens said the desire to get high on alcohol is a less significant factor than a so-called need to be more socially, to deal with frustration and unhappiness or to satisfy curiosity.

Use of alcohol is increasing most rapidly among youth who are failing in the educational system and "those who see no relevance of education to their lives or the problems of the world," he said.

Noting there is no single panacea for helping youth with alcohol problems, Stevens urged the youth ministers to become involved in caring ways with young people, to meet their needs for love and self-worth. "We don't give nearly enough psychological nurture to our children," he said.

Stevens also urged the ministers to become informed about alcohol and its effects, recognizing that many youth with alcohol problems come from Christian homes.

In working with youth with alcohol problems, Stevens said ministers should deal only with present behavior, avoid stereotyping and divest alcohol of its status and glamour.

"Youth see alcohol as a social beverage rather than as a drug," he said.

The four-day national youth ministry conference attracted more than 800 youth ministers from across the nation.

Mt. Vernon, Durham, Percy High	1,000
Cornerstone, Greenville, Arlee Griffin	1,000
Mt. Zion, Asheville, J. W. White	1,000
Mt. Nebo, Harmony, Ardeal Roseboro	1,000
First, Fairmont, J. J. Johnson	1,000
Mt. Zion, Chatham County, J. R. Burt	1,000
Mt. Vernon, High Point, F. O. Bass	1,000
Shiloh, Winston-Salem, J. Ray Butler	1,000
First, Lumberton, E. B. Turner	1,000
First Chapel Hill, J. R. Manley	1,000
United Methodist, Winston-Salem, J. D. Ballard	1,000
Hill Street, Raleigh, N. M. Avery	1,000
First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh, W. B. Lewis	1,000
Zion, Reidsville, E. L. Kirby	1,000
Mt. Gilead, Durham, Jackson C. Trueitt, interim pastor	1,000
Mt. Calvary, Shelby, S. A. Raper	1,000
Shiloh, Greensboro, O. L. Hairston	1,000
Shiloh, Henderson, R. W. Perry	1,000
St. James, Rocky Mount, C. T. Bullock	1,000
Liberty Hill, Waxhaw, David Cook	500
Lisbon Street, Clinton, H. R. Cogdell	500
Mt. Association, G. A. Jones, Sr., Mod.	500
St. Luke, Charlotte, L. D. Parker	500
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Mt. Shiloh, Williamston, K. R. Hammond	500
Martin Street, Raleigh, P. H. Johnson	500
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Juniper Level, Raleigh, G. A. Jones, Sr.	500
Deep River Association, M. P. McCleave	500
Malaby's Cross Road, Knightdale, G. A. Jones, Sr.	500
Ebenezer, Rocky Mount, T. L. Walker	500
Mt. Association, G. A. Jones, Sr., Mod.	500
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Old Eastern Association, K. R. Hammond, Mod.	300
Union, Durham, G. D. Davis	250
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First, Southmont, J. G. Gaston	250
Shady Grove, E. Spencer, J. G. Gaston	250
Mt. Moriah, Matthews, J. C. Robinson	225
Center Grove, Rutherford, W. K. Mitchell	200
Silver Grove, Red Springs, T. M. McDonald	200
New Bethel, Enfield, Abraham Walton	200
Pilgrim Chapel First, James City, W. E. Sinclair	200
Shoal Creek, Shelby, J. H. Grant	200
First, Bailey, Edward Woodard	200
Mt. Zion, Chadbourn, John Beese, Jr.	200
St. Peter, Grover, J. E. Floyd	200
Morning Star, Pinetop, George Cooper	200
Mt. Nebo, Wilmington, L. F. Boone	200
First, Southern Pines, W. J. Haire	200
Union, Tarboro, R. A. Mac	200
Union Grove, Youngsville, J. C. Sherrod	200
Morehead Avenue, Durham, B. A. Mack	200
Wilson Association, T. A. Watkins, Moderator	200
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Macedonia, Farmville, E. F. Jones	200
Salem, Charlotte, A. J. Finwright	200
Irony Hill, Enfield, J. J. Copeland, Jr.	200
Eastern Chapel, Goldsboro, David Howell	200
Haw River, Chatham County, R. D. James	200
Walnut Grove, Louisburg, N. M. Harvey	200
Mt. Pisgah, Bessemer City, C. A. Turner	200
Johnston Piney Grove, Clayton, L. Coppedge	200
New Bethel, Rolesville, W. A. Morgan	200
Allen Chapel, Louisburg, N. Spruill	150
Mt. Olive, Kings Mountain, W. A. Maddox, Sr.	150
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Dr. John W. Fleming addresses the ground-breaking crowd gathered on the Shaw University Campus May

5. The GBSC plans to build an \$500,000 Headquarters on the site in 1983. (See Page Six)

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Women Hold Annual Session In Winston-Salem, July 26-29

Emmanuel Baptist Is Host Church

BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRODIE

Another summer is upon us and so is the time for the observance of the 98th Annual Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

During July 26-29, the annual session will be held at the Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem. The Emmanuel Baptist Church, along with her pastor, Dr. S. W. Mack, will serve as host.

Please begin finalizing your plans for attending this annual session. We hope that you receive inspiration through worship; knowledge through class study; revitalization through witnessing; reassurance through fellowship; jubilation through making, financing and implementing plans to serve God, others and ourselves.

Let us not forget to pray that this session be under the guidance and protection of God and His Holy Spirit. Let us pray that we as participants, delegates and friends. Also let us pray that we keep His mission ever before us, lest we forget that the church is people ministering to people in His Name and seek to extol ourselves in our own self-centered missions. Let us also bring sacrificial financial support.

Among the conventional activities are:

1. Emmanuel Baptist Church, the host church, will present a Pre-Conventional Musical on Sunday, July 25, at 7 p.m. at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Winston-Salem. (See map for directions.)

2. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Monday at the Benton Convention Center.

3. The Executive Board meeting will begin Monday morning at 10 in the Regency Room,

Hyatt Hotel.

4. At 2 p.m. is the General Board meeting, at which time we shall hear reports from the Executive Board's representative, State Vice Presidents, Youth Supervisors, Young Adult Supervisors, Special Workers, and the Youth Bible Camp Director.

5. The Pre-Convention Banquet begins at 6 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center. You may secure tickets (\$14.00) from our office now.

6. Study classes for all departments will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. The Seniors meet in the Convention Center, the Young Adults in the Regency Room (Hyatt), and the Youth in the Skating Rink (Convention Center).

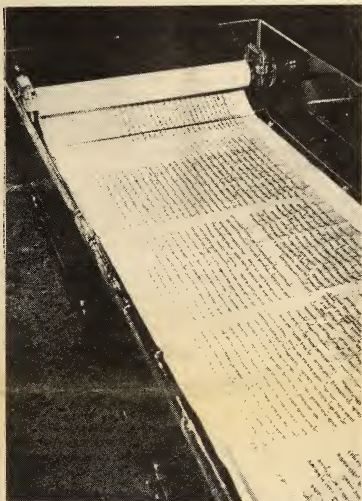
7. The Life Membership March will be a part of Tuesday afternoon's festivities which begin at 2 p.m. Persons who march are to wear their pins at that time.

8. President Horton will give her annual address Wednesday morning. Please dress in white.

9. The Annual Youth Concert begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Center.

The session ends on Thursday morning with the installation of officers.

ALL BAPTIST PICNIC—The All Baptist Picnic will be Saturday, July 17, at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill. The schedule is as follows: 9:30-10:30 a.m.—Arrival and recreation; 10:30 a.m.—Cessation of recreation and preparation for worship; 11 a.m.—Worship (Chapel); 12:30 p.m.—Lunch; 1:30-5 p.m.—Recreation, etc. The Reverend Roosevelt Taylor, Jr., of La Grange, will deliver the sermon.



The Dead Sea Scrolls are the earliest known Biblical manuscripts, dating to about 100 B.C. Discovered in 1947 on the western bank of the Dead Sea in Palestine, these scrolls are exhibited in Israel's Shrine of the Book.

Ushers In Monroe July 13-15

MONROE—The thirty-second annual session of the North Carolina Baptist Ushers' Convention will be held in Monroe, July 13-15. The Convention will meet with Elizabeth Baptist Church, Dr. J. H. Furgerson, pastor.

President Arthur Williams will complete his second term in office as president. We urge all churches to have messengers in Monroe for the three day session. For those who will be unable to attend for three days, please plan to attend the Wednesday and Wednesday evening sessions. All bus commuters are urged to make plans for buses to remain for the Honorary Banquet to be

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AMERICAN RELIGION: "Split Personality"

A "split personality" in American religion is at the core of many church-state controversies, according to one of the nation's leading historians.

Dr. Henry Steele Commager, who spoke at Baylor University's recent conference on religion and politics in the 1980s, said America's founders upheld two attitudes toward religion which today have lost their balance and produced deep moral confusion.

Two attitudes toward religion—an evangelical fervor leading to "private virtue" and enlightened reason which stresses "public morality"—remained in balance until pious believers supported such unjust public practices as slavery, Dr. Commager said.

The resulting "double standard of morality," which is still a problem, is based on the notion that "only the private sins are reprehensible in the sight of God, not the public (sins)," he said.

"This misconception has seduced us into tolerance of deep and widespread social injustices and inequities. It permits us to indulge in insensate hatred of other nations and peoples," he warned. "Only a people infatuated with their own moral virtue, their own superiority, their own exemption from the laws of history could so uncritically follow these policies."

Current church-state controversies often come from "New Right" supporters of "private virtue," Dr. Commager noted. The

Moral Majority is more interested in "private vice" than in "public sin," he said. Their emphasis on "sins of the flesh" distracts them from the serious moral issues of the times, he noted.

"If the Moral Majority were to enact every one of its goals into law, society would not change an iota..."

"If the Moral Majority were to enact every one of its goals into law, society would not change an iota, nor would the economy, nor science, nor even religion," he said.

Lobbyists who seek to enforce "private virtues" have caused complex legal cases which the U. S. Supreme Court would prefer to avoid, said Dr. Charles M. Whelan, a Jesuit legal specialist from Fordham Law School in New York City.

When churches enter politics through lobbying and other pressure tactics, they will find "the odds are high that churches stand on no higher constitutional ground than businesses, labor

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From The Exec. Secretary

Prayer In Homes

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents, and members of the General Baptist State Convention:

Thank you again and again for the excellent work that many of you are supporting the objectives of the Convention. Without your dedication, support and cooperation, our Convention would not be what it is today.

Our effort is to promote the work of the Convention in the nooks and corners, on the highways and among the hedges in the state. I commend the presidents of our auxiliaries for their excellent leadership and faithful service. The growth of our parent body reflects the support and cooperation of these auxiliaries: Mrs. Thelma Horton, president, and Dr. Priscilla Brodie, executive secretary—treasurer of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention; Mr. Althornton Canada, president, Sunday School Congress; Mr. Richmond Turner, president, Baptist Training Union; Mr. I. H. Hilliard, president, Laymen's League Convention; and Mr. Arthur Williams, president of the Ushers' Convention.

I commend the moderators, pastors and presidents of the District Unions, presidents of Ministers' and Deacons' Unions and presidents of Sunday School and BTU Conventions, along with all the people who are called General Baptists, for their dedication and commitment to the work of the Convention. We are many, but we are "One in Christ."

Because of our oneness in Christ, we can join forces in supporting Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Mission and the Central Orphanage. Our oneness in Christ demands that each of us perform our role with commitment, with zeal and with gladness. To do so is to show that we are one in Christ. It is the foundation stone to that victory which overcomes all opposition.

THE PERIL AND PRIVILEGE OF MODEST ABILITIES

The parable of the talents recorded in Matthew 25:14-30 teaches us that all men are not equal in ability. For one-talent people there are perils and privileges.

The peril is that the one-talent man will say, "I can't do much, so I won't do anything." Remember how the man in the parable buried his talent. The offsetting privilege is that of gaining insight into the importance of single talents, so that we can say, "I can be limited in ability but there are many things I can do." Every person with a talent can put his or her small talent for religion to work, and by persistent worship, prayer and Bible reading, come to have a helpful experience of God's presence and power in Christ.

The person of modest abilities may become unduly disturbed about his prospect in life, instead of realizing that for one-talent persons there are compensations. They may avoid troubles, enjoy satisfactions, and make contributions to life that are less likely to be found in the experience of five-talent persons.

"I was afraid," said the man in the parable. Fear is always a peril for the single-talent person. Over again it is the privilege of using what abilities we have which determine courage, so that the glory of what we do with little is greater than the glory of what five-talent men and women do with much. In more lives than we think achievement is due less to great talent than to great effort, put forth with high courage.

"Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow." The person of modest abilities may this become resentful and misjudge both God and man. There is nothing unfair about God's dealings. He expects only that we do our best with what he has given us, to make a return proportionate of his investment in us, whether it is small or large.

The supreme privilege for men and women of any ability is that of faithfulness. "Well done, good and faithful servant," was the word of the master to both the five-talent and the two-talent men. The same word would have gone to the one-talent man if he had been faithful with his one talent. In the scales of God, the worth of a life is not measured by IQ, financial rating, a special place in society, or the office a person holds in the church. It is determined by faithfulness, our loyalty to God, and our kindness toward everyone we can help. "Fear one of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that he may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Revelation 2:10.

BOOKS

Serious Bible students will quickly find that Robert Guelich's careful and comprehensive work offers fresh scholarship on a variety of topics relating to the Sermon on the Mount. He deals with basic issues:

•Is this teaching intended for all Christians, for super Christians, or as a law for the whole society?
•Is it to be strictly obeyed, or held up as an ideal?

Dr. Robert A. Guelich is a professor of New Testament at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard, Ill.

BY REV. LEON C. RIDDICK, PASTOR
MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE

I think it is sheer political and ecclesiastical hypocrisy to try to get an amendment through Congress to guarantee prayer in the schools. The place to pray is in the home, "the secret closet." If we had more praying and God fearing parents in the homes who would teach their children the virtue of establishing early in life some positive moral values, respect for teachers and others in authority, then we would not have to worry about prayer in the schools.

When we had prayer in the schools, blacks were still being lynched and denied all the rights of American citizens, especially that most basic right of the ballot box. We are not yet out of the woods. Elected officials in the United States Congress and state houses are trying to take away by devious means some of the gains made by blacks

during the civil rights revolution of the sixties.

There are thousands of children who come from homes that have never heard either parent pray and far too many in single family homes. These children have never been taught the Bible in the homes, gone with their parents to church school or to Bible class. They have not been taught the dignity of hard work as a prelude to success. Many of them want a full day's pay for a half-hearted day's work.

Why force these burdens on the public schools? Why force integration of students in the schools by law when the Churches have not come to do it by love? If we return prayer, Bible reading, parental discipline and honesty to the homes of America, we will see a change in the schools, our churches and society in general.

—From "Voices," the Mt. Carmel Newsletter

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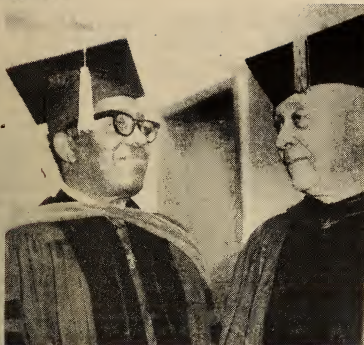
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Dr. F. A. Leak (left) and Dr. C. Lincoln McGee, president of Miller University, chat.

Bumcombe Baptist Celebrates 10th Anniv.

LEXINGTON — Bumcombe Baptist of Lexington celebrated the 10th anniversary of the church and the 18th anniversary of its pastor, the Rev. S. Walter Mack, April 25.

Mack, who began his ministry at the age of 12, is also the pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, where he has been pastoring for 32 years.

A graduate of Hood Theological Seminary at Livingstone College in Salisbury, with several degrees including a doctorate in law, Mack has served in the Rowan Baptist Association as chorister of the Sunday School Convention choir for 15 years. Elected as president of the Baptist Ministers' Conference in 1972, Mack brought to the conference the idea of accepting all churches a part of the conference, changing the name to the Baptist Ministers' Conference and Associates. He is chairman of the committee of evangelism of Rowan Baptist Association and

auditor for the Baptist Trade Union.

Ministers serving on the anniversary service were the Rev. Gret Hargrave and his congregation; Dr. F. D. Betts of Files Chapel of Lexington and his congregation; and Rev. Louis Turner of Brown's New Calvary Baptist Church in Thomasville.



Dr. S. R. Mack

Dr. Ethel Ethel Fallin To Keynote Woman's Banquet July 26

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina will observe its Ninth Annual Pre-convention Banquet Monday, July 26, at 6 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem.

Dr. Ethel Fallin, a native of Alabama and a dynamic orator, will be the speaker for this occasion. She completed her elementary and secondary education in the public school system of Alabama and later earned the BS and MA degrees from Alabama State University. She also received the Doctor of Humanities Degree from Selma University.

Dr. Fallin holds membership with many organizations, and among these are the Alabama Educational Association, the Alabama State Federation of Women's Clubs, the Camp Board of Directors of the WMU, and the Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention's Woman's Auxiliary.

At the present, she serves as an instructor of English at Birmingham Baptist Bible College and as the southern director of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

Dr. Fallin is also a member of the Jerusalem Baptist Church.

Rev. Leak Receives Doctorate

A Doctor of Divinity degree was conferred on the Rev. F. A. Leak, pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Yadinville, on May 30.

The convocation service was conducted by the administrative personnel of Miller University in New Brunswick, N. J. Dr. C. Lincoln McGee, president, and Dr. Frederick Shaw and Dr. Veda Mason Pittman, associates, Dr. S. W. Mack of Winston-Salem was the program marshal, with several other clergymen participating.

Dr. Leak is a native of Hamlet. He has resided in Winston-Salem for a number of years. He has been very active in civic and religious activities in and around the city. He completed his undergraduate work at Hampton Institute in Hampton, Va., where he majored in electronic engineering. He attended Sperry's Gyroscopic Institute in New Orleans, La. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Miller University in New Brunswick, N. J. In 1966, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce for outstanding community service as "Man of the Year" in Winston-Salem.

Dr. Leak is married to the former Miss Mildred Coleman, a retired teacher from the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System.

"Behind an able man there are always other able men."
Chinese Proverb

The Purpose Of A Sunday School

BY MAYNARD JONES
SUPERINTENDENT
MT. CALVARY BAPTIST
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What is the purpose of Sunday School? The answer must not be based on mere names; nor merely on past history. For the past is not necessarily the measure of the present. Appeals must rather be made to the place which the Sunday School is actually filling or attempting to fill in the complex work of the church.

The Sunday School is somewhat more than a school, if by a school is meant simply a place for learning and reciting lessons. Some of its experiences belong rather to worship than to instruction. Its characterization, as the children's church, is most unfortunate in some respects. Instruction holds, or certainly ought to hold, the central place. The Sunday School is essentially a school, an educational institution, and its central task is the study and teaching of the Bible. The Sunday School also is first aid to the church, and should receive the support of every Christian.

Statistics show that a large percentage of church members enter when they are young and statistics also show that nearly all of them go from Sunday School into the church. They should enter early and never graduate.

The Sunday School is a part of our civilization. Its influence is strongest in the home; however, it reaches out and includes the community and

nation. The Christian home is the foundation of our country. Without knowledge of scripture gained in our modern Sunday School, there would be no Christian home, no community, life of high orders, and no religion. Religion or Bible teaching is excluded from our public schools as required by our Constitution.

If we are to continue as a God fearing people, we must be trained in our Sunday Schools in a way we should go, and when we are old, we will not depart therefrom.

It is our opinion that our church or no church for that matter can really reach its full potential in service in a community if the Sunday School, in conjunction with other church auxiliaries, has failed to develop and maintain a good, healthy, well-attended department. There can be no nobler work for the young, middle age, and older people than that of attending Sunday School and participating in lesson discussions, teaching, or serving in whatever capacity you choose.

Our Sunday School here at Mt. Calvary is trying to comply with the above mentioned purposes. Our enrollment is small, but our teachers and students are dedicated and interested in the work. We have classes and teachers for all age groups.

We would like to invite each of you to become an active member of our Sunday School, because a strong Sunday School makes a stronger church.

Church Circuit

Elizabeth Baptist Hosts Ushers

From Page One

held at the Holiday Inn on Wednesday evening beginning at 6:30.

All ushers are urged to be present for the ushers' procession to begin at 10 a.m. Lady ushers will wear their white uniform and men ushers will be dressed in dark suits.

The guest speaker for the afternoon session will be Mrs. Theresa McDonald from Chicago, Ill., president of the ushers' department of the Progressive National Baptist Convention. We are expecting the largest number ever to attend our session.

Dr. E. B. Turner, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lumberton, will be the banquet speaker. We urge churches across the state to do their best financially. Many will remember they were not disappointed for the One Day

Session that was held at the New Bethel Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, and will see that the fine record that was set in 1981 will continue in 1982.

We solicit your prayers that this session will be a mountain top experience that will enable us to be of greater service when we go back to the valley.

Tuesday's evening sermon

will be preached by Rev. S. E. Blalock, pastor of the Concord Baptist Church, Kittrell. The Thursday morning sermon will be preached by the Rev. Norman T. Davis, pastor of Bazel Creek Baptist Church, Fuquay Varina. Banquet Tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under sixteen.

1st Calvary, Lexington, Celebrates 64th Year

LEXINGTON — First Calvary Baptist Church of Lexington celebrated its 64th anniversary and 40th anniversary of its pastor, Dr. W. L. Wilson, on April 25.

Dr. C. C. Craig was the guest speaker for the morning service. Dr. Craig is the execu-

tive secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and a native of Union County.

Guest speaker for the 3 p.m. service was Dr. Jerry Drayton, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

Woman's Page

Theme: "Learning How to Discover God's Will"

WBH & FMC Training Conference Attracts 65

BY HELEN HOWELL

LAUREL HILL—The Annual Missionary Leadership Training Conference held its 45th session June 7-11 at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill.

This training session was sponsored by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Mrs. Jettie M. Lucas, conference pianist and coordinator, opened the session with words of welcome and a song, "Have You Got God Religion?" Words of welcome and greetings were given by Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, executive secretary and conference chairperson; Mrs. Bettie Chisom, administrative assistant; and Rev. Theodore Breeden, superintendent of the Assembly. Dr. Brodie also spoke about our theme: "Learning How to Discover God's Will." The scripture was "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is," Ephesians 5:17.

Sixty-five Christian women expressed for the training session and expressed their desire to learn more about knowing and doing God's will. Friendship Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Rev. B. F. Rich, pastor, registered the largest number.

Mrs. Lucas introduced the theme hymn: "Thy Way, O Lord." She led us each day in our singspiration period, and we sang many old and new songs of praises. She also directed us in our daily exercises with her own prepared musical cassettes.

Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, president of the Woman's Baptist State Convention and teacher, presented the study course outline, materials and plans of instruction. The title of the book was "God's Will: You Can Know It," by Leslie and Bernice Flynn. Her introduction included

a poem entitled, "But It Doesn't Fit My Plans," and the song, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah." President Horton explained that we were there simply to do God's will, through His scriptures and by the Holy Spirit. Several follow-up assignments and activities were used to help us to understand our work. The book was studied and completed. Among the topics studied during the week were: Does God Guide Today—Yes, He Does; Where God's Will Can Be Found—the Bible; The Inner Voice—the Holy Spirit; What the Pieces Fall in Place—Circumstances; and First Things First—Do God's Will Today.

THREE LIGHTS FOR GUIDANCE

"God still guides us today as in Biblical times. His will can be known through the possibility of doing His will, in promises of God's guidance in Bible precepts, and frequent prayers. God has given three lights for guidance: (1) The Bible from above—the word of God; (2) The burden from within—the Holy Spirit; (3) The bearings around—circumstances."

"The key to a Christian life is to try to be what God wants you to be. We must learn how and let Christ be an example.

We must study God's word regularly, interpret the Bible properly, listen to definite commands, know the principles for doubtful areas, and continue to love, praise and serve Him."

Many committees were selected to help with various tasks; among these were enrollment, banquet, evaluation, memorial, cabin leaders, and ushers and offering bearers.

We had a spirit-filled devotion each morning. The meals, which were prepared by Sisters Cora and Virginia Breeden, were tasty and delicious and

enjoyed by all. Arts and crafts were directed by Sisters Ethel Stanfield, Alice Wilson, Mae Grier and Rachel Nunn. Flowers, swish and straw brooms, clothed, pine-cone Christmas trees, crocheted afghan bedspreads, scarves, knitted caps and hats, pillow tops and dolls were made by several participants.

On Wednesday evening, we had our memorial and vesper services. President Horton presided. Rev. Breeden read the 80th Psalm, and prayer was led by Sis. Cora Wilson. In memory of the passed, several names of the deceased throughout North Carolina were read; Sis. Feemster assisted. The welcome address was given by Mrs. Robbie Diggs. Mrs. Lucas and the Friendship Baptist Church choir were in charge of the music.

Rev. Daniel Ferguson, pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, Hanniel, delivered the sermon on the theme, "Learning to Discover God's Will," Ephesians 5:17. He gave us the different ways of God and how we must humble ourselves to know His will. Several relatives and friends of the Johnson family were present.

Thursday night, we had the Fifth Annual Banquet in the Baptist Assembly

Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Robbie Diggs, third Vice President of the Woman's State Convention, and wife of Dr. H. S. Diggs, Charlotte, was our speaker. She spoke influentially of God's intentionality, His substantial will, His ultimate will, and the peace and love in His will. "We will find hope, joy and peace. We will serve a risen Lord." In her conclusion, she stated that we must walk by faith in order to do the will of God, and that we must keep and make our convention theme real.

Several awards and certificates were presented. Several guests and friends were present. Rev. Breeden presented awards to his parents on their 40th anniversary and to the oldest attending member, Mrs. Minnie C. Lyon, a retired missionary for 30 years. Special recognition was given to Scotland County for their support.

Friday morning activities closed our study session. Reports were given by various committees. Mrs. Chisom made the closing remarks. Certificates were presented. We sang the convention hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have." Then Rev. Breeden gave the prayer to close the 45th leadership training conference.



Map To Woman's Convention In Winston Salem

Trent River-Oakely Grove 48th Session In Trenton

TRENTON—The 48th Annual Session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of the Trent River Oakley Grove Missionary Baptist Association was held April 23-25 in Trenton at the Oakley Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. E. L. Batts is pastor and Rev. E. Washington Wooten is moderator.

Background: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," (Psalm 133:1). The Annual Session was in unity from the beginning to the end. Every Christian must keep working and doing the will of God for the end result is an eternal home. First you must learn about Jesus. He is a physician, ruler and a mighty high power. Study your Bible and pray for peace. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son for us. Therefore, "Jesus is our savior." Know God for yourself for we need the doctrine of

Jesus Christ.

God's grace is sufficient to keep you. It is redeeming activity from God which means peace, patience, forgiveness, love and a gift that elevates us in the Holy Ghost.

Rev. W. K. Raynor, counselor, delivered a semineatic "Outlook" (I John 3:1-7). God shall wipe away all tears; therefore, we must have some love for ourselves, said Rev. Raynor. Put some substance in your work and don't keep our people looking on the negative side of church. Ask God to grant serenity and to move the walls of impossibility. All things are possible with Christ if you only believe. God needs workers that will stand for the truth. Missionaries need to look to Jesus, fight and pray on because Satan will deceive you. So tell God your troubles for He'll understand and make a way for you. If you love Jesus you'll keep His commandments and take a stand for Him.

Mrs. Janie D. James, president, gave a tribute to our fallen comrades. We cannot but think about our fallen comrades that started this convention 48 years ago and the ones that carried on before our days. I've thanked God for them paying the way which showed that their work was not in vain. A commendation was made to move the memorial service from Saturday in the association to the Annual Session of the Woman's Auxiliary.

As I make my first address, I selected for a subject, "The Souls of Men" (Matthew 9:36) and "Compassionate Concern." For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven returneth not thither, but water eth the earth and maketh it bring forth buds, that it may give seed to the sower, bread to the eater; so shall my word be, that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish

that which I please and it shall prosper in things where I send it. Years have gone by and have brought about in their passing a closer relationship with one another.

We are facing a decision to do or die. Think for yourself or go back in slavery. Our fore parents struggled. They can sow seeds of determination paving ways to make our progress faster, bearing torches to shed lights on forthcoming situations. Now we find ourselves face to face with a white white with the harvest of Christian ideals, healthy living, reasonable conclusion and sober awakening.

It is here and now that we are to catch the spirit of patience, humility, faithfulness, and sacrificial service. It is in our local church that we must learn the lesson of oneness, to get closer together, to get closer to God and to form a solid chain that we may be able to cross that awful Red Sea of economic

slavery, of racial distrust and sinful prejudice.

The church exists to create and nurture the fellowship of members who worship, study and work together. Our youth must be guided into the highest and best choices. We must have the same passionate concern that Jesus had. Each church must look beyond its door at the neglected, forgotten misfits; rejected, lost and wandering. Moses had concern and was willing for God to blot him out.

REMEMBER

1. Find patience—be patient and wait on the Lord.
2. Love—Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul and mind and strength and thy neighbor as thyself.
3. With all thy getting get understanding.
4. Wisdom—The spirit of God will give you wisdom.
5. Faith—if we have the faith of a mustard seed, we can move mountains.
6. Prayer—The wheel of pro-

Religion and Politics In The 1980s

From Page One

unions, and non-religious charitable organizations," especially on the issue of tax exemption, or registration and reporting requirements for lobbyists, he said. Nor is it likely that they will be entitled to the same treatment as political parties, he said.

The actual political success of New Right pressure groups was questioned at the conference by Dr. Richard Pierard, professor of history at Indiana State University. He said voters who "turned right" in the recent presidential election were expressing their "desire for a more assertive America on the world scene" and a solution to domestic inflation, rather than approval of New Right platforms.

The New Right merely rode an existing tide, he said. Today, polls show that "too close an identification" with the Moral Majority is "negative" for a candidate, he said.

U. S. Rep. Jack Hightower (D-Tex.), who spoke at the conference, agreed. "I think their (Moral Majority's) opposition helps," he said. Told he was on a Moral Majority "hit list," he said he "still tells people he is on the list."

"I know those people in the Texas Panhandle," he said of his constituents. "I don't need somebody from a lobby group to tell me what the people in my district know." He said he pays more attention to individual hand-written notes than to mail-outs in large quantities from lobby groups. New Right organizations in the District of Columbia "have not been considered too credible by a lot of us in Washington," he said.

A leader of People for the American Way, a group formed to oppose the Moral Majority, called the New Right religious groups "basically liberal theologically in their interpretation of scripture." The Moral Majority's view of U. S. citizens as God's "chosen people" and their attitude toward gaining wealth are suspect, warned Dr. Charles V. Bergstrom, executive director of governmental affairs for the Lutheran Council, USA.

The goal of a religious activity should be social justice, not enforced morality, he said. He urged "ministry of advocacy on behalf of justice, especially for the poor and oppressed." Such activity "carries more power than any of that may glitter self-righteously under the glare of television lights," he said.

Dr. Wood, director of Baylor's church-state studies program, said that historically churches have often withdrawn from the world, seeing it as "inherently and irretrievably evil." Or, churches have accommodated the culture and power structures of the state—a "far greater scandal in the history of the church." More appropriate, he said, is church interaction with the world, fulfilling the role of a "prophetic community."

Phil D. Strickland, director of the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said the church must articulate a "public theology." The church has often placed "profits above people, or programs above people," he said. The church must "resist the temptation to sell its prophetic role for temporary power," he said. "It will refuse to be bought off by favors from the state, such as tax credits," he said.

Ruth L. Harve, vice president of the National Association of Black Women Attorneys, from Danville, Va., said, "We must face up to the fact that pious words without concrete action is truly 'sounding brass and tinkling cymbals.' Just as the black church has been the pusher in the human rights struggle, the white church has been the resister."

Another conference speaker, the Rev. Barry Bailey, senior minister of First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth, said he does not believe "the sacred and secular should ever be separated." Although he said he believes in the separation of church and state, "the sacred is never sacred until it's involved in the secular."

Martin Co. Union Meets At Belmont Baptist

ROBERSONVILLE — The first meeting of the Martin County Missionary Union of 1982 was held recently at Belmont Baptist Church in Robersonville, the Rev. M. A. Rebeck, pastor.

Sis. Carrie Alexander, president, was in charge of devotion, and testimonies were led by the host church. Correspondence from the Convention about the newly-appointed committee for the Leprosy Colony of India were discussed. Mrs. Audrey Baker was accepted as the representative.

Outreach representatives and contact persons to other churches were also appointed. The Rev. Walter Hines, newly ordained minister, brought to the Union his plans to organize a mission circle and a young adult department in his church, Christ Temple of Robersonville. A circle has also been organized at the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Robersonville, Rev. H. H. Moore, pastor.

The union was then inspired by Rev. Hines, speaker for the day. His theme: "What is Thy Name?" (Mark 5:5). The man who lived in the cemetery pos-

sessed many unclean spirits. We today, though we do not live among the tombs, are still possessed with unclean spirits, he said. From gossip to liar to one that backbites while professing to be a Christian, we have unclean spirits. Only when we realize our incompleteness and ask God to make us whole

can we be free. Until then, we will be possessed by these spirits.

The Union was well represented.

—Sis. Carrie Alexander
President
Sis. Doretha S. Rodgers
Secretary

LETTER

Mt. Tabor Host

Dear Fellow Christian:

As Christian missionaries today we need more than ever the protective armor of God, to allow us to walk by faith and not by sight. In times as we now face, we need to be as gardeners in the vineyards of the Lord. As the gardener plants, waters, weeds, and cares for the first tender shoots of his efforts; so do we as Christians need to plant our faith, water it daily, weed it constantly, and care for it always until the bloom of God within ourselves and these we try to help will be seen by the world.

This year, Mount Tabor Missionary Baptist Church will be the locale for the annual missionary program sponsored by the senior missionary department. The church is located in Cerro Gordo. The event will take place on Sunday, July 4, at 5 p.m. Rev. Charles Boone of Hallsboro will be the guest speaker and he will be accompanied by the senior choir. A special solo will feature Mrs. Mary D. George of the Cedar Grove Baptist Church.

Gloria Jenkins Key



David Morrow

Morrow Council V-P

WAKE FOREST—David Morrow of Mebane has been elected vice president of the 1982-83 Student Council of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in theological field here recently.

Morrow is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is a second-year student in the Master of Divinity program. He will also serve on the executive committee of the student council.

New Zion, 6th Avenue Hosts Deep River Meets

The Deep River Missionary Association held its annual church training institutes recently. The first institute was held April 26-30 at New Zion Baptist Church in Sanford, Rev. E. N. Hooker, pastor. The second one was held at 6th Avenue Baptist Church, Siler City, Rev. James Brown, pastor.

Moderator M. P. McCleave had high praises for the instructors and for all that attended to make these institutes a great success. There were five persons.

The instructors were: youths, Mrs. Clara Ephraim; teenagers, Dr. Joseph C. Paige; young adults, Rev. James Brown; missionaries, Mrs. Thelma Turner; ministers and laymen, Dr. A. D. Moseley. Moderator McCleave served as a resource person for all classes and Inease Wicker was the directress.

The theme was, "The Ill-Informed Cannot Lead the Uninformed." The scripture theme was "Study to Show Thyself Approved Unto God, a Workman That Needeth Not Be Ashamed, Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth," II Timothy 2:15.

The texts used were "Bread," by Nathan Stone, and "What the Bible Says About Stewardship," by A. R. Fagan.

One hundred forty-nine persons attended the first institute, representing 13 churches. Two hundred sixteen representing 13 churches attended the second institute to be enlightened on stewardship.

All the instructors seemed to be at their best in making the institutes enjoyable as well as informative. Observations are still being made about how God blessed us these two weeks. A very spiritual devotion was led by different churches each night.

The main concern for these institutes was to provide a higher quality of training for our members and to encourage preparation for our church leaders.

On day night, certificates were awarded for attendance. Highlights of each group were given by the instructors. Dr. Moseley allowed God to use him in the final remarks, because the Spirit was high and the people seemed ready to receive it.

DR. M. P. McCleave, MOD.
INEASE WICKER
CHAIRPERSON OF THE
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REPORTING

gress is made to turn by the wheel prayer. My hope is built on nothing less but blood and righteousness. On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand. Amen.

miah, all had concern for Jesus. By the agony Jesus went through He cared for the souls of men. What a tragedy when men are lost. A few years ago, the newspapers gave the tragic account of three men who were lost over the Pacific. When their airplane was running out of fuel, they radioed for help. Your time, talent, money all belong to God. He only loaned it to us and He expects interest on it. We must be willing to rescue souls for Christ.

QUEEN'S REPORT
Union No. 1 of Miss Lee Rose Sutton reported \$441.28. Union No. 2 of Miss Leslie Williams reported \$216.02 for a grand total of \$657.30. The grand total offering for the Convention was

\$6,776.28. The next convention will be at the Evening View Missionary Baptist Church in April of 1983, the fourth Friday, at 10 a.m. in Jacksonville.

SPECIAL SERMONS
Introduction sermon was by Rev. D. D. Lillahunt, "Keep at It," Luke 10:42, 11:15-12.

The educational sermon came from Rev. C. B. Chadwick, Jr., "Learning About Jesus," Matthew 11:28-30.

Doctrinal sermon came from Rev. Floyd Jones, "Too Many Doctrines in the Church," Matthew 15:8-14.

Rev. J. A. James brought the missionary sermon, "If You Will Go the Lord Will Go With You," Matthew 28:19 and Isaiah 6:8.

Closing sermon, as brought by Rev. D. Ollison, "Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus," II Corinthians 12:9.

Humbly Submitted,
Highlight Committees
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Ella Johnson

DIVORCE:

"Violation Of God's Creative Purpose"

BY GAIL ROTHWELL
RIDGECREST (BP)—Helping churches minister to persons in a world with an increasing divorce rate was a challenge given to consultants

at a national conference for leaders of single adults.

John C. Howell, professor of Christian ethics at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., told partici-

pants that tension between the ethical demands of Christianity and the reality of humanity has existed throughout Christian history.

Explaining that divorce is a "violation of God's creative purpose for marriage," Howell said, "Divorce is essentially our own human sinfulness. It is not God's purpose for us to sin, but when we do He forgives and receives us into His fellowship."

A total of 82 persons from 20 states attended the four-day conference sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's family ministry department. They were trained as consultants to work with churches, associations and state conventions.

"The needs of the 60 million single adults in the United States will ultimately be met by

the local church," said Horace Kerr, supervisor of the board's single and senior adult section. He challenged the consultants to "increase awareness of the need for ministry and to provide successful role models of single adult ministries."

Ann Smith, single adult consultant in the family ministry department, said the changing role of women who remain single and the expanding ministry needs of single parents are two trends impacting church ministries with single adults.

She said almost one-fourth of all households are headed by single parents and churches need to minister both to parents and children. "Churches need to provide support systems and counseling services both to non-residential and custodial parents," said Smith.

With divorced persons Howell said, not only does the church need to forgive them but the divorced persons need to recognize his own human failure and receive forgiveness.

"Some divorced persons never come to grips with the reality of their failure and receive forgiveness," he noted.

Once divorced persons have worked through the grief process of losing a mate, recognized their failure and accepted forgiveness, they should be allowed to assume positions of leadership within the church, Howell said.

He said the church needs to follow Jesus' example who ministering to single persons: "Jesus offered all people forgiveness and a new way of life. Then He loved them into being a new people when they failed to be what they should."

Sunday School, B.T.U. Congress August 10-12

BY DR. LEO WILLIAMS, JR.

The General Baptist State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress will meet in its annual session with the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, Aug. 10-12. The Rev. Dr. J. B. Humphrey is pastor of the church.

Enrollment of messengers and registration for classes will begin at 9 a.m., Aug. 10, and the opening assembly will follow at 10 a.m.

Registration goal for 1982 is 1400 Sunday Schools and Baptist Training Unions. The financial goal is \$50,000. Each church is asked to give a total of \$100 during the year for Christian education. Some churches made a \$50 contribution during the One-Day Session in February. Such churches will make another \$50 contribution in August. Information and pre-registration forms will be mailed to District Convention presidents and to Sunday School superintendents and pastors of churches. The financial goal and the registration goal are real, and they can be reached through the cooperation of presidents, pastors, superintendents, directors and church members in general.

Baptist Need A Theology Of Caring For Youth Under Stress

BY JIM LOWRY

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Researcher Merton Strommen said Baptists need to develop a theology of caring for youth who face powerful peer pressure which almost forces them into drugs, alcohol and crime.

Strommen, head of the Search Institute, Minneapolis, Minn., addressed more than 800 youth ministers attending the Youth Ministry National Conference 2.

"I feel very deeply about the kind of theology that centers on a life of caring," Strommen said. "I covet for you a ministry that is affirming, open, supportive of and centered on people."

He said ominous trends loom today in the areas of drugs, alcohol and the sexual revolution for which there is no precedence.

"Profiteering adults are placing enormous pressures on youth today by promoting drugs, alcohol and illicit sex, irrespective of the age of the youth," he explained. "This is creating emotional trauma for the youth and troubling the parents."

"Youth show the most vulnerability in the early and middle teen years. They are very vulnerable at 11 and 15.

"The average initiation age for youth trying alcohol is 13. Three-fifths of sixth-graders and four-fifths of seventh-graders sometimes drink and three out of four mothers surveyed are troubled over youth-related problems in their homes."

"The sexual revolution in particular we haven't been able to talk about in the church," added Strommen. He claimed "Three out of four teens have been involved in sexual activity."

Strommen added that juveniles account for 43 percent of serious crime in America.

Strommen called for a spirit of cooperation between denominations, and commended the concern for youth evidenced by Southern Baptist leaders.

On the final day of the conference, youth ministers heard six program leaders and Southern Baptist agency heads encourage them in their efforts to reach youth. The leaders also underscored their commitment to using the resources of their agencies in helping youth ministers.

Also in the closing session, Calvin Miller, pastor of Westside Baptist Church, Omaha, Neb., urged the ministers to be students of the Bible as well as leaders of youth and organizers of activities.

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Is Prayer Enough For Alcoholics?

Ministers Urge Changed Attitudes

BY DEBBIE BAIRD BUIE
MONTGOMERY, Ala.
(BP)—As an employer, counselor and concerned citizen, George Ricker has committed himself to helping addicted persons and their families.

"Few families are free from problems associated with alcohol," said Ricker, director of Shocco Springs Baptist Assembly near Talledega, as he spoke during the Alabama Clergy Conference on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

Ricker said he is surprised how many young people who work at the assembly during the summer are troubled about friends or family members addicted to drugs or alcohol. He said that such concerns, and the fact that he had alcoholic friends and that his father was an alcoholic, is the reason for his involvement with Alanon, a support organization for friends and families of alcoholics.

"These organizations (such as Alcoholics Anonymous) are tools," he said, explaining that the support a person receives from such groups undergirds recovery.

On the panel discussion with Ricker were pastors Chester Jernigan and Leon Harris. Jernigan, pastor of Forest Park Baptist Church in Montgomery, whose father was an al-

coholic, whose father was an alcoholic, said ministers must attitude themselves to the particular needs of their communities and churches.

"The minister needs to understand the environment to which he is called," he said, adding they must be prepared to deal with all problems, including alcoholism, which affect the congregation.

Leon Harris, pastor of Mohoba Baptist Church in Mohoba, is a full-time worker with the Southwest Alabama Council on Alcoholism.

"Throughout my ministry, I have dealt with lots of alcoholics," he said, explaining that he really didn't know how to help people with these problems except by prayer—until he realized prayer wasn't enough.

"I began to read, study, and learn more about the illness (of alcoholism), because that's what it is, an illness," he said. "I began to see it as the disease it is. I couldn't help the alcoholic until I changed (my attitude)."

The panel discussion with these pastors followed a day of learning about the disease and symptoms of chemical dependency—alcoholism and drugs.

Douglas Talbot, a physician who specializes in addictive diseases, instructed the approximately 60 church leaders on the nature of addiction.

"If the clergy remains sensitive to this disorder," he said, "then it may be the only opportunity for the person to be directed toward treatment."

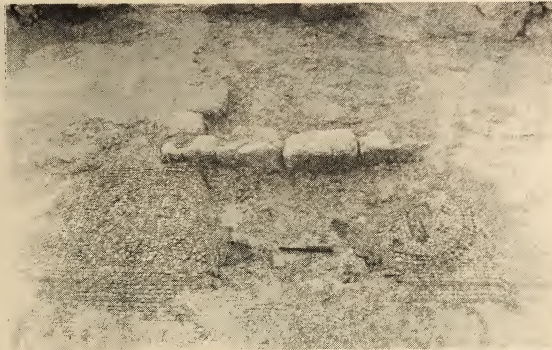
He said the disease of alcoholism most closely resembles diabetes. He also said that the clergy must examine their attitudes toward addicts.

"Would you react the same to an addict as you would to one with diabetes?" he asked. He then explained that there is a difference between an abuser and an addict.

An abuser is not necessarily an addict, he said, but an addict is definitely an abuser. Similarly, he explained that an addict isn't an abuser because he drinks too much (or takes too many drugs), but he takes too much because he is an addict.

"Alcoholism doesn't come in a bottle, but in people," he said.

According to Talbot, the capacity for addiction is inherited. The biochemical genetic defect shows up in the "X/Y" chromosomes.



ANCIENT ALTAR—The limestone base of a stone altar remains intact in the floor of an early-day monastic chapel, discovered recently by a Baylor University professor in the Negev Valley near Beersheba, Israel. Dr. Bruce Cresson, professor of religion and director of the University's Institute of Archaeology, uncovered the chapel inside an ancient monastery which dates to about AD 420-425. Embedded in the floor in front of the altar are two mosaic crosses encircled by a mosaic medallion background. (Baylor University Photo)

Monastery Discovery Will Lead To New Knowledge

A Baylor University professor recently discovered an ancient Christian monastery in Israel—one of the earliest such monasteries that have been recovered in the Holy Land.

Dr. Bruce Cresson, professor of religion and director of the University Institute of Archaeology, uncovered the monastery at Tel 'Ira in Israel along with a "beautiful little chapel" inside which bears evidence that the ancient monks were familiar with the biblical story of the apostle Peter and his denial of Christ.

This discovery in the Negev valley near Beersheba "is going to add to our knowledge of the establishment of Christianity in this area in very early centuries," Dr. Cresson said recently.

The monastic complex dates to about A.D. 420-425—within a century of the legalization of Christianity in the Roman Empire during the early 4th century.

With a team of 24 Baylor students and other archaeologists, Dr. Cresson unearthed the monks' living quarters, an entrance hallway, a foyer or anteroom to the chapel, and a small chapel with a semicircular end.

The chapel itself "is a tiny thing" measuring only about 15-20 feet wide and about 25-30 feet long, Dr. Cresson said. Near the curved end of the chapel, the limestone base of a stone altar was found intact, he said.

Embedded in the floor in front and on each end of the altar are two mosaic crosses which "obviously had been lovingly hand-laid in place piece-by-piece centuries ago," Dr. Cresson said. Each mosaic tile measures about one inch square or less.

The crosses, encircled by a mosaic medallion background, provide more evidence that this symbol of Christ was used more than 1,500 years ago, he said.

The team also discovered a seven- or eight-line Greek inscription in the mosaic floor of the foyer which indicates the monastic chapel was dedicated to St. Peter. Following the dedication is a short prayer which invokes the blessing of God on the building and its inhabitants, he said.

Located next to the inscription in the floor is a mosaic medallion which depicts two roosters, or cocks, reminiscent of the biblical account of Peter denying that he knew Christ. According to the Bible, Peter fulfilled Jesus' prediction that he would deny Jesus Christ three times before

the cocks crowed at sunrise the day Christ was crucified. The inscription and mosaic design of the two cocks indicate the early-day monks had a knowledge of the life of Peter, Dr. Cresson said.

"People in Israel are pretty excited about this," Dr. Cresson said of the designs and floor inscriptions. The Israeli Department of Antiquities has agreed to remove and restore these mosaic designs and letterings and are using as guides "some fantastic art drawings" of the designs which Baylor art student Jennifer Smith made while participating in the archaeological dig.

Other mosaic designs which the team discovered include rosettes, two palm trees, a lion, and an ibex (a long-horned animal), along with other geometric designs. In the living quarters, the group uncovered cooking pots, ovens, badly rusted knives, "lots of restorable pottery," and a "candle" stand which dates to a time before candles were used, Dr. Cresson said. "The people of this time had more of a cross between an oil lamp and candles—they used wax-coated wicks," he said.

The archaeological team also found evidence of a burial under the floor of the chapel foyer where two skeletons were found. Since they probably died on the same day, they possibly were victims of an epidemic, he said. "One of the skeletons might have belonged to the head of the monastery," he said. "We didn't try to remove the bones. We simply removed the casing over the tomb."

Discovering the tomb brought "an eerie feeling," Dr. Cresson reflected. "There's something very private about a burial. We could see with what tender loving care these had been laid to rest. I was really kind of glad, in a way, to say 'We're going to seal it back up.'"

One of the purposes of excavating these ancient sites is to "try to re-establish the lifestyle of these ancient peoples," Dr. Cresson said. "You see the remains and you mentally reconstruct what you know to have been there. It takes on a character all its own."

To the modern Christian world, the "character" of the monastery which Dr. Cresson and his team re-created at the site offers "clues to monasticism of the very early time period"—a time when legalized Christianity was still in infant stages.

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500 percent increase in the
number of black children
adopted. He attributes this
increase to the black church.

Despite the gains, there
are an estimated 100,000
black children in the United
States still seeking perma-
nent homes. In North Caro-
lina alone there are approxi-
mately 5,500 black children
in foster care homes and 505
black children legally free
for adoption.

Father Clements becomes
incensed at suggestions that
his adopted son, Joey, isn't
really "his" boy. He believes
that the divine will of God
brought him and Joey
together. But like many
black parents, contemplating
adoption struck fear into
his heart.

"I had requested a child
that nobody else wanted,"

said Father Clements, refer-
ring to a category of children
who usually turn out to be
boys, 12 or older. "And I was
afraid of getting a really
wild child."

It took six months before
the adoption was finalized,
and there were moments
when Joey would go into fits
and even vomit from talking
about his natural father. But
Father Clements said that a
trip to Africa helped open up
communication between
them.

"I do believe that I'm a
good father and I want Joey
to stay with me," he said.

Many myths are perpetu-
ated concerning adoptions,
he said. The child is often
blamed for his plight even
though he or she is the victim
of a bad situation. Then

there's the idea that adoption
implies impotency or sterility
on the part of the couple —
the macho complex, he calls
it.

Father Clements also
minimized the economic
argument against adoptions
saying that prior to
World War II there were
hardly any homeless black
children.

"We took them in," he
said. "Now we have gotten
away from our heritage."

Then people want to know
whether there will be prob-
lems.

"Whoever you bring
someone into your home — a
human being — you're
bringing some trouble," he
said. "But if we're going to
talk about the survival of our
people, we have to come

forth and claim our
children."

He said that there are
approximately 300,000 black
churches in the country and
that if only one-third would
participate in the One
Church, One Child black
adoption program, all the
black children awaiting
homes would be placed.

Since adopting Joey, 13
other priests in the Chicago
area and five nuns have
adopted children.

Persons interested in
adoption should contact their
county social service depart-
ment and consult with their
church ministers. Informa-
tion on Father Clements
program may be secured by
writing him at 607 E.
Oakwood Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

HEALTHFULLY SPEAKING

BY REGINA L. YOUNG, MPH
Sponsored by the Health and Human Services Project

Are you a good listener? I don't mean "do you hear well."
Hearing is a physiological function. It is one of the five senses.
But listening involves more than sound. It involves all the cues
you get from hearing, seeing, tasting, and feeling. Hearing is the
perception you get of a message that someone is giving you. The
message is in words. The message is in body language. The
message is in what is not said or done. You take all these things
into account if you are a good listener.

For example, if your sister walks in the door and does not
speak to you, she is giving you a message. She didn't give you a
verbal message, but her actions told you something. Did you
listen?

Your son asks you for two dollars for school supplies, as he
says it, he looks around the room, but not at you. Is his body
language telling you he may be afraid to ask you for the money?

What is the true reason he wants it? Are you listening?
You live with your uncle. He is showing signs of extreme
thirst, increased urination, fatigue, and weight loss. But when
you ask him if he's feeling well, he replies, "I feel alright." Are
you listening? Are you listening to all the cues he is giving you
about his health? Or are you hearing only his verbal reply? Will
you act based on what you "hear" (words), or will you act upon
the totality of the message you received when you "listened"?

When it comes to the health of someone you love, you must
guard it dearly. You must pay attention to all the signs of
oncoming illness, you must "listen" to that other person's
physical being. But also, you must "listen" to all the preventive
health information that is available to you, so you can help your
loved ones stop an illness before it develops into a serious
condition.

A good listener also makes a good communicator. Being able
to listen and understand others enables you to understand their
point of view in a way they will understand. And it better enables
you to advise others.

So work hard and being a good listener. And you your loved
ones will surely profit from the effort!

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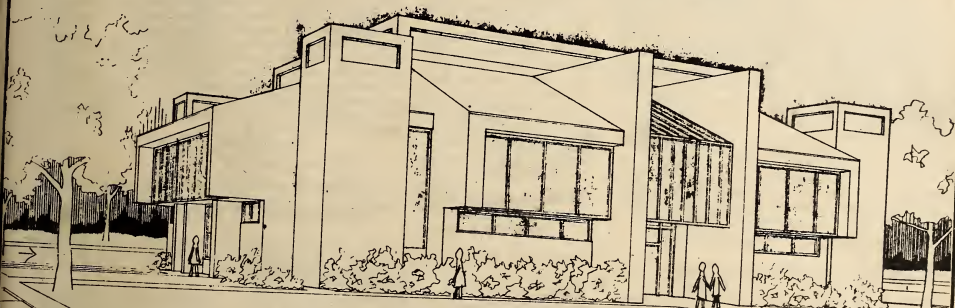
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The New BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS BUILDING



Dr. C. C. Craig, GBSC executive secretary-treasurer, urges each member of the Convention to encourage members contributing 50 or more will have his or her name recorded in the Headquarters book of memory. And Don't forget that September has been set aside for this purpose. (See Page 2)

Tight Financial Market Makes Churches

Create \$\$\$\$\$\$ For Buildings

BY CHARLES WILLIS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—An erratic national money market is causing many churches to employ creative methods of financing buildings, not unlike the creative efforts of earlier generations, according to Baptist architectural consultant.

Churches are looking toward fund raising, church bonds, membership loans and volunteer builders to escape high interest rates and unpredictable adjustments in loan costs.

"Today, many churches that need to build find the financing situation frustrating and hopeless," said George Fletcher, a consultant with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church architecture department. "Before the financial crunch, most churches could afford a debt of approximately 35 percent of their income. These same churches can now afford a debt of only 20 to 25 percent of their income. In many situations, this is not enough money to construct the needed building."

Recounting the history of church financing in light of today's needs, Fletcher pointed to a variety of financing methods. "In the early years, churchmen cut the necessary number of trees, brought them to the building site, peeled off the bark, sketched the logs and erected the building," he said. "The most skilled person in the congregation was elected construction supervisor."

As "portable sawmills" became available, each landowner donated trees for the project, and a committee bartered for the trees to be sawed into lumber. Most often, the sawmill owner got one log for each two he sawed into lumber for the church. Shingles for the roof were also cut from the donated trees.

"About the only cash needed was for nails," Fletcher observed, "and a special offering was taken for this." Men of the church donated most of the labor, including hand-planing the rough lumber.

But after World War II, fewer landowners wanted cash instead of lumber in trade for their services. Cash was more plentiful than in earlier years, and bank loans to churches became obtainable at two or three percent interest. With money this easily available, most churches ceased raising money in advance or seeking donated building materials from members. A building loan could be paid off in equal monthly payments for ten years.

"The increasing cost of building was always relative to the local and national economy," Fletcher said. "Buildings were costing more, but people were earning more money and could afford to pay higher building costs."

By the 1960s, some churches became concerned about borrowing all money needed for building and began special

fund-raising funds to do the job for them. To help these churches, the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, with support and cooperation of the BSSB's church architecture department, had begun a fund-raising program of its own. By 1964, the title "Together We

Build" was officially adopted to identify the program.

"Churches that had become accustomed to simply borrowing funds for building were totally unprepared for the sudden change in the money market in 1979 and

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Laymen's Retreat In Laurel Hill

The State Laymen's League of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is sponsoring its Annual Youth Retreat Friday and Saturday, Aug. 13 and 14, 1982.

The program will begin at noon on Friday with a period of registration and fellowship. Laymen's Leagues sending youth delegates are urged to begin early so that registration of all delegates might begin on time.

The agenda is packed with Christian education and recreational experiences. The theme for this year is "Developing into a Loyal Follower of Jesus Christ." The retreat will feature training experiences for adult laymen in an effort to ready them for youth stewardship in the Christian experience.

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Observations From The EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, and Presidents of District Associations and Conventions and Members of the General Baptist Family:

Your liberal contributions along with your best wishes, prayers and cooperation make it possible for the General Baptist State Convention to move in a progressive way toward achieving its financial goal of \$1,378,047.54 for the fiscal year 1981-82. We have done well thus far in honoring our commitments to our objectives. The fiscal year for Shaw University and the Divinity School closed on June 30. However, Shaw University and the Divinity School must have our continued support for survival. We are now in the process of honoring our commitment to Foreign Missions during the month of July. We hope to reach our goal for State Missions and the Central Orphanage during the month of August.

We urge each pastor to put forth every effort to lead his church to give the total suggested quota for all objectives on or before Aug. 31. Certificates will be given to all pastors and churches in the annual session who have met their suggested quotas.



C. C. CRAIG

BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS MONTH

Support Your Building! Give \$5

We would like for all of our pastors and members to be reminded of the fact that because of the growth of our Convention, our Baptist Headquarters Building is inadequate to meet the needs of our expanding program.

The month of September has been designated as Baptist Headquarters month. Therefore, we are asking each pastor to encourage each church member to contribute five dollars or more toward the construction of a new Baptist Headquarters building at a cost of \$1,000,000. With a contribution of five dollars from our more than 350,000 Baptists, we can build a new Baptist Headquarters building free of debt and not interfere with the support of our gifts to Missions and Christian Education.

Each person who gives five or more dollars will have his or her name recorded in the Headquarters book of memory and a copy of this book will be kept in the archive at the Baptist Headquarters building. A contribution of \$5 or more may be given in memory of a beloved one.

Although September has been designated as Baptist Headquarters month, we would like for you to start your effort at any time you wish. If you have not received your envelopes and report forms for this special effort, you may notify our office immediately.

STAGES IN DISCIPLESHIP

There are three basic stages in the development of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

First, there is the spiritual infancy stage, a time when we take our first tottering steps toward God, the steps of belief, repentance, and baptism.

Second, there is the maturing stage, a time of growing up in the Lord. There are the years of scripture study and getting grounded in the faith. I suppose this stage never ends, for sanctification is a second-birth-to-death process.

Third, there is the ministering stage when we come to the place where we turn outward from self to others. It is a summit of discipleship where we don't wait to be ministered unto but where we delight in serving others, bearing their burdens, and caring in love. "Serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13). By this will all men know that we are Jesus' disciples.

We are most like Jesus Christ when we are seeing to the needs of others. Once an entire African tribe which had rejected the gospel for many years suddenly was converted en masse. Missionaries asked why, and the natives answered, "We heard the story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples." The world is not always attracted to our spiritual talk or our churchgoing or our piety, but is moved by our selfless service and compassionate caring.

Which stage are you in?

Calamity Jane was the nickname of an American frontierswoman named Martha Jane Canary. One legend says that she earned her nickname by warning men that to offend her was to court calamity.

LETTERS Prisoner Speaks

Dear Editor:

I, Joseph R. Monroe, am writing in hopes that you will find a space in your paper to publish the article I'm submitting called "Stop Gossip." I've been imprisoned since Jan. 19 and have heard all sorts of debates about other people's business, none of which were supported by facts. This brings me to the point of my article (See "Stop Gossip" in this issue).

I hope by your printing this article that many, many people who love to repeat things they hear without supportive facts, will read, that much disturbance that is going on now in our churches, communities and local, state and federal governments and even the world, might come to a halt. Making our environments much better to live in.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what this column says.
—JOSEPH R. MONROE

Candidate Endorsed

Dear Sir:

Because of the interest of the Roanoke, West Roanoke and Northampton Associations in the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and our desire to be represented on the official staff of the Convention, we are endorsing the nomination of Dr. H. L. Mitchell of Gatesville as Third Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

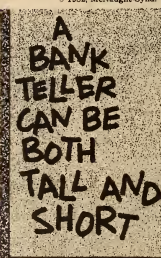
Dr. Mitchell is now serving as Fourth Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention. You will be receiving very shortly information regarding his many services.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. J. W. Law, Moderator
West Roanoke Association

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West Roanoke Association

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Puerto Rico is more densely populated than Japan.

Inmate Makes Plea To STOP GOSSIP!

Here are three simple rules that will help you stop gossip. First, before you repeat anything about anyone, ask yourself, "Do I have the facts?" If not, what you say may not be true. You will be spreading rumors. God commands you to "prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

Second, before you repeat anything you have heard about anyone, ask yourself, "Can I tell this thing in the presence of the person involved?" If you cannot, then you should not tell it in his absence. In other words, don't say anything about anyone that you would not be willing to say to that person's face. Christ said only the merciful shall obtain mercy (Matthew 5:7). But how can you be merciful if you spread rumors about your neighbor? Christ also said that the peacemakers shall be called the sons of God (Matthew 5:9). A gossipier is not a peacemaker.

The third rule is just as simple as the first two. After you have obtained all the facts and after you have ascertained, in all honesty, that you can repeat in the presence of the person involved what you have heard about him, ask yourself, "Will saying this do any good? Will it help? Is it really beneficial?"

If the answer to any of these questions is no, DON'T REPEAT WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD!!

Prayerfully and Respectfully

Submitted,
Joseph R. Monroe

National Trip Planned

The General Baptist State Convention has made arrangements for transportation on Delta Airlines to attend the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., meeting in Miami Beach, Fla., Sept. 6-10, 1982.

Our planes will depart the Raleigh-Durham Airport and the Douglas Airport, Charlotte, on Monday, Sept. 6, and will return on Friday, Sept. 10.

At present, our round-trip fare is \$415 for double occupancy. This amount includes transportation from the airport to the hotel, baggage handling, and room at the Fontainebleau Hilton Hotel. For those persons who desire a private room, the round-trip fare is \$525.

Please fill out the form below and return it to our office with a deposit of \$200 by July 5, and the balance is due by Aug. 2, 1982. Make all checks or money orders payable to the General Baptist State Convention for plane.

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Red Mountain Dedicates New Facilities

ROUGE-MONT—A service of dedication was held for the New Red Mountain Baptist Church sanctuary and fellowship hall in Rougemont on Sunday, July 18, the Rev. Cureton L. Johnson, pastor.

Located in northern Durham County between the cities of Durham and Roxboro, the church was formerly called Red Mountain Baptist. The new \$200,000 facility features seating for 300 at worship, a cathedral ceiling, stained glass windows, a baptistry, a bell tower named in honor of the builder (Longworth Johnson Parker, a New Red Mountain member), a fellowship hall seating 200 for banquets, and expanded parking facilities. The new church was built onto

the existing educational wing of the church, which was constructed in the 1950s.

Dr. Paul H. Johnson, pastor of the Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh, a 60-voice chorale, deacons, trustees, ushers and other accompanying members conducted the 3 p.m. dedicatory service.

Dr. Johnson's message was "Hold Up Your Corner," taken from Mark 2:1-5. He asked the more than 300 worshippers packed into the new edifice, "What would have happened if one of the four men bearing the man sick of the palsy (on his pallet) had dropped his corner?" Dr. Johnson then urged all members of New Red Mountain Baptist to do their part in the progress of the church and in fulfilling its mission.

Martin Street Baptist Deacon Thomas E. Kee beautifully and powerfully sang "Bless This House" after the message. After the formal act of dedi-

cation, Dr. Johnson took charge of the dedicatory offering, which exceeded \$1400. Donations of over \$600 were received from Martin Street Baptist members, including a \$300 check that was collected during the 11 a.m. worship service as their missionary offering. The dedication offering will be used to purchase hymn books.

Pastor Cureton Johnson thanked Martin Street and New Red Mountain members for an extraordinarily enjoyable day. The son of Dr. Johnson, the New Red Mountain pastor has served the Rougemont community for two years.

The New Red Mountain committee, Sis. Jessie Turrentine, chairperson, led more than 500 people for dinner between the 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. services in the new fellowship hall, named in memory of an exemplary deceased church trustee, Elijah B. Bass.



The New Red Mountain Baptist Church in Rougemont, the Reverend Cureton Johnson, pastor, dedicated its new church Sunday, July 18. Dr. Paul H. Johnson, pastor of the Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh, was the guest speaker. Longworth Parker Construction Co. of Durham was the general contractor and Samuel C. Hodges Jr. of Durham was the architect.

Church Circuit

Rev. E.B. Garrett Installed At First Baptist Church, Lexington

Sunday, May 30, marked a new era in the history of the First Baptist Church of Lexington as the church installed its eleventh pastor, Rev. Ernest B. Garrett.

Rev. Garrett comes to Lexington after having served as pastor of the China Grove Baptist Church of Fayetteville and the First Baptist Church of Ingold. Installation services were observed from Monday, May 24, through Friday, May 28, with services rendered by the local churches of the Rowan

Association. On Saturday, May 29, a banquet was held in honor of the new pastor with city officials giving greetings from Lexington along with other friends from across the state and country. On Sunday, May 30, First Baptist was pleased to have as its guest preacher for the morning Dr. James Z. Alexander, whose sermon topic was "The Temptation of Jesus."

At 5 p.m., the installation service began with Rev. John D. Fuller and his congregation of Lewis Chapel Baptist Church of Fayetteville as guests. Rev. Gilbert Campbell was the presiding officiant for the

occasion. Rev. A. D. Logan brought greetings on behalf of the General Baptist State Convention. Rev. L. J. Westbrook of Hendersonville introduced the preacher for the afternoon. Rev. Fuller brought a great message, pointing out three important things that a pastor should do. They are: (1) pray, (2) visit, and (3) study. He concluded by saying, "All of this enables the man of God to preach the gospel. To preach it in season and out of season."

The "charge to the church" was given by Rev. H. B. Waiters of Salisbury. The "charge to the pastor" was given by Rev.

Peter Holland of Kannapolis. The prayer of installation was given by Rev. Benjamin F. Daniels of Winston-Salem. The new pastor was greeted by fellow brethren of the clergy. Other clergy participants were Rev. William Marable of Clinton, Rev. Jimmie Gilchrist of Lumberton and Rev. A. T. Evans, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Lexington.

Judge: "The two men were fighting with chairs. Didn't you try to establish peace?"

Witness: "No, there wasn't a third chair."

Shaw Leaders Conf. August 13

Aug. 13-14 are the dates for the Shaw Divinity School's Fifth Annual Christian Leadership Workshops for church secretaries/church clerks, deacons, church music leaders and concerned Christians. The two-day event will be held in the Student Union Building on the Shaw University campus, Raleigh.

Registration will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 13, followed by a banquet at 7 p.m. The Rev. Clifford Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church, Clinton, is banquet speaker. Registration on Saturday, Aug. 14, will begin at 8:30 a.m. with program proceedings beginning at 9:30 a.m. with a general

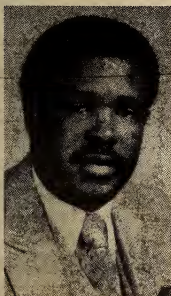
assembly. Three workshop sessions for each group will be conducted from 10 to 11 a.m.; 11 a.m. to 12 noon; and 1-2 p.m. The concluding hour between 2-3 p.m. will be a general assembly for group reports.

The consultant for church secretaries/clerks will be Dr. Johnnie B. McLeister, professional guidance counselor and past president of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention. The consultant for deacons will be Rev. William Brock, pastor of New Providence Baptist Church, Fuquay-Varina, and instructor in urban studies, Shaw Divinity School. Mrs. Willie Jordan-Williams, concert artist and

music educator, will be the consultant for church music leaders.

The full cost of the two-day conference is \$35. This figure includes registration, the banquet, overnight lodging in Shaw University dormitories on Friday, breakfast and lunch on Saturday. The cost for attendance on Saturday only is \$25. This figure covers registration and lunch on Saturday. Participation in the banquet only requires a donation of \$10.

All inquiries about the program should be directed to Dr. James Z. Alexander, dean of academic affairs, Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh. Phone (919) 755-4346.



REV. GARRETT

Rev. Faison Installed At Rolesville

Rev. Leonard R. Faison of Clinton was recently elected pastor of Roseville Baptist Church of Willard. He came to Roseville from St. Mark's of Fayetteville. His work experience includes associate minister of Poplar Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Faison, Chapel Hill Baptist Church of Autryville, and Ward's Baptist Church of Harrell's.

The installation sermon for Rev. Faison was delivered by Rev. Clifford Jones, pastor of First Baptist, Clinton.



REV. FAISON

Woman's Page

Thanks For Great Session

New Budget Revealed

BY EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY BRODIE

At this time we do wish to praise and express to all of you who were led by the Spirit of God to share with us, the Woman's Convention, that we might share with others. We are grateful also for your songs, your prayers, your testimonies, your finance and your presence at the 98th Session in Winston-Salem. Certainly God blessed us in many ways. And now that we have returned home, may we serve, witness, teach, proclaim, fellowship and even worship as we have never done that the world may know that God does reign still though her ways still deny Him Savior and Lord.

To Emmanuel Baptist Church and Dr. S. W. Mack, pastor, our Woman's Convention extends a most sincere appreciation for your zealous service as our host. Also do we express gratitude to the staff and committee persons who served during our annual session. Let us always remember that in order to do God's mission well, we need forever look to Him and work together and not



DR.
BRODIE

fragmentarily. For this year we have a greater work before us than ever before. Will we arise to the occasion or will we shrink from the change as well as challenge?

For the fiscal year of 1981-82, we reached and exceeded our budget of \$314,521, for according to our receipts and disbursements, the amount of funds was \$332,065.22. Our suggested goal for this fiscal year is \$382,066 in the amount of \$39,882.41 for Foreign Missions, \$30,182.43 for the Central Orphanage, \$43,582.41 for Shaw University, \$25,982.52 for the Shaw Divinity School, \$22,000.00 for the Baptist Assembly and \$220,436.22 for State Missions.

At the present, we are not in the third month of the new fiscal year. Should you wonder what to share with the recipients, we should say share more, even much more than you shared last year. Do remember that it is in giving that one receives. However, the following suggestions may help you choose your gift for this year: \$0-100, \$100-300, \$300-600, \$600-800, \$800-1,000, \$1,000-2,500, \$2,500-4,000, or \$4,000-5,000. Which of these will you choose or will you give more? Remember that in giving that one receives and that God loves a cheerful giver. What has God shared with you today? Will you not share with Him?

Family Missions Conference Is Set

BY MISS AUGUSTA WHITE

All families from all over North Carolina are urged to attend the Third Annual Family Missions Conference sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina on Saturday, Sept. 25. The theme for the conference is "God's Word: The Open Door To Family Unity."

This conference will focus on family unity and will feature two outstanding consultants who will explore the following topics with the participants: "What Christianity Means to the Family's Mental Health" and "The Christian Family Relating to Teenage Pregnancy." The guest consultants for the conference will be Mrs. Ethel Jackson, instructor, Health Education, School of Public Health, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; and William P. Wilson, M.D., director of the program for the Study of Christianity in

Medicine for Duke University Medical Center.

The guest minister will be Rev. Norman T. Davis, pastor of Bazel Creek Baptist Church, Fuquay.

As you prepare to attend the Family Missions Conference, examine the open door policy in your family to see how strong the members are bound together by Christian love, devotion, sincerity, understanding, trust, honesty and confidence. Are the teenagers in your family willing to confide in you and discuss their problems?

Read and discuss Deuteronomy 6:7 and Ephesians 4:1-3 as you travel to Raleigh. Write your questions down and be ready to ask your consultants for answers.

Open your eyes, open mind and a willing heart to seek and find the good that enhances and enriches your life. Are you praying for a door to open in your family which will lead to

Missionary Leadership Workshop Notes

Tips For Presidents

BY MRS. THELMA C. HORTON, GOLDSBORO
PURPOSE: To give helpful information to the presidents about how to better perform their duties.
INTRODUCTION: Jesus said: "My meat is to do the will of my Father and finish the work." (John 4:34). Our world is filled with millions of unsaved persons, dying from sin, simply because they have not accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Therefore, the first duty of a missionary president is to be genuinely concerned about the unsaved; those God loved so much that "He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16b).

Secondly, a president should have a conviction, firmly believing that the unfinished work (Jesus spoke of) can best be implemented as he/she submits his/her will to the will of God. This will prepare the president for the acceptance of many challenges that will accompany his/her office. His/her acceptance of this challenge carries with it an earnest Christian responsibility to do a good job according to God's will.

If a president of a local Circle, County Union or Auxiliary wants to do a good job and give leadership according to God's will, there are several things she must do:

1. Examine his/her attitude and actions, measuring them with God's Word. His/her motives in all things must be pure and wholesome.
2. Be aware of the fine qualities as well as the shortcomings of every member:
 - a. Talented and well-educated members who can add to the success of the organization.
 - b. Wiling members who will always say "yes" when others refuse to help.
 - c. Thoughtful members who radiate kindness, doing many little things to lighten the load.
 - d. Devoted, hard-working members who are always there, making the president's job a pleasure.
 - e. Tactful members who know how to smooth out the awkward situations that sometimes arise from misunderstandings and/or "hind-sight."
3. Find or gang members who are always together, right or wrong; looking and making critical signs as a way of showing their disapproval.
4. Trouble-making members (slime-potters) who love to stir up trouble, dealing in negatives and gossip.
5. Dictatorial or bossy members who object to every idea that does not originate with them.
 - i. Alarming members who blow up everything out of proportion, making it appear worse.
6. Overcome the fears and apprehensions that generate mistrust, keeping the president and the members apart. They must develop a strong "team spirit," learning to rely on each other, trusting God and obeying His will. This is the firm foundation needed to "finish the work."
7. Know what your Woman's Convention has to say about your duties:
 - a. Preside at the meetings.
 - b. Serve as liaison between the organization (Circle) and the Woman's Baptist State

- c. Convention.
- d. Appoint circle committees not otherwise provided.
- e. Keep members of the Circle informed and involved in circle activities.
- f. Attend meetings of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention.
- g. Lead the Circle in being involved in missions.
- h. Keep the program of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention before circle members and encourage them to attend Conventional meetings.
- i. See that the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention's report blanks are sent regularly.
- j. Seek counsel and cooperation of the pastor in setting goals for the objectives, in planning and promoting the Convention's program.
- k. Lead the Circle to foster Youth and Young Adult Departments.
- l. Lead in maintaining a graded Youth Department according to the grouping of the Youth in the Handbook and Study guide. Serve as ex-officio member of committees.
- m. Work toward achieving Recognitions of Honor from the Woman's Convention.
- n. Cooperate with officers and Committee Chairmen.

This information can be found in the Handbook and Study Guide for Missionary Baptist Women (page 21) published by the Woman's Convention.

5. Try to abide by the Ten Commandments for Presiding Officers:

1. Be well groomed. The assurance that comes from looking your best will be worth the time and effort involved.
2. Keep calm at all times. When an issue arises and others are losing their heads, keep your cool and calm.
3. Be businesslike. The shortest route to harmony is a businesslike manner of conducting the activities of a group.
4. Study parliamentary procedure. Every presiding officer should be acquainted with the rudimentary laws of directing a business meeting.
5. Know the bylaws. Great embarrassment may result from ignorance of your organization's constitution and bylaws. Be informed!
6. Be courteous. Your manners are the mode for the behavior of every woman or man in the group. Courtesy begets courtesy.
7. Be appreciative. Words of praise and encouragement from you will stimulate even the most complacent committees.
8. Be tactful. "The tongue can no one tame," but try hard while you are presiding! Uphold the dignity of your office by keeping your poise.
9. Be timely. Punctuality of arrival is important, but timely starting and stopping of the business meeting are of utmost importance. Don't let a meeting lag!
10. Be Christlike. Christ is your model of perfection. Try to achieve to His measure of gentleness, kindness, humility, and love for others.

greater happiness and fulfillment for each member? The promise is, "Knock, and it will be opened to you." Has life presented your family with a door that members are hesitant to enter because it may mean a different way of life for each family member? Know that through God's word, prayer and

Christian unity, all doors will be opened for you.

See you Saturday, Sept. 25, at First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church on Cross Link Road, Raleigh, Dr. W. B. Lewis, host pastor.

Human beings are the only animals that can blush.

Feelin' Good

You can get lockjaw from any injury that breaks your skin, such as a small splinter. Keep your tetanus shots up to date and be safe.

Deep River Youth Host 400 For Vibrant Retreat

BY DR. JOSEPH C. PAIGE
PITTSBORO—"The devil comes to steal our bodies, our minds, and our souls, but Christ comes to give us life and to give it in all its fullness," Rev. Gregory T. Headen, pastor of First Baptist Church, New Hill, told an unprecedented record crowd of nearly 400 persons—children of all ages and their parents, deacons and trustees and other church leaders, pastors and their wives and children—at the First Annual Youth Retreat, sponsored by the Youth Development Association, June 26 in cooperation with the Department of Christian Education.

Observers believe that it was not only the largest gathering of youth in the history of the association, but one of the largest gatherings in the history of the association.

Speaking to an enthusiastic crowd of Christian believers on the theme, "A Complete Life Through Jesus Christ," Rev. Headen's text was taken from John 10:10: "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go out and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

There was something for everyone of all ages, from toddlers to senior citizens, in the group discussions and at the Bray Park picnic grounds.

The retreat was initially planned for the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, but it was necessary to split the overflow crowd, sending more than 100 teenage participants, discussion leaders and adult resource persons to nearby Corinth A.M.E. Zion Church, where Rev. Theodore Tyson is pastor.

Mrs. Patience Knight of First Baptist Church, Pittsboro, was in charge of the toddlers and nursery section, with 22 in attendance.

Mrs. Martener Ephraim, Mrs. Freda Funderburk and Mrs. Delphine Taylor were in charge of the 5-11 age group, with 52 persons in attendance.

PLANS

Plans are now being made for conferences during the summer or early fall in each of the four geographical regions and for a general Youth Convention, to be held in September or October, 1982, or early spring, 1983. A second annual Youth Retreat is being planned for June 25, 1983.

In addition, it is planned to organize an association-wide youth choir, under the direction

of Mrs. Vondra Jones, director of music, to sing at the annual youth activities, union meetings, and related functions. Mrs. Jones has responsibility for organizing, coordinating, training and directing the youth choir.

It is also planned to publish a quarterly newsletter and an annual report.

Youth are also being encouraged to participate in local Sunday School and BTU activities, and in the Deep River Institutes.

Black Star Drops Football

BY DAVID CHANCEY
FORT WORTH, TEX. (BP)—To the general public, Bob Fowler was a star.

To sportswriters, he was God's gift to Northern Arizona University... a super football running back expected to lead the university to the top of the Big Sky Conference.

The expectations were well-founded. As a freshman, the young black athlete rushed for more than 1,000 yards and was named conference "back of the week" several times. As a sophomore, he again broke the 1,000-yard mark.

His third season, he ran for another 1,339 yards with a year of eligibility to go and he

already owned conference and school marks for number of carries and for rushing yardage.

Then he quit the team.

Fowler, now a master of divinity student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, wanted to devote full time to his studies so he could prepare himself for the ministry he felt God calling him to.

Actually, Fowler had resigned once before, at the end of his freshman year, though for a different (but related) reason.

"I had become very frustrated and confused," he said. "I was getting attention in the press, but I felt as though no one cared for me as an individual. I was more than an athlete. I was a person, but nobody was appreciating me as a person. So, I quit the team."

Fowler returned home to Tucson, but after a few days his father told him he "needed to

Laymen's Retreat Coming

The training staff is headed by Bro. Frank Marshall, a layman from Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Asheville.

The purpose of the retreat is to provide boys and young men with Christian information needed for more solid Christian development. The retreat is also designed to express the direction and purpose of Christian stewardship to boys and youth leaders of local Laymen's Leagues throughout the state.

The retreat will end at 6 p.m. Saturday. Registration is \$15 per person.

get a job, go to school or do something" if he was not going to play football.

Fowler left the house "for about 12 hours"—an episode that became the most significant of his life. As he drove around town, he found himself in the parking lot of a Baptist church conducting revival services.

Fowler became a Christian that night. "I was still confused about it all, but I knew God would help me," he said. "I can't explain it, but I immediately felt that someday I would preach."

Fowler started school again, his scholarship was reinstated, and he played football for two more seasons. He also became active in campus ministries and in a local church.

"We started a Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter through which four guys became Christians," he said. "We also began 20 dorm Bible studies through the Baptist Student Union."



Historians say Africans were using iron when European people were still in the Stone Age.

Family Missions Conference



WHAT: Family Missions Conference
WHEN: Saturday, September 25, 1982
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
WHERE: First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church
Dr. W. S. Lewis, Pastor
1545 Cross Link Road, Raleigh, N.C.

FOR WHOM: All persons interested in the Christian family: Youth, Young Adults, and Seniors

REGISTRATION FEE: None. However, envelopes will be given to individual families to give a missions-in-action offering.

SUGGESTION: It is suggested that as an offering each family give a tenth of its weekly income, including the children's allowances. It's your CHOICE to give as God has indicated or your own way. Why not give this tenth and see how God blesses those who give His way?

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Youth Day Nets \$2,998 At Sandy Grove

ROXOBEL—Sandy Grove Baptist Church, Roxobel, held their annual Youth Day service on Sunday, July 18. Speaker for the service was their pastor, Rev. Lycurgus Harrell. He spoke on "Being Born Into God's Church." Miss Vassie Goocham was crowned Miss Sandy Branch during the services. Youth Day offering was \$2,998.05. Sandy Branch is a growing church with God as its leader and protector.

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BOOKS

Spreading Gospel To The Mentally Handicapped

"When mentally handicapped children and adults are presented with the Gospel on a level they can understand, their lives are changed."

This statement by the authors of "Teach Me, Please Teach Me" (Cook, \$6.95) reflects the determination and optimism each has about the task of teaching the retarded in the local church.

Dorothy Clark, Jane Dahl, and Lois Gozenbach have more than 15 years of experience and specialized training between them. Based on this experience, in "Teach Me, Please Teach Me," they present a program for teaching the retarded

simple Biblical truths.

Using Jesus' teaching methods as an example, the authors show how familiar objects—something the student can see, touch, or feel—can be related to a Bible truth. The student then begins to understand the truth, and can be helped to apply it to daily living.

"Teach Me, Please Teach Me" includes 12 complete lessons, each with a follow-up session to reinforce the material learned in that lesson.

In this expanded edition of the book originally published in 1974, a detailed listing of the religious curriculum resources presently available for teaching the retarded is included, with information on price and format, age and skill levels, and a description of each curriculum's distinctive features.

Charles Lee Feinberg, professor emeritus at Talbot Theological Seminary, says in the preface, "Work on behalf of the mentally retarded has not received the measure of attention it justly deserves in the church..." ("Teach Me, Please Teach Me") clearly a work of love for the handicapped.

Logan Carson At Atlanta Confab

BLIND Christians Must Be Accepted Into Full Fellowship

BY JIM NEWTON
ATLANTA (BP)—Most Christians view blind people as socially inferior, professionally incompetent and personally incapable, a blind Baptist college professor charged during a national conference on blind ministry.

Charles Melton, professor of Bible and religious education at Clarke College, Newton, Miss., told about 85 participants in the conference that such views are distorted and there must be a change of attitude before blind ministries can be effective.

Among local churches, so many Baptists feel blind persons are socially inferior that they fail to win blind persons to salvation in Jesus Christ, Melton said. Even those blind who do accept Christ are seldom accepted into full participation in the congregation, he added.

Because of the attitudes of sighted Baptists toward them, few blind people show interest in spiritual matters or being

members of the church, Melton observed.

In another address, Berthold Lowenfeld, a leading authority on blind ministries and retired superintendent of the California School for the Blind, traced the history of attitudes toward the blind from prehistoric times to modern civilization.

"Loss of sight has always been considered the most tragic and disabling affliction next to death itself," Lowenfeld said.

"Most sighted people perceive blind people as helpless and miserable, and show pity and oversolicitude toward people they consider inferior."

Lowenfeld said other common attitudes include fear of becoming involved with blind persons and guilt because they wonder, "Why is he blind and not I?"

In a second address, Melton called for Baptists to develop a theology for ministry to more than 600,000 totally blind persons in the United States and 5.8 million legally and functionally blind Americans.

"Blind ministry is absolutely, theologically sound and mandated," Melton said. "It is both implicit and explicit in the Bible, for Jesus demonstrated blind ministry personally," Melton said.

The motive for such ministry must be Christ's love for and acceptance of all people, Melton added, and must not be condescending, paternalizing or patronizing.

Melton said Baptists are in a dilemma, because blind ministries cannot be developed without education materials, and there is no need or market for such materials until churches change attitudes and request the materials.

Cecil Etheredge, national blind ministries consultant for the SBC Home Mission Board, announced the board will produce a new blind ministries manual for SBC churches in October to coincide with new Sunday School Board materials.

In this meeting, the first national conference of its kind, "We have sought to give high visibility" of blind persons, Etheredge said. Of the 11 speakers and musicians on the program, seven were blind.

While Etheredge decried the attitude of sighted persons toward the blind, comparing such attitudes to those of whites toward blacks in the early 1950s and 1960s, he pointed out the program was held to allow blind Baptists to express their feelings toward Baptist leaders who for too long have dragged their feet in developing effective blind ministries.

"You have said volumes to us," Etheredge said. But he also urged blind Baptists to "leave behind their own attitudes toward the sighted which are negative and destructive. We must work together if we are to be effective."

In addition to the two major addresses by Melton, other blind speakers included Jay Waugh, president of the Jay Waugh Evangelistic Association and field consultant for North Carolina Baptists; Logan Carson, professor at Gardner Webb College, Boiling Springs, N.C.; Edwin Wilson, executive director of Christian Education for the Blind, Fort Worth, Texas; and Mrs. Alvin Wynn, former school teacher, Jacksonville, Fla.

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FREE DEMONSTRATIONS TO CHURCHES

St. Delight Takes Bus To Picnic

BY MINERVA EVANS

WALSTONBURG—On Saturday, July 17, the pastor, his wife, and members of St. Delight Missionary Church of Walstonburg, loaded a bus for a trip to the All-Baptist Assembly at Laurel Hill for the family picnic.

We arrived at 10:05 a.m. and prepared for the worship service at 11 a.m.

A call to worship was made by President Thelma Horton, presiding. Opening song by St. Delight choir was followed by the invocation by Rev. Theodore Breeden. The hymn, "How Great Thou Art" was followed by Dr. Priscilla Brodie leading in responsive reading. Prayer was by Bro. Michael Battle and President Horton introduced the minister, Rev. Roosevelt Taylor of La Grange.

The inspirational song was "God Will Take Care of You." Rev. Taylor chose for his text Matthew 14:16-21, and his theme was "Little Things Mean a Lot." After the service, the members gathered on the grounds for the picnic, which was very enjoyable. We arrived back at St. Delight around 5:30 p.m. and had a safe trip.

Graduation Ceremony

The Health and Human Services Project Will Have a Special Graduation Ceremony For the Participants of the Health Training Classes On:

Friday, August 6, 1982

at

First Baptist Church, Wilmington Street
Raleigh, North Carolina, Reverend C. W. Ward,
Pastor

Time: 7:30 p.m.

The Guest Speaker Will Be Dr. A. D. Moseley,
Co-Chairman of the Special Concerns and Political
Action Committee, General Baptist State
Convention of N. C.

Creative Stewards Solve Building Dilemmas

Fletcher observed, "When interest jumped dramatically from nine to nearly 20 percent, banks began some 'floating interest rate.'"

Some found that even if they borrowed an amount of money on a monthly payments could be used, an upward adjustment in the rate a few months later could payments beyond the church's to pay.

Fletcher notes that some churches turning to sources and methods of financing that have built-in safeguards against fluctuating costs.

Raising: Many churches are going all efforts to raise money through "Together We Build" and

"Building for Today's Challenge" programs. Some churches are raising 50 to 75 percent of the needed funds, and a few are raising the total amount.

"Every dollar the church raises saves between \$2.50 and \$3 in payback interest," Fletcher said. "This method of financing is similar to the one used by our forefathers. Instead of giving trees, members give their dollars."

Church Bonds: Bonds are coming to the forefront as a desirable method of financing because they can be offered at several percentage points below bank interest rates. Payback interest rates are fixed for the life of the bond.

"Even though bond interest rates are lower than bank loan rates, they are still high enough to be a good investment for

church members and other interested persons," said Fletcher.

Membership Loans: Churches can determine the amount of money to borrow and invite members to loan the money out of their savings. A legal contract and a payback schedule is drawn up for each member granting a loan.

"By this method," Fletcher observed, "all members are given an opportunity to lend according to their abilities."

Volunteer Builders: The trend toward volunteer building teams who donate time and labor to churches other than their own is gaining momentum. In many cases, large churches assist smaller churches through such a program.

"For most building projects the con-

struction costs are 40 percent for materials and 60 percent for labor," Fletcher said. "Therefore, these volunteer teams have, in effect, financed 60 percent of the building project."

While it is a discouraging reality that churches may never again obtain money easily for building projects, the fact remains that growing churches must have adequate space for persons they hope to reach, teach, win and train.

"The financial dilemma is not all bad," Fletcher said. "It will bring with it a renewed stewardship commitment on the part of church members. The end result will be churches that continue to meet their building needs with a more committed membership."

Lott Carey Meets In Norfolk

According to the office of the Lott Carey Baptist Convention's headquarters, Washington, D. C., Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, executive secretary-treasurer, reports that the 85th Annual Session of this historic convention will be held in Norfolk, Va., Aug. 30-Sept. 3.

The host church will be the Shiloh Baptist Church, Norfolk pastor, John H. Carter, is also president of the Virginia Baptist State Convention.

The headquarters for the SOMERVILLE session will be at the Omni International Hotel and the Holiday Inn-Scope. Both of these hotels are completely booked for this huge delegation.

In the meantime, rooms are still available at the following hotels:

Hotel Madison, Quality Inn, Sheraton Inn.

The high premium on the

agenda for this noteworthy convocation will give the delegates the opportunity to appraise and review the global mandate of our selfless missionaries in Guyana, India, Liberia and Nigeria as they thrust forth in creating a healing community in ministering to the soul, intellect and bodies of the indigent peoples of the world.

Dr. Somerville states that the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention has earned the hallmark title—"Lott Carey, The Convention of Distinction," and he further states in paraphrasing the Lee Iacocca sales pitch: if you can get a better structured and efficient missionary performer—take it.

If you can discover a better missionary-minded agent for exalting the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and its efforts to persuade all men everywhere to accept Him as their Lord and Master—accept it.

Delegates from sixteen states, the District of Columbia and numerous foreign representatives will converge on Norfolk.

Johnson, Salisbury, Awarded Doctorate

SALISBURY, N. C. — Rev. Samuel R. Johnson, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Salisbury, was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree during the 1982 Livingstone College and Hood Theological Seminary commencement exercises on Tuesday, May 11.

Rev. Johnson is an outstanding humanitarian and leader in church, school and civic affairs. He earned the bachelor of divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary and has served over 40 years in the ministry with pastorates in New York, North Carolina and Virginia.

Rev. Johnson was twice president of the Salisbury-Rowan Ministerial Alliance and currently serves as secretary. He is a member of the General Baptist State Convention and a member of the board of directors of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Board. He was instrumental in organizing the annual Martin Luther King Humanitarian Awards program and has served as president of the Salisbury-Rowan Negro Civic League.

Rev. Johnson is a 32° Mason, a Shriner and a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He is married to the former Eva Henry, a teacher in the Rowan County School System and an associate trustee of Livingstone College. They are the parents of one son, Paige, financial aid and admissions officer at Tyler College, Richmond, Va.

Churches Plan Blood Screening Programs

High blood pressure is one of the major killers of blacks today. One out of every four blacks will have high blood pressure during their lifetime. Now, four of our churches are beginning to try to find people in their congregations with this problem by setting up screening clinics. The screeners have been trained extensively by the Health and Human Services Project, the American Red Cross, and the Health Assurance Section of the N. C. Department of Human Resources. They have written screening plans for their churches and are in the process of starting

their programs.

The churches include: Cook's Chapel, First Baptist, Norlina; Locust Grove and Ashley Grove. They are working very closely with the Warren County Health Department. In the future, other Health and Human Services Project churches will begin training to set up screening programs.

Meanwhile, congratulations to the four churches with current screening. They are serving as excellent role models for us to follow because they are showing that we can take care of ourselves!

—Regina Young, MPH, HHSP

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Sunday School, B.T.U. Congress August 10-12

BY DR. LEO WILLIAMS, JR.

The General Baptist State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress will meet in its annual session with the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, Aug. 10-12. The Rev. Dr. J. B. Humphrey is pastor of the church.

Enrollment of messengers and registration for classes will begin at 9 a.m., Aug. 10, and the opening assembly will follow at 10 a.m.

Registration goal for 1982 is 1400 Sunday Schools and Baptist Training Unions. The financial goal is \$50,000. Each church is asked to give a total of \$100 during the year for Christian education. Some churches make a \$50 contribution during the One-Day Session in February. Such churches will make another \$50 contribution in August. Information and pre-registration forms will be mailed to District Convention presidents and to Sunday School superintendents and pastors of churches. The financial goal and the registration goal are real, and they can be reached through the cooperation of presidents, pastors, superintendents, directors and church members in general.

Baptist Informer

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Team Excavates The City Of David

BY DR. YIGAL SHILOH

Jerusalem—In the heat of the past four summers, a team of archaeologists, hundreds of volunteers and I have sifted through the dust and ruins of centuries to try to piece together a picture of how the people of Canaanite and Israelite Jerusalem lived thousands of years ago.

JERUSALEM'S BEGINNINGS

Some 5,000 years ago, the first inhabitants of Jerusalem—then a Canaanite city—settled on a narrow ridge extending south from today's walled Old City of Jerusalem. They chose the site because of its proximity to the Gihon spring—which still bubbles there—and its defensibility due to steep slopes on three sides—a topography which has made our excavations even more challenging.

In 1000 BCE, David conquered the Canaanite city, then called Jebus. He made the city the capital of the Land of Israel, and under his rule and that of his son Solomon, the city became a mighty political center.

With the construction of the First Temple by Solomon, it grew into a religious center, and has remained so until today.

Archaeological excavations had been conducted in and around Jerusalem since the mid-1800s, and remains were discovered from the Second Temple period (538 BCE-70 CE) and the Roman and Byzantine periods. But little was really known about Canaanite and Israelite Jerusalem.

So, four years ago, we began our excavations, called the "City of David Dig," on state-owned lands on the southeast hill, on behalf of the City of David Society, comprised of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Israel Exploration Society, the Jerusalem Foundation, and donors from South Africa, the United States, and Israel. The main body of the work is carried out by volunteers from Israel, Europe, and particularly the United States.

SURPRISING DISCOVERY

During the last two seasons, we succeeded in reaching the actual Canaanite city, and in the process we unearthed many interesting finds.

In the summer of 1980, we were astonished to discover that the massive structure we had been excavating since 1978 was from the period of King Solomon. This stepped stone structure, as tall as a five-story building, is the most monumental remnant of that period in Israel and the only one in Jerusalem.

The purpose of the structure had been a mystery to us, but we eventually concluded that it supported the buildings of the scropolis area, which housed the Temple, the palaces, the administrative buildings and the fortifications—which were constructed above the structure.

This ingenious method of overcoming the obstacles of building on a hilly terrain was also in evidence in the residential quarter. We discovered the city wall, built directly upon the slope, and found that it supported the series of terraces above it, which served in turn as a basis for the residential buildings. The 70 meters' length of the city wall that was unearthed was intact at a height of about 4 meters.

WELL-PLANNED AND INTRICATE

Our exploration of the residential area also yielded us various examples of houses, some simple and others more elaborate, for instance, a multi-roomed building complete with courtyard, and a building constructed of rough-hewn stones. The quarter featured many facilities serving everyday life, such as alleys and stairways, a toilet, cooking ovens and gutters. Some of the remnants were preserved intact to a height of 2 to 3 meters, their original height.

We found many items testifying to the wealth of the inhabitants of Jerusalem at the end of the Israelite period: a rich repertoire of crockery, ranging from oil lamps, basins and cooking pots to small wine vessels and large storage jugs. Many of the items bore inscriptions, royal seals, and names of men or women; one, for example, was the name "Ahie," which is Hebrew for "God is my brother."

Other significant finds were two Hebrew inscriptions on stone tablets, standard stone weights, bone implements used for weaving and cosmetics, and metal work tools and weapons, such as a dagger, spearheads and arrows. We unearthed fertility symbols in the image of Astarte and representations of various animals. All of these finds teach us about life in Israelite Jerusalem in the period of the kings.

ADVANCED WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

We have also cleared away the debris from several sections of the three underground water systems of ancient Jerusalem,

Pastors Must Delegate Responsibility Wisely

BY JIM LOWRY
RIDGECREST (BP)—The inability of pastors to delegate responsibilities wisely and clearly is one of the biggest causes of wasted time, according to Joe Stacker.

"The pastor who tries to do it all will find himself burned out and washed up," explained Stacker, secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department, while speaking at Bible Preaching Week at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

"The ideal is to balance care for people and responsibility of tasks. When you are called to a church, you are also expected to

manage the church," said Stacker, who pastored churches for 24 years before joining the board in 1981.

He recommended that pastors: keep a time study log (list hours spent with family, work and time wasters, if a task force is ineffective, cut it out, if others could do it as well or better, delegate it); force yourself into a schedule (since results, not activities, are most important); and get ready before you move (plan through the church council and train people who are to work with you—training enables some church members to train others, developing a cycle which shares responsibility).

enabling us to have a better understanding of the way this most sophisticated network, carved as canals or tunnels in the actual bedrock, functioned.

Dr. Yigal Shilo, a native-born Israeli, is the director of the City of David excavations. He is also a senior lecturer at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

"The pastor has the responsibility to be a leader of leaders in the church," Stacker said. "If the pastor has an umbrella vision of the total church, he can help other leaders accomplish tasks in Sunday School, church training, missions and worship."

The results of this approach will be "more people won to Christ, attending Bible study and training and more people giving talents and time to the efforts of the church," he said.

"The pastor who will share ministry in his church allows people to assume important tasks which will be achieved differently but with the same results."

"Pastors are primarily teachers, but they must also be administrators to give direction to fulfilling the Great Commission," Stacker said. "Cooperation in ministry is a shared responsibility."

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Woman's Convention Sets \$382,066 Goal

BY MS. AUGUSTA WHITE

WINSTON-SALEM—From July 27 to 29, thousands of persons, including men, women and youth from every direction in North Carolina, attended the 98th Annual Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention held in Winston-Salem at the Benton Convention Center, where the Emmanuel Baptist Church (pastor, Dr. S. W. Mack) served as host.

On Tuesday morning at 9:20, President Horton called the 98th Annual Session to order. After an inspirational moment of meditation conducted by Mrs. Georgia Thompson, chairperson of the Worship Committee, an impressive memorial service was presented by Ms. Betty Erwin of Charlotte.

Greetings were offered by Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary of the General Baptist State Convention; by Curtis Jackson, director of the GBSC Health and Human Services Project; by Mrs. Eva M. Pratt, editor of "The Missionary Helper;" and by Rev. Cureton L. Johnson, editor of the Baptist Informer.

CRAIG CALLS LEADERS "THE BEST"

Dr. Craig told the Woman's Convention delegates, "You have the best leaders that the Lord has placed anywhere. I thank God for our leaders and for being your servant. You are the best people that God has anywhere.

"Anytime we can come together for over five years and pool our resources to raise over one million dollars each year, we're somebody," said Dr. Craig.

He reminded the Convention that Oct. 25-28 is the date for the annual session of the GBSC. "We'll shout there because we've reached our goal again," he said in anticipation.

Jackson informed the body of the Health and Human Services Project, reminding them that approximately 500 Christian men, women and young adults in Baptist churches across the state have been trained to provide health assistance in their communities. "We'd like to have this program in every church, but at least we can have it in every community," said Jackson.

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ANNUAL SESSION

The Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., will be held Oct. 25-28 at the White Rock Baptist Church in Durham. Rev. Lorenzo Lynch, pastor. This will be a very important session because officers will be elected to guide the Convention during the course of the next four years. Make plans now to be present.

SEPTEMBER IS "HEADQUARTERS BUILDING" MONTH



JUNIOR CHOIR RAISES BUILDING FUND

—See Building
Appeal
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The Junior Choir of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Yadkinville posed for a picture of gratitude after having raised \$221.50 as a special offering to the General Baptist State Convention (Headquarters) Building Fund.

They were encouraged to succeed with their project by the senior staff of the choir: Mrs. Ozelma Sharpe, treasurer; Mrs. Jean S. Glenn, secretary; Mrs. Louise H. Russell, pianist; Mrs. Joan Millsap, choir directress; and the pastor, Dr. F. A. Leak.

ILLITERACY Churches Can Help!

By Cureton Johnson, Editor

Not being able to read is tantamount to entering the Indianapolis 500 with a horse and buggy—you can't keep pace in today's race.

And that's the situation more than two million North Carolinians find themselves in. That's right, two million of our neighbors are functionally illiterate.

To be functionally illiterate means that a person has trouble reading road signs, newspapers, looking up telephone numbers, adding up the tab in the grocery store and many other rudimentary, must-do, everyday functions. An estimated 52 percent of North Carolinians fall into this category.

Now, however, the UNC Center for Public Television, in cooperation with the state's Department of Community Colleges, will help illiterate adults confront this problem. According to Paul Vandergrift, director of Educative Services of the Center, UNC-Television will provide the distribution system for adult education courses leading to the high school equivalency diploma for those who are willing to turn on the "set" in their homes.

Heaven only knows how many of these people are found in our black churches, i.e., the elderly lady in Sunday School who always comes in after the lesson scripture has been read or the deacon who asks the pastor to sign his name on papers. Our churches are a

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Observations From The

EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents and Members of the Baptist Family:

The fiscal year 1981-82 has been a good year financially. We hope to report to you in our annual session, October 25-28, another banner year in the history of our Convention. Our Convention, which is the greatest in the nation, would not be what it is today if it were not for you. Many of you have answered every call and responded to every command of duty. We have encouraged our staff members with the warmth of your friendship and fellowship along with your prayers and best wishes and you have encouraged our work with your dedicated support and cooperation.

We have been about the business of keeping before us the solid truth that Christian Missions is the heartbeat of the Missionary Baptist Church. Jesus commissioned the church in Matthew 28:19-20 to, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world."



DR. C. C. CRAIG

THE NEW BAPTIST
HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

The Christian task never ends. The ending of one thing is the beginning of another.

I call to your attention the fact that the month of September, 1982, is Baptist Headquarters Month. Therefore, we strongly urge all pastors to lead each member to contribute five dollars to our Baptist Building.

With your support, cooperation and best wishes, we can build a Baptist Headquarters Building free of debt. Each person who gives five dollars will have his or her name recorded in the Headquarters book of memory.

Many of our churches have sent in their reports of the five dollars per member effort already. My personal appreciation on the behalf of the Convention goes out to you for what you have done and for what I know many of you will do in promoting our Baptist Headquarters drive.

WHAT GOD ASKS

When God searches for a man to work in His vineyard, he does not ask: "Has he great natural abilities? Is he thoroughly educated? Is he eloquent in prayer?"

But rather he asks: Is his heart perfected toward me? Is he holy? Does he love much? Is he willing to walk by faith and not by sight? Does he love me so much and has he such childlike confidence in my love for him that he can trust me to use him even when he does not see any sign that I am using him?"

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

—I Corinthians 4:2

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to edit which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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Dr. Butler
Releases
Platform

As we observe the countdown of voting direction for the choice candidate to the presidency of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., to take place at the White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, on Wednesday, Oct. 27, I am sure that the minds of pastors and many leading laymen are carefully scrutinizing the works, abilities and potentials of each presidential candidate. For any candidate to win, there must be the vast majority of votes in his favor (at least 51 percent).

May I count on you!

I express to you just how much, as a friend, I have loved and cared for pastors' economic welfare across the years of my larger pastorate and as chairman of the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention. In the year 1969, at the May session of the General Convention, held at Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, I gave birth and negotiated the resolution that was submitted and passed that the General Baptist Convention go on record exercising influence to upgrade pastors' salaries, especially as related to churches and pastors in smaller cities, towns and rural areas of our General Convention. Dr. C. C. Craig and the late Dr. J. H. Clanton of Raleigh assisted in the composition and draft of the document.

The following is to be observed with reference to my platform:

1. Will be able to work with whomever the Convention elects in the other official positions.
2. Will be for the continuation of the Health Program, Building Program, the survival of Shaw University and other objectives of our Convention.
3. Will be for continuous working to upgrade salaries of pastors in smaller cities, towns and rural areas.
4. For the deeper Biblical heritage of Stewardship of Evangelism, Missions and monetary commitment as related to the Lord's titles.
5. For the General Convention producing printed materials as tracts and periodicals which utilize many of the best minds as writers of the General Convention.
6. For a sizable council in the immediate administration for the purpose of offering suggestions and recommendations to keep the administration positively active and renewed to move forward with continued

Candidate Platforms Welcome

Any candidate running for office in the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina election, scheduled at the White Rock Baptist Church, Wednesday, Oct. 27, is welcome to submit platform planks and other specific ideas about enhancing the convention's work for the October issue of the Baptist Informer. Please limit your copy to one and one-half typed pages (double space). This information should be on my desk no later than Sept. 22.

—The EDITOR

Diabetes Symptoms

You probably know someone in your family or community who has diabetes. People with this disease have difficulty or cannot convert the sugar in foods into energy for their body. Treatment for this condition includes diet control, medication, exercise, or a combination of the previous. Why is it important to control diabetes? Because it is very hard on the blood vessels, and can cause eye and kidney damage. If left untreated, it may lead to death.

You can help prevent any of the complications listed from happening! There are several warning signals of diabetes. If someone you know has warning signals, please SEE YOUR DOCTOR at once. They don't have to mean you have diabetes, but only a trained health professional, through proper testing, can tell you for sure.

For your information, below is a list of warning signals for diabetes. Insulin dependent diabetes (most frequent in children and young adults) is characterized by the following symptoms which may appear suddenly:

Constant urination
Abnormal thirst
Unusual hunger
The rapid loss of weight
Irritability
Obvious weakness and fatigue
Nausea and vomiting

Non-insulin dependent diabetes usually happens in adulthood. It can include the above symptoms and/or:

Drowsiness
Itching
A family history of diabetes
Blurred vision
Excessive weight
Tingling, numbness in feet
Easy fatigue
Skin infections and slow healing.

What should you do if you have these symptoms? Again:

1. See your doctor at once!
2. Contact the local American Diabetes Association for more information.

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progress. The council is inclusive of more younger

pastors of our Convention to be brought up front.

"Informer" Profile On WBH & FMC Host

Dr. S. W. Mack Makes Mark In Hometown

Dr. Sir Walter Mack is a native of Winston-Salem. He was born into a family of 12 to the late Rev. B. D. and Mrs. Lula Petree Mack. He attended the local schools and graduated from Atkins High School. He began his ministry at age 12 by divine inspiration and preached his initial sermon at Spiritual Rock Baptist Church, then pastored by his brother, Dr. B. A. Mack, since then named Gethsemane Hope Baptist Church. For many years, Dr. Mack was referred to as the "boy preacher" and has preached in almost every church in Winston-Salem. He conducted his first revival at age 13 in Sanford, and since then has conducted as many as 13 revivals per year. While still in high school, he pastored First Baptist Church in Mooresville. In 1947, he was called to pastor First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. He was then 17 years old and was one of the youngest pastors in North Carolina. He served that church, which was formerly known as Jones Chapel Baptist Church, until he was called to Emmanuel in 1958.

Upon his arrival at Emmanuel, Dr. Mack found a membership of less than 50. However, he envisioned Emmanuel as a leader among churches in Christian mission work and civic duties. With this firmly in mind, he set out to do God's will with enthusiasm. In 1952, he led the church to undertake a remodeling project with purchase of the church parsonage the following year.

During that time, Dr. Mack was called to pastor other churches. But because he had had a vision of what Emmanuel was to become, and his faith in the Almighty God, he remained with us, and Emmanuel has been blessed as a result. As we continued to grow, a search was made for a larger church, and in 1967, the North Winston Baptist Church was purchased. The move there was made under police escort on Sunday, Sept. 17, 1967.

Pastor Mack has weathered the storms of tremendous



Dr. S. W. Mack and family, along with the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, served as host pastor and church for the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention in July.

growth of Emmanuel over the past 28 years. He proved himself an able administrator during the fire that destroyed our church in 1972 and the transition period afterwards. Yet even during all these ordeals he never lost sight of his vision. Two years later, he led the church to stop our present, most beautiful edifice. Never content to buy with the Lord's work, he has supervised new additions to the buildings and grounds, the purchase of transportation vehicles, our participation in civic activities and the institution of a child care center in our church.

Pastor Mack has earned a reputation as a preacher, songster and evangelist. Most people refer to him as the preacher who sings, "If I Can't Say a Word..." Not only Emmanuel members, but the citizenry of all Forsyth County have come to know him as a pastor, counselor, leader, teacher, brother and friend.

Pastor Mack received his bachelor of theology degree from Miller University. He received his master of divinity and doctor of divinity degrees from Union Christian Bible Institute. He is married to Mrs. Frances Jones Mack, a registered nurse from Lexington. They have three daughters—Mrs. Walteria Spaulding, Mrs. Cynthia and Monica Mack, and two sons—Sir Walter, Jr. and Christopher Mack. They make their home at 2905 Bon Air Avenue here in Winston-Salem.

Church Circuit

Baptist Briefs

Dr. Edwards To House

FAYETTEVILLE—Dr. C. R. Edwards, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Fayetteville, was recently elected in the Democratic Primary on June 29 as the party's nominee for the general election in November. Since there is no Republican opposition, Dr. Edwards is expected to be elected and begin serving in the state legislature in January. Dr. Edwards is a former president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and now serves the organization faithfully in many capacities.

Rev. Lilly Is Installed

DURHAM—The installation service for the Rev. James E. Lilly, pastor of the Lakeview Baptist Church in Durham, was held Aug. 22. Dr. Percy L. High, pastor, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Durham; choir, ushers and congregation were the guests for the occasion.

\$5,021 Is Raised

At Aug. Sandy Branch Revival

ROXBEL—Seven souls were added to the Sandy Branch Baptist Church in Roxobel during revival services there Aug. 10-13. Rev. Lycurgus Harrell is the pastor and the Rev. Walter A. Davis of Elizabeth City was the guest speaker. Rev. Harrell was pleased to close out the service on Sunday in high spirits after the church realized \$5,021 from the services, \$4,000 collected at the Sunday morning offering. Rev. Raymond Lassiter, Jr., of Philadelphia was among the worshippers to witness this accomplishment. Mrs. Clementine S. Creevey gave a brief historical report on the church.

Morning Star Runs "Rent-A-Kid"

HICKORY—Morning Star First Baptist Church, Hickory, in cooperation with the city's Community Relations Council, instituted a "Rent-A-Kid" pilot youth employment jobs program this summer, for youth between the ages of 14 and 21. The pilot program lasted for three weeks and was termed a tremendous success.

A staff coordinated the program, which was housed at Morning Star, and whose salary was paid with contributions from area businessmen. Bobby Rowe, a coach in one of the area high schools, served as coordinator.

In addition to the staff making personal visits to area businesses, phone calls were made seeking odd jobs for youth at minimum wage and the church's phone number was publicized in the local media, which persons desiring of youth workers could call.

When the program ended, at least 79 jobs had been located for these youth performing such duties as yard work, general cleaning, baby sitting, flag boys at construction sites, service station attendant, lumber yard work, assisting in moving and others.

According to all involved, the community was most responsive. And according to the pastor and the coordinator, "we saw youth with attitudes this year that we've not witnessed before. Young people are willing to work, if they're given the opportunity."

Arthur Williams Gets Progressive Office

U.S. Church Attendance

Arthur L. Williams, of Rt. 3, Louisville, was recently elected vice president-at-large of the Ushers' Department of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. This election took place in Cleveland, Ohio, during the 21st annual session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

His work experience includes the following: Sunday

School teacher and deacon of the Mitchell Baptist Church of Louisville; 12 years as a public school teacher; eight years as director of social services for Head Start in Franklin, Vance and Warren Counties; past president of Franklin County Sunday School Convention; past president of North Central District Ushers' Convention; past moderator of

Original Shiloh Baptist Association; past president of North Carolina Baptist Ushers' Convention, auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. (two terms). At present, he is actively involved in teaching and conducting usher workshops across the state.

"My books are friends that never fail me."

The 1982 Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches, published for the National Council of Churches, indicated U. S. church membership increased one percent in 1980 to 134,816,943. But the percentage of the U. S. population recorded on church membership ledgers slipped from 80.5 percent in 1979 to 58.7 percent in 1980.



Dr. C. R. Edwards

Homecoming, Installation Held At Gold Hill

RUTHERFORDTON — Homecoming for the Gold Hill Baptist Church in Rutherfordton and the installation service for the Rev. Lewis A. Mills, pastor, were held Aug. 22 at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., respectively. Dr. Sidney J. Mills, pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, Camden, N. J., sermoned and Dr. B. T. Sears, Jr., pastor, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S. C., delivered the evening message.

Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hatheth with his feet sinneth.

Thousands At July Convention

From Page One

Mrs. Pratt mentioned the upcoming centennial program of the Woman's Convention next year. She said, "We have done a marvelous job, but we have not done our best." She said the "Missionary Helper" circulation is still around 15,000, where it has been for some time. "When are we going to move on up with all the Baptists we have?" she asked. "We have only written a prologue to our Convention—the history is yet to come after 1984."

Rev. Johnson, speaking for the Baptist Informer, said he is amazed how many people like to get things secondhand—even their Baptist news. Many would rather hear the news from somebody else than spend \$2.50 to subscribe to the monthly Baptist paper. He urged the Woman's Convention to come through with 1,000 new Baptist Informer subscriptions in the upcoming year.

After the recognition of ministers and past officers of the Convention, more than 60 women, attending the Convention for the first time, were pinned and given a special welcome.

After a selection by the Convention Choir, Rev. J. C. Sherrod, pastor of Hooks Grove Baptist Church, Pikeville, presented the morning speaker, Rev. E. C. Austin, pastor, Dreamland Park Baptist Church, Winston-Salem. Rev. Austin, who attended Piedmont Bible College, described himself as a "cornfield preacher" and opened his message with songs: "I Will Trust in the Lord" and "Amazing Grace." Taking his text from Psalms 119, he called "God's Word an Open Door" for mankind.

"I'm a witness," he said, "and you ought to be a witness that Jesus is an open door for us. There is joy in serving the Lord because Jesus said I am with you, even until the end of the world."

Rev. Austin warned Christians to get off the stool of "do-nothing" and get out and serve the Lord. "But you've got to come by the Door," he said.

The Holy Spirit electrified the messenger and his listeners. Ms. Georgia Cused closed the morning session by singing "He Touched Me."

SHAW PRESIDENT THANKS WOMEN

The Tuesday afternoon session was highlighted by words from Dr. Stanley Smith, president of Shaw University in Raleigh. "Now more than ever, we need continued support from the Woman's Convention," said Dr. Smith. "Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School are integral parts of your organization. And you have helped greatly some of our foreign students and some of our American students with restricted and unrestricted funds." Smith said that Shaw is trying hard to be faithful and accountable to the Baptists of the state. He said, "We are comfortable with the fact that we are supportive of one another."

'A WHOLE LOT OF SHAKING'

On Tuesday evening after a unique welcome program featuring outstanding people from the community and soul-stirring music from the mass choir and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pence from Calvary Baptist Choir, Rev. C. V. Owens, vice moderator of the Mecklenburg General Association, presented Dr. Lemar Foster, pastor, Second Calvary Baptist Church, Charlotte, for the evening message.



Women from all corners of North Carolina participated in the Wednesday session by wearing white dresses.

Dr. Foster's subject was "A Whole Lot of Shaking Going On." His text was from St. Luke 22:31-32. "And the Lord said, 'Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, and he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: And when thou art converted strengthen thy brethren.'"

"There was a whole lot of shaking going on. (1 Peter 5:8) 'Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour.' If you accept the reality of God you will have to withstand



Mr. and Mrs. Spence of First Calvary in Winston-Salem, sing during the WBH & FMC welcoming program Tuesday evening.

Satan. Because you told the Lord to sign you up, your joy will be forever because the ground you stand on is shaky. A lot of folks stay home from church because God has given them a shaking. If anybody knows anything about a sifter, he would tell you that you have to put something in first before you can make it sift. Satan wanted Simon to give him a good shaking. You can't sift a rock but you can sift sand. Satan wants a man on his band that is loose and unstable just like sin. Satan tried to shake Jesus but Jesus knew all about Satan. Satan tried to shake Job up. He shook him every way but loose, but Job did not yield to his shaking. He did not curse God even though he wished he had never been born. Satan wanted to sift Simon like wheat.

"When Satan sifts you, he wants to shake out all the good and leave the bad in. Satan can shake up the church members including the deacons, trustees, choir, missionaries, and the preacher. He tries to sift all the good out of the church and leave the bad. Simon was always shifting and talking too much. It took God to always correct

Simon. Our churches are full of people who talk too much and do so little. Simon was an influential person; he was head of the disciples. Satan wants the chairman of the deacon board, chairman of the trustee board, president of the missionary circle, and the pastor. Satan knows how to cause confusion. He knows how to shake up the family.

"He enjoys having people to be a 'has been,' all because he shook them up. Satan wants to shake all of us up and take away all the good things like faith, peace, courage, courtesy and patience and leave impatience, fear, doubt, unbelief and jealousy. God will take care of you regardless of who is in the White House. You can take away Social Security, but you can't take away 'Soul Security.' Remember that God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way, He will take care of you."

Music was furnished by Second Calvary's choir.

PROCESSION IN WHITE DAZZLES

Wednesday morning's session was quite impressive, with the beautiful procession of the Executive Board members, who were dressed in white, officers of the Convention, and program participants. It was a beautiful sight to look over the audience and see all of the missionaries dressed in white. Following the procession, Vice President Edwards asked the audience to join the choir in singing "Blessed Assurance." She urged everyone to sing with feeling because everyone has so much to be thankful for.

Dr. J. R. Manley, president of the

General Baptist State Convention, greetings. "It is a pleasure to U greetings from the 'parent body' U experiencing a crucial and a banner in 1982. The Savior has given us str to continue this day. The fine sin given by the Woman's B Convention during my tenure in was first by Mrs. Georgia Turner now by Mrs. Thelma Horton. Becau our love for this convention, the 'p body' was glad to cooperate with Woman's Convention to move the Baptist Assembly Convention to K allow your centennial celebration held in 1984. We need your help a tra rel to Durham in October to witr bountiful year." Dr. Manley also sp many other good things.

The annual report of the conve was given by Dr. Priscilla A. B. executive secretary-treasurer o



Executive Board members, officers of the Woman's Convention and program participants, formed the Wednesday morning procession.

Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign iary Convention. "Amazing Grac the title of her report. "We are del that God has brought us to this m tope experience. We are grateful to W. Mack and the Emmanuel B Church, for you have left no humanly untended for our comfort convention. Dates to remember a Family Mission Conference, Sat. Sept. 25, the First Cosmopolitan I Church, Raleigh; the Youth Eva Conference, Nov. 6, Martin Baptist Church, Raleigh.

"The proposed financial goal f year was \$314,521; however, w report the amount of \$352,865.22 in of receipts and disbursements. Our s budget for this, our new fiscal y



Scores of North Carolina pastors made an appearance during the Convention. Many were recognized at Tuesday's session.

Benton Center, Winston-Salem

In terms of \$39,882.41 for Missions, \$30,182.43 for the orphanage, \$43,582.41 for Shaw, \$25,982.52 for the Shaw School, \$22,000 for the Baptist and \$220,436.22 for State. The more we pray together, the more we can share and work to-

aid it couldn't be done, but others who said it could be. It was God's will. Let us pray more and share more. Can you say that it was God's Amazing that brought us through another day enabled us to exceed our prayers and Grace will carry us through. Beyond our faith and saw our hearts to mission? To God for what He helped us to add like to ask that we sing one "Amazing Grace."

Dr. Brodie's report, Vice Presidents, the presiding officer, said can give without loving, but he cannot love without giving.

ings from the Young Adult Department were given by Mrs. Bronnie, young adult director. "We are one of the greatest groups in participation," said Mrs. Daniels. "We are many talents, many problems you who know the Master. We are that's willing to testify and work faster. Last year, we projected a \$30,000 year, we exceeded the \$30,000 year, we plan for bigger and with God's help, we will do it."

Yvonne Mitchell, youth superintended that this year has been for the youth, both spiritually and financially. "We asked for \$50,000 and we \$55,000. We pray a miracle every day. We are asking young people to themselves to the Master."

RESIDENT HORTON

PRaises GOD

President Edwards presented, then Thelma Horton for her first message as president.

has continued to bless us in our to lift Him up through our ob- We have striven faithfully for service, one of the vehicles we to carry out the great commis- are Shaw University, the J. J. Baptist Assembly, Central agency, the Shaw Divinity School, Missions and Foreign Missions. We even our monies, prayed, shared in annual programs, and many of us praised the recipients and/or the

ons. Praise God for the progress He enabled us to make. I challenge each to always remember the proverb of Solomon of Israel (3:6), 'In doing you do, put God first, and He will protect you and crown your efforts success.' To this end, we exceeded \$82 budget by \$37,544.22. Praise a grand total of \$352,065.22. We Dr. Brodie, Miss Bettie Chisom, adys Watlington and Miss Ivory son for faithfully recording and stering our stewardship. "Before dress, she made the following endations:

at Ms. Augusta White, Salisbury, ve as chairperson of the Self y Committee and co-chair- sons, Messadous Helen Falls Clara Hayes, both of Winston-

Salem. We further recommend that the final report for this study be ready for the 1983 annual session.

- That we continue to cooperate with our 'parent body' and its related auxiliaries and that we remain faithful in the implementation of the great commission as recorded in Matthew 28:19-20.
- That we send one or more delegates to the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Youth Seminar which is held annually at Shaw University (Since we are affiliated with Lott Carey, it seems appropriate for us to be represented at the seminar.)
- That the leadership of our Convention, especially the youth leaders, be urged to stand firm for the moral, ethical, and spiritual standards so cherished by our Baptist predecessors. (This recommendation is made in light of the deterioration of the moral and ethical standards of our nation.)

"God's Word: The Solution for Every Need" was the subject of the first annual message given by Mrs. Horton.

"The solution for every need can be found in God's word. God's word is the open door, an opportunity and an ever-present resource in times of trouble and great need. Bitterness, hatred, injustice, lies, greed, dishonesty and immoral living have enslaved many souls. They have no bounds. They have spread from the White House to the Poor House," President Horton said.

"Those who have accepted Christ have something within them that makes them want to reach out to those suffering. In times of loneliness, moral decay, political upheaval and family break-downs, God's word is the solution to every need. It will hush up the large variety of voices crying all around us."

President Horton said that there are three blessings to be received from the proper use of God's word as the open door: enlightenment, involvement and commitment. "We live in a world filled with people who seem to exemplify this attitude, let someone else do it. In many instances, this kind of attitude forfeits one's opportunity for greater service. We must understand that those who are crying need us today. Tomorrow may be too late. We must walk through and take advantage of the open doors that God continues to reveal unto us through His word. These open doors may lead to other doors and into more visible areas of

service."

In closing, President Horton challenged each of us with the words of the hymn writer, J. M. Henson:

HOLD FAST TO THE WORD

Ye followers of Jesus, hold fast to His

Own word;

Unto His royal mandate bow,

Extol the risen Lord.

Thro' ages it has stood the test,

Has stemmed the flood and fire.

Oh make it now your welcome guest

And to its truth aspire.

'Twill stand through ages yet to come,

Till earth has passed away;

'Twill light the pilgrim pathway home

Unto the perfect day.

Lay hold on this great sublime,

Stand firm till He shall come;

He'll bring to pass, in His own time,

His kingdom and His home.

Hold fast, His word is true

And shall ever last;

Hold fast, hold fast

To the Word of God, Hold Fast.

Mrs. Robbie Diggs, third vice president, presided over the afternoon session with the young adult and youth departments. The young adults presented "Reflections of the Past."

Approximately 121 young adults participated in the songs and readings. Some of the songs included: "We've Come a Long Way, Lord, Lift Every Voice and Sing, Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen, We've Come This Far by Faith, We Shall Overcome" and "Because He Lives." The audience was moved and touched by the readings and testimonies given by the participants as they reflected on the past which included the Depression of Hoover days, the struggle for equal rights, and our struggles of today. Through it all, God has brought us because we keep our hands in His hands.

The tragedy of slavery has still remained the same because everyday we face racism and there are some of our brothers without food. Sin still continues to run rampant in our society. The Youth Department presented the winners of the "Have a Heart for Mission" contest, the "Shaw Contest" and talent winners. At 6:30 p.m., the youth presented their annual concert.

During the evening service, Mrs. Louise Slater, director of Women's Work, Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, brought greetings. She expressed thanks to the convention for building and equipping the new library and the books that are going in. Mrs. Slater asked, "As we near the year 2000, what will the

Convention leave? What kind of footprint will you leave? What will you render unto God for all His blessings?"

45 CHURCHES HONORED

More than 45 churches were recognized as Lydia Circle honorees who had contributed \$1,000 and much, much more to the cause of missions through the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention. Among these were First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, Rev. P. C. Holland, pastor; Friendship, Gastonia, Rev. T. M. Walker, pastor; Mount Pleasant, Belmont, Rev. R. A. Wray, Jr., pastor; Saint Paul, Gastonia, Rev. H. G. Campbell, pastor; Ebenezer, Charlotte, Dr. A. B. Sutton, pastor; Friendship, Charlotte, Gethsemane, Charlotte, Dr. C. E. Dewberry, pastor; Greater Mount Sinai, Charlotte, Rev. Norman E. Kerry, pastor; Mayfield Memorial, Charlotte, Dr. H. S. Diggs, pastor; New Hope, Charlotte, Rev. B. R. Moore, pastor; Mount Carmel, Charlotte, Dr. L. C. Riddick, pastor; New Zion, Charlotte, Rev. B. R. Robinson, pastor; Saint Paul, Charlotte, Rev. Paul Drummond, pastor; Salem, Charlotte, Rev. A. L. Jinnwright, pastor; Second Calvary, Charlotte, Dr. Lemar Foster, pastor; First Calvary, Salisbury, Rev. T. D. Walker, pastor; Emmanuel, Winston-Salem, Dr. S. W. Mack, pastor; First Baptist, Winston-Salem, Rev. W. E. Epps, pastor; Friendship, Winston-Salem, Rev. S. E. Tyndall, pastor; Mount Zion, Winston-Salem, Rev. G. G. Campbell, Jr., pastor; New Bethel, Winston-Salem, Dr. Jerry D. Layton, pastor; Saint Stephens, Winston-Salem, Rev. J. R. Samuels, pastor; Union Baptist, Winston-Salem, Rev. B. F. Daniels, pastor; United Metropolitan, Winston-Salem, Dr. J. D. Ballard, pastor; Mount Sinai, Eden, Rev. A. Wright, Jr., pastor; Piney Grove (E), Marshallville: First Baptist, Fayetteville, Dr. C. R. Edwards, pastor; Friendship, Fayetteville, Rev. B. L. Rich, pastor; Lewis Chapel, Fayetteville, Rev. John D. Fuller, Sr., pastor; Mount Sinai, Fayetteville, Dr. Aaron J. Johnson, pastor; First Baptist, Lumberton, Dr. E. B. Turner, pastor; Cedar Grove, Supply, Rev. W. H. D. Flowers, pastor; Friendship, Southport, Rev. Freeman Gause, pastor; First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh, Dr. W. B. Lewis, pastor; Mount Gilead, Durham; Mount Vernon, Durham, Dr. Percy High, pastor; Union Baptist, Durham, Dr. Grady Davis, pastor; Metropolitan, Rocky Mount, Rev. J. E. Arnette, pastor; Mount Olive, Rocky Mount, Rev. G. E.

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Sixty-six church young adult departments received certificates for contributing \$100 or more to the convention during the year.

Youth & Young Adults Contribute Freely

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Battle, pastor; Saint James, Rocky Mount, Dr. C. T. Bullock, pastor; First Baptist, Weldon, Dr. John B. Moore, pastor; Saint Delight, Walsenburg, Rev. Roosevelt Taylor, pastor; First African, Goldsboro, Dr. I. B. Horton, pastor; Hooks Grove, Pikeville, Rev. J. C. Sherrod, pastor; Gaston Baptist, Gaston, Rev. James Barham, pastor; First Baptist, Lexington, Rev. Ernest Garrett, pastor; Providence, Greensboro, Rev. H. A. Chubb, pastor; and Roundtree, Wilson, Rev. I. M. Jordan, pastor.

"STUDY TO SHOW

THEYSELF APPROVED"

Rev. R. N. Holloway, pastor of Huntsville, Oxford, presented Rev. U. R. Booker, moderator of the County Line Association, for the evening message. His subject was "The Word of God."

"Study to show thyself approved unto God. God wants us to have a knowledge of Him and to tell others. In order to impart knowledge, you have to study the Word. The Word gives us light and helps us to understand. Are we sure we know where we are? The Word does not expect us to carry on a show and entertainment, but to use the Word to tell others about Christ. The Word will show us what to do. It will tell us how to do and where. The more we study God's Word, the more we will be able to serve; for, as God sees it. Study the scriptures and impart the knowledge to others."

Music was furnished by the County Line Association choir.

Thursday morning was the closing session of the Convention. Greetings were given by H. V. Bryant, superintendent of Central Orphanage. He expressed much gratitude for the gifts shared with them. Then Dr. Brodie made a partial financial report of \$92,508.88 for the 1982 annual session.

The following officers were installed by Dr. C. R. Mosley, pastor of First Nazareth, Asheville: president, Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, first vice president, Mrs. Luella D. Edwards; second vice president, Mrs. Eva Johnson; third vice president, Mrs. Robbie Diggs; fourth vice president, Mrs. Maggie H. White; executive secretary-treasurer, Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie; executive board chairman, Mrs. Clara Hayes; secretary, executive board, Mrs. Mildred L. Chavis; recording secretary, Mrs. Marian H. Bass; assistant recorder, Mrs. Dolores Moore; historian, Dr. J. B. McLester; organist, Mrs. Jettie M. Lucas; associate organist, Donald Crawford; choir director, Mrs. M. C. Grier; young adult director, Mrs. Bronnie H. Daniels; young adult associate director, Mrs. Julia McDonald; young adult president, Rev. Wayne Hines; youth supervisor, Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell; youth associate supervisor, Ms. Percie Norman; youth president, Michael Battle. Emeritus officers are Dr. M. A. Horne, executive secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. J. A. Little, historian.

The Convention was closed with the singing of the Convention's hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have," and the giving of the benediction by Dr. C. R. Mosley.

YOUNG ADULT DEPARTMENT

Approximately 160 young adults and directors were in attendance at the 98th Annual Session of the Woman's Convention and the 19th Annual Session of the Young Adult Department.

President Wayne Hines officially opened the 19th Annual Session following moments of inspiration by Linda Gerald, worship chairman. We were happy to have Mrs. Maggie White, fourth vice president of the Woman's Convention, to bring greetings. Just before the president's annual address, Mrs. Carolyn Hines, wife of the president, sang a solo, "Only What You Do for Christ Will Last."

President Hines expressed his sincere thanks to Mrs. Bronnie Daniels, director of the Young Adult Department; Mrs. Julia McDonald, associate director; all young adults, directors and pastors for the cooperation, consideration and help shown to the Convention and the Young Adult Department.

The Convention theme was the focal point for President Hines' annual message.

"God's Word, as revealed in the Holy scriptures, is the solution for every need, no matter how large or small. We will find the solutions to our problems and find enlightenment for our future involvement. Become involved in your church and community activities."

Sixty-six church young adult departments were given certificates for contributing \$100 or more during the year.

The Gospel Jubilee of Wake County rendered a very inspiring concert Tuesday afternoon.

On Wednesday afternoon, the young adults presented "Reflections of the Past." Mrs. Jewell Dunn, fourth vice president, gave the purpose of the program which reflected on our past from slavery to our present situation today.

"No man is an island, no man stands alone, each man as my brother, each man as my friend." We have come a long way by faith, hope, and prayers." President Hines gave the closing on the "Reflections of the Past" by discussing the "Age of Discovery and Redemption."

Special recognition was given to Mecklenburg County on Thursday with

the largest number in attendance.

The officers for the coming year are: president, Wayne Hines; first vice president, Sharon Jones; second vice president, Phyllis Kelly; third vice president, Darryl Patterson; fourth vice president, Jewell Dunn; secretary, Zenobia Howard; assistant secretary, Genetta Patton; financial secretary, Annie Ragland; assistant financial secretary, Tamara Taylor; worship chairperson, Linda Gerald; pianist, Barbara Kelly; assistant pianist, Jeanne Williams; choir director, Louise Lassiter; assistant director, Linda Inman; "The Harvest" editor, Eltona Brown and public relations, Velma McClood.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

The Youth Department began with a study of the book, "Keep Giving Away the Faith" by Dave Bennett. He presents many ways one can develop spiritually, thus helping to make a difference in the world. Mrs. Ada Williams, Michael Battle, the youth supervisor and associate supervisor, teamed up to present the text.

Four financial culmination activities for state and foreign missions again proved fruitful with top winners coming from Gaston County.

The "Shaw Contest" winners were first place, Ms. Cynthia Howell, Gastonia, and second place, Ms. Linda Perry, Kittrell. The "Have A Heart Contest" winners were first place, Ms. Frances Reeves, Belmont, and second place, Ms. Michelle Hordin, Shelby. A variety of talent was presented by the contestants representing 19 counties.

Joining us to bring messages in song were youth choirs from Brunswick and Johnston Counties.

The theme was beautifully presented by Crystal Harris. Sharing Fervent prayers, testimonies and songs signified the total involvement by the advisors, supervisors, ministers and youth in this session.

Rev. Lorenzo Lynch presented a superb message at the close of our session. His message centered on building on a solid foundation and



The Woman's Convention Meritorious Award was presented to Mrs. A. C. Matthews of Weldon for 50 years service, and to Dr. W. B. Lewis, pastor, First Cosmopolitan Baptist, Raleigh, for 20 years service. Recipients not pictured are Mrs. A. B. Byrd of Rocky Mount and Mrs. Harriet Jones, Raleigh, both for more than 60 years service.

inspiration for the challenges most face while advancing toward Christian maturity. The friendship circle and prayer of dedication by President Battle closed the curtains on another dynamic session.

Again our heart is grateful and humble to the associations, auxiliaries, unions, churches and parents who made it possible for the hundreds of youth to share this religious experience.

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Pictured (top) are participants in the "Shaw Contest" conducted by the Woman's convention Youth Department. The

"Have A Heart Contest" participants (bottom) are shown during Tuesday's competition.

President's Teamwork Reminder

FROM MRS. THELMA C. HORTON
President of the Woman's Baptist
State Convention

Greetings to each of you in the name of Him who died on the cross and arose from the grave that all might be saved from sin!

On behalf of our Woman's Convention, I would like to thank each of you for your contributions toward the success of 98 years of continuous service to God, our Father. We concluded our 98th Annual Session with a new vision and a greater hope for the future of all mankind.

There is a cartoon which visualizes two monkeys tied together by a short rope. They are violently pulling against one another trying to reach piles of hay in the opposite direction. After exhausting themselves and then resting together, they realized that they could eat both piles of hay, one at a time, by eating together. The caption over the cartoon read, "Teamwork = Success."

There is an abundance of strength in the unity of mind, purpose and spirit. We must remember that we, like the donkeys in the cartoon, are tied together by the blood of Jesus that was shed on Calvary's Cross. We are trying to reach those yet unsaved as the donkeys were trying to reach the piles of hay. Let us continue to be wise and not exhaust our energies and strength by pulling in the opposite direction. Let us continue to move in the same direction by "cutting sin on the left and then on the right."

In Wilfred A. Peterson's essay on "The Art of Success," we find these words: "There are no secrets of success. Success is doing the things you know you should do. Success is not doing the things you know you should not do." Therefore, if we want our convention to continue to be successful in implementing our Ministry of Missions, we must abide in God's Word as revealed through the Holy Scriptures. We must do the things we know that are right and refrain from doing the things we know are wrong.

"Success," he continued, "is discovering our best talents, skills and abilities and applying them where they will make the most effective contribution to your fellow men. In the words of Longfellow, it is 'doing what you do well, and doing well whatever you do.'"

May these words serve as a gentle reminder of our mission and commitment to the world. May we always remember that we cannot always understand everything each of us does. However, we can be comforted in knowing that God is the REAL rewarder for all the deeds we do.

In the words of King Solomon in Proverbs 3:6 (LB), We are given the key to success: "In everything you do, put God first and He will crown your efforts with success."



President Horton delivers Address



Scene from the 1982 Woman's Pre-Convention Banquet

Dr. Ethel Fallin Excites Woman's Banquet

BY MS. AUGUSTA WHITE
WINSTON-SALEM — Nearly one thousand persons attended the ninth annual Pre-Convention Fellowship Banquet of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina Monday, July 26, at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem.

Special recognition in terms of the Meritorious Award was given to the following persons for untiring and dedicated service to the Convention: Mrs. A. B. Byrd (92 years old, Rocky Mount) for more than 60 years; Mrs. A. C. Matthews (95 years old, Weldon) for more than 50 years; Mrs. Harriet Jones (91 years old, Raleigh) for more than 60 years; and Dr. W. B. Lewis (pastor of First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh) for more than 20 years.

Dr. Ethel Fallin, southern director, Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., was the keynote speaker. She spoke on the Convention's theme, "God's Word: The Open Door to Enlightenment, Involvement and Commitment." She said that we are living in an age of confusion, stress, excitement and pressure. "People will kill you for nothing, trying to get something. Crime is at an all-time high. People are starving because the 'have nots' are being pressed by those who have. Our young people are terribly confused; they are turning to drugs because they are searching for something."

"If we look at God's word as it applies to our enlightenment, we shall hear these words: 'Be still and know that I am God.' There are some things that we can't handle, but if we just be still and listen to God everything will be all right. We should realize that we are the church and when we talk about the church we are talking about ourselves. The church building is just a fellowship hall; it is not God."

"God said, 'let there be light,' and darkness had to step aside for light. Women, become

involved and tell them. God did not call women to preach but to tell them through His word and minister to the people's needs. God is the only man that can change things. God was in creation, with creation, and after creation. 'Greater love than this that a man will lay down his life for a friend.' For an example, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., gave his life for the garbage workers in Memphis, Tenn. If you stay on the battlefield, God will take care of you. Sometimes you have to turn around and cry, but in doing so, give it to the Lord to handle the

problem. Turn it over to the Lord and let Him use you. Be humble, turn away from greed and God will take care of you.

"God is talking to you to feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty and help those who need help. He is pleading with the missionaries to come over into Macedonia and help somebody."

Music for the banquet was presented by Ms. Lorie Williams of Mount Calvary, Goldsboro, and Ms. Linda Inman of Mount Moriah, Chadbourn.

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Health Project Graduates 48 In Aug.

A special graduation program was held Aug. 6 for the 48 men and women who completed training in Cycle V of the Health and Human Service Project of the General Baptist State Convention.

The First Baptist Church in Raleigh, Rev. C. W. Ward, pastor, was the site for the ceremony honoring graduates from the Clayton, Dunn, Raleigh, Durham and Garner areas.

Dr. A. D. Moseley, retired pastor of the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Durham, was the guest speaker. His subject was "Your Health is In Your

Hands." His text came from John 10:10, "The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy—but I have come that they might have life in all its fullness."

"The problem today is that we want to have our cake and eat it too," said Dr. Moseley. "We must decide what direction we want to go. When we talk about health, we're talking about the temple of God, which is your body. We'll talk about drinking and what a sin it is, but we don't say much about over-eating. That is a sin."

"If this is God's world, if you are God's child, if Jesus meant

what He said, that all power is in His hands and all you want, ask in faith, then Jesus has done his part. We must do ours."

Dr. Moseley said that the weakest part of the body is where the devil attacks. He urged all Christians to watch

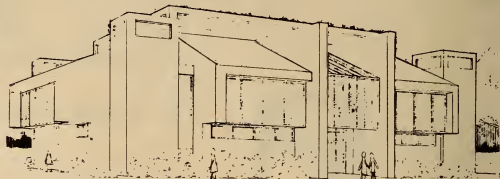
their eating habits and to help encourage others to take care of their health.

Jarvis Morgan and Ms. Faye Ivery, former graduates of the Cycle IV Health Project class, presented certificates to the graduates. Remarks were

given by project director Curtis Jackson and music was rendered by the Ward-Ingram Singers of First Baptist.

"Whatever your advice, make it brief." Horace

The New BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS BUILDING



BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS MONTH
Support Your Building! Give \$5

Dr. C. C. Craig, GBSC executive secretary-treasurer, urges each pastor in the General Baptist State Convention to encourage members to contribute \$5 or more toward the construction of the new building pictured here. Each person contributing \$5 or more will have his or her name recorded in the Headquarters book of memory. And Don't forget that September has been set aside for this purpose. (See Page 2)

ILLITERACY

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bastion of illiteracy, but they can also provide the necessary means of persuasion to get our people to participate in this new program.

The telecourses take a three-tiered approach to offering instruction on the level of the adult who either dropped out of school or never went. These include Adult Basic Education (ABE), which provides lessons in elementary school-level reading, mathematics and other subjects; Pre-General Educational Development Testing (Pre-GED), which teaches courses at the junior high school level; and General Education Development Testing (GED), offering preparatory instruction for the high school equivalency examination. All three courses will be run on television beginning Sept. 6, and they will run concurrently. The courses will air from 8:00-9:30 a.m. weekdays and re-run weekday afternoons from 3:30 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 8 a.m. Saturdays (only GED repeated).

"Enrollment is naturally one measure of success," says Vandergrift, but he says a more meaningful barometer will be watching the number of North Carolinians who pass the high school equivalency examinations and obtain diplomas.

Since 1964, the Department of Community Colleges has provided programs for adults in basic academic preparation. Today, there are 61 adult basic education programs in operation across the state. But through television, the 36,000 adults now reached annually by this program could double or triple.

This type of networking is expected to reach approximately 90 percent of the state's population in need of basic learning for survival skills in the future.

Students are to enroll in the at-home television courses through their local community college. There the student may register or be aided by local faculty advisors, be tested for progress, and receive materials to complement the TV courses. All of this is at no cost to the student.

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At White Rock Baptist Church, October 25-28

GBSC Session In Durham

2,000 Expected To Attend Election-Year Session

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators and Members of the Baptist Family of North Carolina:

The 115th Annual Session of our General Baptist State Convention and the 33rd Annual Session of the Laymen's League Convention will be held at the White Rock Baptist Church, 3400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, Oct. 25-28. Dr. L. A. Lynch is pastor.

Again, we are counting on you to help make it one of the greatest sessions by doing four things:

1. Pray that the Lord will bless our efforts as we seek to promote His work among us.

2. Make your reservation for lodging immediately.

3. Encourage your church members and friends to attend the Annual Session and also the President's Banquet on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 5 p.m. (Tickets are available at the Baptist Headquarters for a donation of \$15.00 each).

4. Bring a liberal offering for the objectives.

The fiscal year 1981-82, which closed on August 31, was a good year. You played an important part by making it so. Therefore, I would like for you to know that I personally appreciate the financial support that your church gave to the objectives and other causes.

I feel sure that the thoughts of what your church gave during the fiscal year 1981-82 for Missions and Christian Education will give you real happiness and what your church expects to give during the fiscal year 1982-83 will bring you substantial rewards.

As we attempted from the beginning of the fiscal year to reach our financial goal, many of our churches gave a tenth of their budgets, many of them gave their suggested quotas, and many of them exceeded their goals. Some of our churches did not reach their quotas, but many of them put forth great efforts. Whether your contribution was great or small, it was appreciated. During our annual session, we will give reports of our activities for the fiscal year 1981-82, we will hear reports from boards and committees, map plans for the future, hear sermons from great preachers, elect a new president and renew friendship and fellowship with the brethren. We will give recognition to pastors and churches who gave a tenth of their budgets to the Convention and pastors and churches who met their suggested quotas for the fiscal year 1981-82.

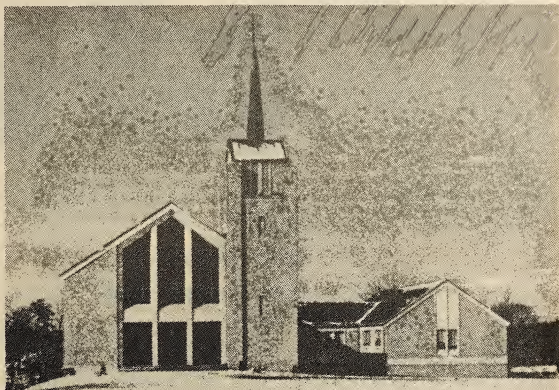
This year, we anticipate a great session because of the following reasons:

1. Our spirit of unity and cooperation makes us a unique Convention in these United States of America.

2. This is election year, and from our ranks, one of our peers will ascend to the presidency of our Convention.

ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES

ALL CHURCHES with membership from 1-100 shall enroll with \$10.00.



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Churches enrolled with \$30.00 shall be entitled to six (6) voting messengers.

Churches enrolled with \$35.00 shall be entitled to seven (7) voting messengers.

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Baptists Lead

PCB Protest, Page 2



Demonstrators vow fight 'till victory in PCB issue.



Baptist ministers have been in the forefront of the Warren County people's fight against a PCB landfill. Among those pictured at a recent rally in Raleigh are the Rev. Luther Brown of Coley Springs Baptist Church in Warren County, the Rev. A. A. Brown of Henderson, Dr. Grady Davis of Union Baptist Church in Durham, and Dr. John Fleming of Shaw University. Rev. Leon White, head of the United Church of Christ North Carolina-Virginia Office of the Commission for Racial Justice, and pastor of Oak Level UCC in Warren County, has been a major supportive clergyman.

Other Editors Speak

A New Lesson From Warren County

THE CAROLINIAN

The Warren County PCB foray is reminding us that there are many in our society who would have us to believe that much of what occurs to blacks in America is "coincidental" or the best situation under the "circumstances."

The state's reported account of its selection of the Warren County dump site, its safety features and the future safety measures the state officials will continue to perform to avoid future health problems portrays the plight of black Americans as the best of circumstances that can be expected.

After all, the government is fulfilling its responsibility to do the best it can (The Jim Crow era is a case in point).

Everybody can't be made happy (Regrettably, man born of a dark woman will have dark days).

The cost of curing the problem is prohibitively high (Who can be expected to enact a Marshall Plan for America? Such is for foreign lands).

The problem is not racial, but "coincidental" that the state engineers and inspectors selected majority black Warren County for the dumpsite (It was only "coincidental" that slavery affected people from Africa more than whites during the American

slavery era).

Outsiders are taking advantage of a local situation (Yes, keep blacks separate and disinformed, that way they can be kept powerless. "If they ever get together, there will be problems").

Apparently, it is "coincidental" that blacks have a unique posture in our society. It is "coincidental" that much of our black populace is poor, untrained and unlearned, disadvantaged, etc.

It is the best under the "circumstances" that the black community has been the victim of bigotry and racism, forced second-class status, subject to psychological and physical oppression and violence historically in this country, and opposed in every effort in self-improvement and development.

The results of so many of these "coincidences" only lead us to face and fight every new "coincidence."

If it is "coincidence" which has burdened the black experience in this country, then we must make every effort to rid our country of these "coincidences."

If this is the best we can expect under the "circumstances," then we must redesign the "circumstances."

We note our error, for we had thought it was racism.

Prisoners Seek A "Barnabas"

Dear Friend,

The purpose of this letter is to ask help from you all there.

I am sending some articles of the work God is doing here in the lives of these men. They are sincere, and they are in need of good Christian fellowship, brotherly love and sound direction to better guide themselves and their families.

We have many talents that can be used to help others if we had someone to give of their time and efforts to help us in developing them.

I just read in Acts 11:22-24 where the church which was in Jerusalem sent "Barnabas" to exhort and encourage the believers who had come to the Lord. My question would be, Do

you have a "Barnabas" there that you could send to exhort us?

If so, he or she can make arrangements to visit through Rev. Baldwin here in Lumber Bridge. He is a wonderful man of God who has a great love for prisoners.

We are interested, also, in good Christian friends. Can you help us in this area?

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Be in prayer for us and our families here, and I shall be in prayer for you and the work there.

Hoping to hear from someone there soon. My love in Christ.

Steve Gibson

Romans 8:28

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS

Christian Friends are great to have,

Whenever there's trouble, they will always be there.

A kind word, a letter or two;

A phone call to the family, to share some good news.

One of the greatest moments as a prisoner, I've shared,

Was seeing God's love in Friends who cared.

How they bring hope to the inmates' souls,

Teaching them kindness, and helping them to establish goals.

Only Jesus can change the heart of a man;

And dedicated Christian Friends can help him to stand.

By Steve Gibson

Scotland Prison Unit

Christmas Mail Call; Chance To Witness

The 1981 Christmas Mail Call was the most successful ever. For this, we would like to thank those who participated by sending Christmas mail. We have received numerous reports from the various agencies which distributed the mail to our young servicemen and women, telling how much all the letters and cards were enjoyed during the Christmas season.

The 1982 Christmas Mail Call is now underway, and this is a unique witnessing opportunity for individuals as well as families and church groups.

For information on how to have a part in this very worthwhile program, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Armed Forces Mail Call, 6520 Selma Ave., No. 315, Hollywood, Cal. 90028. Thank you!



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Dr. Joy J. Johnson Presents

Ten Commandments For Survival

FAIRMONT—Dr. Joy Joseph Johnson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Fairmont, will present "The Black Church's Response and Alternative to Reaganomics, Unemployment, Budget Cuts, Higher Taxes, and the Economy," Sunday, Sept. 5, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

The purpose of the program, Dr. Johnson said, is to inform the black community and concerned citizens of his "Ten Commandments" for blacks' economic and spiritual recovery from Reaganomics.

They are:

1. I shall maximize my job preparation, performances and productivity in order for greater employment opportunities and promotions. Also, I shall be competent and stop making excuses because of my color.

2. I shall reduce the black crime rate, as well as black crimes.

3. I shall reduce the black family's high rate of divorces, separations, and illegitimacies of which most could be greatly reduced through professional family planning, counseling and budgeting.

4. I shall reduce the black high rate of illiteracy and school drop-outs.

5. I shall stop feuding and fighting with other blacks over minor issues, while overlooking poverty, injustices, ignorance, greed, and God.

6. I shall stop the abuse of alcohol and drugs at the expense of my family and employment.

7. I shall prioritize my

spending, as well as save and invest some of my income into black owned and operated companies or corporations. I shall be a producer and not just a consumer.

8. I shall register, vote and become a viable candidate for an elected public or appointed office.

9. I shall continue to use the black church as a worshipping place, as well as a working place; and serving place, as well as a shouting place.

10. I shall turn back to God, love and the family altar.

Dr. Johnson, former president of the General Baptist State Convention of

North Carolina, Inc., said the "Help Yourself Club" will be formed in communities throughout the state and nationwide.

The former Robeson County state legislator said promotion for the club will be done through brochures, buttons, bumper stickers, and tee-shirts. All promotional material will read: "You Need Help—Join—Help Yourself Club."

Dr. Johnson said Sunday's program is open to the public and a nursery will be open for small children.



Dr. J. J. Johnson

Go To Church

Church Circuit

Health & Human Service Project Grads

CYCLE V

FIRST BAPTIST/JOHNSTON, PINEY GROVE—CLAYTON SITE

FIRST BAPTIST, REVEREND L. E. SIMPSON, PASTOR

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Simon Barbour
Lisa D. Barbour
Thelma Heartley
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Leo Lamberth
Pauline Landers
Margaret K. Rand
Maxine Sanders

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Michael Barnes
Bertha Boyd
Catherine Sanders
Louis Smith
Darlene Watson

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Community Health Coordinators
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Minnie Williamson

Community Health Assistants
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Alice Wall

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Linwood Mouzzon
Dee Spells

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Community Health Coordinator
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FIRST BAPTIST, RALEIGH, REVEREND C. W. WARD, PASTOR

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Jesse Broadnax

Community Health Assistants
Rogeline White

Mary Peebles
Lucille Stallings
Reverend C. W. Ward
Sylvester White

Rosabella Hinton

FIRST COSMOPOLITAN, REVEREND W. B. LEWIS, PASTOR

Community Health Coordinator
E. J. Carpenter

Community Health Assistants
Oralee Allen
Catherine Evans

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Community Health Coordinator

Reverend Constance M. Prince

PRaise TEMPLE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH, REVEREND MARIE BATTLE, PASTOR

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Patricia Gregory

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GOOD SAMARITAN BAPTIST, REVEREND L. J. PENNY, PASTOR

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Reba Bunch
Phyllis Barbour
Willie Graves, Sr.
Luther A. Hinton
Myrtle Lee Morris
Salome H. McClam
Reverend Leon J. Penny
Gladys Wright

Community Health assistants
Constance Barbour
Sarah V. Hill
Wilbert Morris

SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST, REVEREND DANIEL SANDERS, PASTOR

Community Health Assistants
Ruby Newkirk
Lula M. Seawell

Rev. Rogers Installed In Chapel Hill

REV. RODGERS INSTALLED COLUMBIA—The Rev. James H. Rodgers of Columbia (Travis Section) was installed as pastor of the Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, Sept. 5. The installation sermon was preached by Dr. H. L. Mitchell of Gatesville. New Hope and Union Branch Baptist Churches served with their pastor. Mrs. Stella Bryant, president of the Educational and Missionary Union of the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association, presided. Dr. D. W. Lamb, pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church, where Rev. Rodgers is a member, shared with Mrs. Bryant and presented the speaker.

As a member of the Creswell Saint John Baptist Church, Rev. Rodgers has been minister of music for 29 years, superintendent of the Church School for 12 years, member of the Board of Deacons for eight years, member of the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association, organist of the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association, treasurer of the Albemarle Union, and a leader and strong supporter of civic affairs.

General Baptist Convention

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messenger.

Churches that register or pre-register, be sure to indicate how many voting delegates will represent your church.

THE NEW BAPTIST BUILDING

I call attention again to the fact that the month of September, 1982, is Baptist Headquarters Month. We strongly urge all pastors to lead each member to contribute five dollars. We will make a report of this "five dollars effort" from the churches in our annual session.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you" for your support, cooperation, prayers and best wishes during the fiscal year 1981-82. I shall look to see you in our annual session at the White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, Oct. 25-28.

DIRECTIONS TO WHITE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

White Rock Baptist Church is located at 3400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, L. A. Lynch, pastor.

Persons traveling Highway 85 South to Durham—exit on NC 55 and NCCU. Stay on Highway 55 until you get to Lawson Street, turn right on Lawson and go to Fayetteville Street, turn left and continue. The church is on the right.

Persons traveling on Highway 85 North—exit on NC 55 and NCCU. Stay on Highway 55 until you get to Lawson Street. Turn right on Lawson and continue to Fayetteville, turn left and the church is on the right.

Persons traveling on Highway 140—Take the Fayetteville Street exit and turn left, continue on Fayetteville Street. The church is on the right.

Persons traveling Highway 55—stay on this highway until you get to the stop light at Cornwallis Road. Make a left on Cornwallis, continue until it becomes Fayetteville Street, turn right on Fayetteville Street, go three blocks, and the church is on the left.

Accommodations

Hotels available for the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina, Inc.—Annual Session, Oct. 25-28, 1982 with the Baptist Churches of Durham, White Rock Baptist Church, 3400 Fayetteville St., Durham, N. C. 27707—(919) 688-8136—Lorenzo A. Lynch, Pastor.

MOTELS

TYPES OF ROOMS, RATES

1. Ramada Inn—1-85 At Guess Road, (919) 477-7371
70 Rooms available
Single Rooms—\$32.00
Double Rooms—\$38.00
2. Carolina Duke Motor Inn
1-85 Hwy., at Guess Road
Exit, (919) 286-0771
50 double rooms available
Rooms with two beds (for two persons)
\$27.98 and \$29.98
3. Sheraton University Center
2800 Middle Ave., at Morreer Rd. & 15-501, (919) 383-8575
50 Rooms available
Single Rooms—\$45.00
Double Rooms—\$55.00
Chancellerie Quarters
\$65.00
4. Washington Duke Motor Inn
605 W. Chapel Hill Street
(919) 682-5411
30 Single & 25 Double Rooms Available
1 Bed 1 Person—\$26.00
2 Bed 2 Persons—\$29.12
2 Beds 2 Persons—\$33.28
\$2.00 Extra Person
5. Downtowner Motor Inn
328 W. Chapel Hill St.
(919) 688-8221
60 Rooms Available
1 Bed 1 Person—\$25.00
2 Persons, 2 Beds—Twins
\$32.00; \$6.00 Extra Person
6. Governor's Inn
Research Triangle Park
off Highway 40 (Between
Raleigh and Durham)
(919) 549-8631
50 Rooms Available
Single Rooms—\$55.00
Double Rooms—\$60.00 (Two
Persons in One Bed)
Twin Double—\$45.00 (One
Person in Each Bed)
Suite \$110., Double \$125.00
7. Ramada Inn Downtown
600 Willard, at Highway 1-40
and Duke Street
(919) 683-1531
Singles and Doubles—\$38.88
8. Howard Johnson Motor Lodge
1800 Hillandale Road
(Beside Highway 40)
(919) 477-7381
30 Rooms Available
1 Person 1 Bed—\$27.00
2 Persons 1 Bed—\$30.00
2 Persons 2 Beds—\$34.00
Extra Person—\$5.00

9. Holiday Inn
15-501 Bypass, off
Hillsborough Road
(919) 383-1551
100 Rooms Available

Singles—\$28.00
Doubles—\$34.00

10. Hilton Inn
(Near Duke University)
2424 Erwin Road
(919) 286-7761
40 Rooms Available

Single—\$37.00 and \$40.00
Double—\$45.00 and \$48.00

11. Happy Inn
Highway 1-85 North at
Hiway N. C. 55 Avondale Drive
(919) 683-1321

1 Person 1 Bed—\$26.00

12. Days Inn of America
Highway 1-85, North
(919) 688-4338
75 Rooms Available

Single—\$22.88
Double—\$26.88
Extra Person—\$4.00
Child—\$1.00

13. Best Western Skyland Inn
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20 Rooms Available

1 Person 1 Bed—\$26.00
2 Persons 1 Bed—\$30.00
2 Persons 2 Beds—\$32.00

14. Airport or Triangle Motel
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15. Holiday Inn, Chapel Hill
(919) 929-2171 or 1-800-238-8000
(toll-free)

Single—\$19.02
Double—\$23.18

16. Cavalier Inn
4026 Chapel Hill Blvd.
(919) 489-9121
7 Single and 20 Doubles

17. Chesterfield Motel
Roxboro Road
(919) 477-7343
7 Singles and 5 Doubles

1 Person—\$19.50
2 Persons—\$21.58
2 Beds 2 Persons—\$24.77
Extra Person—\$3.00

18. Confederate Inn
Off 1-85 South at U. S.
Highway (Hillsborough Rd.)
(919) 383-2561
10 Rooms Available

Single—\$25.00
Double—\$35.00
Extra Person—\$4.00

19. Cricket Inn
On 1-85
(919) 383-2549
30 Rooms Available

Single—\$20.93
Double—\$25.09

20. Duke Motor Lodge
Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd.
(Between Durham and Chapel
Hill) (919) 489-9111

21. Econo Travel Motor Hotel
2337 Guess Road, at 1-85
(919) 286-7746

1 Person 1 Bed—\$22.95
2 Persons 1 Bed—\$25.95
2 Persons 2 Beds—\$27.95
4 Persons 2 Beds—\$37.91

22. Hotel Europa
Europa Drive, Chapel Hill
off Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd.
(919) 493-1414

Single—\$62.66 and \$70.00
Double—\$74.00 and \$78.00

23. Lakeside Motel
U. S. Highway 15
Creedmoor, N. C.
(About 15 miles from Durham
off 1-85 North)
(919) 528-1502

Single—\$15.00
Double—\$17.00

24. Motel 6
1201 Holloway Street
(919) 682-8043
75 Rooms Available

Single—\$15.81
Double—\$19.97

25. Sleepy Time Inn
4516 Chapel Hill Blvd.
(919) 489-9146
60 Rooms Available
(All have Two Double Beds)

Single—\$18.00
Double—\$24.00

When making reservations, tell them we will be attending the General Baptist State Convention of N. C., make all reservations directly with the motel of your choice, most of them require a one night deposit before they will confirm your reservation.

Baptists In Red Cross Vital Signs Blood Class

On Tuesday, July 27, and Thursday, July 29, the American Red Cross conducted a Vital Signs Course. Graduates of the General Baptist State Convention's Health and Human Service Project participated as students.

This course required three hours of intense training in blood pressure measurement.

Twenty-four persons completed the training and were certified by the Red Cross. The following list includes these persons and the churches they represented:

First Baptist
Mary W. Peebles
Lucille Stallings

Friendship Chapel
Virginia Lucas
Jessie Stallings

Good Samaritan
Virginia Archibald
Salome H. McClam

Juniper Level
Simora Bass
Rev. G. A. Jones
Ella Morgan
Glenora Parham
Bernice Williams

Woodland
Robert Estes
Nina Mae Hockaday
Bettie S. Morgan

Macedonia
Elizabeth Brooks
Lena King Gill

Malaby's Cross Road
Maggie Jones

New Bethel
Lanis Fowler
Lena Mae Miller
Mary Perry

New Providence
Juanita Sutton Louise Utey

General Baptist State Convention Health and Human Service Project Staff
Barbara Baylor
Regina Young

Mrs. Lu Little, a Red Cross volunteer instructor, taught the courses. The persons who now hold certification will begin to plan and implement blood pressure screening programs in their churches and/or communities.



The Faces Of GBSC President John R. Manley

"We haven't come so far that we can't fall back"

BY CURETON JOHNSON

When John R. Manley was a boy, the image of the preacher-pastor was etched indelibly upon his mind. The lad from rural Murfreesboro (N.C.) couldn't escape the mystery of the ministerial calling.

"I had three choices," Dr. Manley said in an interview recently at Baptist Headquarters in Raleigh. "One was as a minister, another was a farm agent, the other a lawyer. People had a way of saying you're going to be a minister and this had its effect."

In eastern North Carolina the minister is recognized as "the" person, Dr. Manley said. He was somebody looked up to with respect.

"There was a certain amount of mystery."

During his last year in high school, young Manley responded to the call of God to enter the ministry. His first contact with the General Baptist State Convention occurred during a Sunday School Convention meeting in High Point. He traveled there with the Rev. H.L. Mitchell and heard the late Dr. Miles Mark Fisher preach a sermon entitled, "I'd Do It Again."

Upon entering Shaw University, he was called to pastor the Rock Hill Baptist Church in Chapel Hill (now First Baptist), where he still serves as pastor along with pastoring Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Carboro.

Now coming to the close of his four-year tenure as president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Dr. Manley is most proud of the unity and spirit of cooperation which has flowered during his service.

"I think being president has given me the opportunity to put into practice some of the ideals I feel about the church. Cooperative teamwork is very essential to our people. I can go across the state and hear the same themes of the Convention in the local church. I think that's great."

"The church represents a means by which people may work together. It has a biblical base to take its corporateness seriously. This is relating one faith to one's existence."

Dr. Manley noted that factions are always in any organization, but he believes the seeds have been planted for unity.

"Once the women were

very suspicious of the Convention. Now they are talking about "our" Convention, "our" budget. Nobody knows how satisfying this is. The plant has been cultivated even in the midst of desert conditions. People don't know how much cultivation has taken place.

"But we haven't come so far that we can't fall back," he said.

"Then the fact that we're going to build (new headquarters) on Shaw University's campus is an accomplishment. Because really, the Shaw leadership and the Convention leadership, which should work hard in glove, have undercut each other in the past. This has been a very sad commentary."

"Therefore we had to form a coalition to overcome this."

Dr. Manley also feels that positive strides have been made in the relationship between the GBSC and the predominately white Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He called the joint session in 1982 the best effort made between the two conventions, but added, "we haven't followed up on this."

Among the accomplishments that Dr. Manley views

with joy during his leadership is the creation of the Health and Human Services Project. The brainchild of Dr. Manley and UNC-Chapel Hill Health Department Professor John Hatch, the two men's ideas became a reality with health training classes now conducted in Baptist churches across North Carolina.

Another source of pride is the initial work done toward building a new Baptist Headquarters. "The architect has been hired, plans drawn, ground broken and fundraising is under way said Dr. Manley.

In addition to all of this, the Convention has managed to surpass a million dollar goal all four years.

"A lot of people feel that this is no achievement. But during the four years we operated in a time when the economy has been depressed."

Again, some of the drive necessary for Dr. Manley's success springs from his youthful days. To him the word "responsibility" stands out.

"I just do what I have to do. My father was a farmer and you had to manage your business or be out of business. I have pastored for

35 years and we have never run in the red at either church."

And what directions does Dr. Manley see for churches and for the Convention.

He says that a good program of Christian Education is still badly needed. He also sees a need for a meeting of ministers in a conference.

"We're getting various points of view in the pulpit and it will be a source of divisiveness if we're not careful."

And in the Convention, he says, "We never want to lose sight of the general objectives. We need to take a look at our foreign missionary program, educational needs and social needs."

"We're conceived of as being one of the best organized, most cooperative Conventions in the country. And someone with a vision is needed in the days ahead."

Dr. Manley will miss the Convention congregation standing when he rises to speak and he'll miss the words "Mr. President." But he knows that he has been a part of something important — "a nation within a nation" he describes it.

And serving God's kingdom on earth has been his calling since high school.

Woman's Page

Harambee! Harambee!

BY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
BRODIE

Though we have expressed thanks many a time during this our new fiscal year, may we state to all of you again our most sincere appreciation.

Yet it is together that we must continue to go forward, as says a Kenyan slogan, "Harambee! Harambee!" that is, "Forward together! Forward together!" This slogan is said to have been used often in Kenya when men have a difficult task at hand. As we view the times, it is quite apparent that we are on the brink of economic difficulties if not already in the midst of them. Nevertheless, the call for missions still comes to the church and her agents as conventions. Consequently, we must continue to give, to serve, to implement. And so to moderators, pastors, presidents, chairpersons, special workers, supervisors, directors and members, let us summon courage, momentum and strength, though the task and times are difficult, and continue His assigned mission with the attitude of "forward together!"

INSTITUTES

"Forward together!" Now is also the time to begin preparation for the mission study institutes. We would hope that all counties and churches will participate in the different institutes. The conventional board. Every Christian's job, is recommended for the seniors and young adults and Keep Giving Away Your Faith for the youth. The books may be purchased from the Woman's Convention office. Please contact the woman's office so that dates and instructors can be scheduled.

The Institute Workers' Clinic will be held Saturday, Oct. 9, at 10 a.m. at the Baptist Headquarters. All instructors are urged to be present in order to receive materials.

SEASON OF PRAYER

Let us be reminded that October is our Prayer Month for Shaw University and the Divinity School. The need for Christian education is always with us. May we pray that "God bestows upon these institutions the kind of spirit, love, character, wisdom, knowledge, and stability needed to implement His assigned mission to them in these the best and worst of times."

MID-YEAR SESSION

Soon it will be time for our Mid-Year Session, Saturday, Jan. 1983. We are in the process of making plans to charter buses, to come to the session in great numbers, to invite and bring new persons and to bring very substantial funds for state missions. At this session are persons to receive the "25 Years" certificate, who have not received it.

This certificate is given to persons who have attended the convention for 25 years or more. If you are one or know persons who are in this category, please send the name now to the office. "Forward together!"

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Monday, Nov. 1, the Woman's Department of the Baptist World Alliance will observe a World Day of Prayer. Christian women from all countries of the world unite in prayer, using materials prepared by the BWA Woman's Department. The theme is "Faith Growing More and More." Though materials appear to be scarce, we hope to have copies here in the office very soon. Therefore, you may write to us for copies.

President Ruden stated, "Our Day of Prayer can bring a change in an individual's life. Our prayers, our faith and actions, our offering can transform a situation of great difficulty into new possibilities. It is not a great and wonderful thing that many of you are praying at the same time and for the same cause?"

BY MS. AUGUSTA WHITE
The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary members played an active role in the Woman's Auxiliary Sessions of the Lott Carey Convention held in Norfolk, Va., at Holiday Inn Scope with Shiloh Baptist Church as host and Rev. John Foster, pastor.

The following women from North Carolina were presented, along with 35 other women, as "Women of the Week" for the Woman's Auxiliary of the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention: Mrs. Clara Ballentine, Watts Chapel Baptist Church, Raleigh; Dr. Berthenia D. Horne and Mrs. Emma Kellum, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Winston-Salem; Dr. Johnny B. Mc Lester, Morehead Avenue Baptist Church, Durham; Mrs. Annie Sadler, Gaston County Union, and Mrs. Willie Sneed, Mount Gilead Baptist Church, Durham.

These missionary women have not hidden their lights under a house, but rather, they are letting them shine in the darkness, giving illumination to many. "The light shall shine in the darkness, and the darkness will never put it out."

Mrs. Olga Laws from Merry Hill participated in the symposium on the convention theme: "Responding to the Gospel Imperatives in Times of Crisis."

Mrs. Laws stated that we are constantly encountered with crises of every description, but we must turn to God to see what steps to take. "We must remember the word which came with the birth of Jesus: 'Go ye into all the world and teach His word.' We must hold to God's unchanging hands. At the crossroads of life, we must remember that Christ said, 'I am the way, the truth and the

life, no man cometh to the Father, but by me.' Hold to God's hands and move forward. The Master said go, and we ought to go. Do you love Him enough to do His commitment? Christ loved us enough to make the supreme sacrifice for us through death. On a hill far away, Jesus went to Calvary and shed His precious blood for mankind."

On Thursday afternoon, the following women represented North Carolina in a pageant, "The Women's Auxiliary from 1900-1982," Act I, Scene 1: Narrator—Mrs. Helen Falls, Mrs. Robinson—Mrs. Thelma C. Horton; Speaker No. 1—Mrs. Robbie Diggins; Speaker No. 2 (Mrs. Somerville)—Mrs. Ella Adams; Mrs. Shephard—Dr. Mc Lester; Mrs. Brown—Mrs. Pauline G. Reid; Mrs. Person—Mrs. Roxanna Pitts; Mrs. Brooklyn—Mrs. Clara Ballentine; Mrs. Callis—Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie; Mrs. James—Miss Lucinda Satterwhite; Mrs. Alexander—Mrs. Alice Wilson; Mrs. McQuinn—Mrs. Luella D. Edwards; Mrs. Merriweather—Mrs. Ethel Costner; Mrs. Wood—Miss Ethel Stanfield.

The pageant depicted the

beginning of the Woman's Auxiliary which started with a few Christian women discussing the idea in 1899 at the Lott Carey Convention in Baltimore, Md., at the First Baptist Church, with Rev. J. C. Allen as host. The enthusiasm and interest manifested by these women resulted in the following report:

"It recommended that women's organizations be encouraged in every church and that delegates sent to the next meeting of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention with a view to forming a general women's organization in connection with an auxiliary to the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention. The corresponding secretary is to correspond with women's organizations and invite them to meet for organization at Alexandria, Va., in 1900."

Thus, the beginning of the Woman's Auxiliary which had a beginning in one small room with a few dedicated women has grown to hundreds of dedicated Christian women who are willing to give of their time, talents and money to keep the light burning.

Woman's Auxiliary Young Adults Help Orphanage

On Sunday, Aug. 29, the Young Adult Department of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Mountain and Catawba Missionary Baptist Association observed its annual Central Orphanage Day. Pastor Alfred Wright and the membership of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Hickory, hosted the observance.

H. V. Bryant, executive director of the Central Orphanage of Oxford, was the guest speaker. Bryant stirred the hearts anew of all in attendance with the accomplishments being made at the orphanage and the needs still needing to be met.

As a result of this special effort, \$1,286.08 was raised by member churches in the association. Those reporting were: Chestnut Grove, \$250; Community, \$50; Davidsonville, \$31; Friendship, \$25; Jones Chapel, \$35; Liberty Hill, \$63; Moore Chapel, \$28; Morning Star First, \$212; Mt. Carmel, \$100; Mt. Zion-Drexel, \$50; Mt. Zion-Hickory, \$100; New Prospect, \$100; St. James First, \$30; and St. John, \$25.

Mrs. Pamela Reid is president of the Young Adult Department. Mrs. Thessie Williams is the auxiliary director and Rev. Webster E. Lytle is moderator of the association.

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Retirement Bill Is Passed

WASHINGTON, D. C. (BP)—Legislation to remove Internal Revenue Service obstacles hindering churches from providing ministerial aid to employees being made with adequate retirement incomes has been passed by the U. S. Senate.

The bill also would clarify that church pension boards are authorized to issue tax sheltered annuities, reversing a recent IRS ruling, that only insurance companies could do so.

HEALTHFULLY SPEAKING

BY REGINAL A. YOUNG, MPH

Sponsored by the Health and Human Services Project

STRESS

Stress is as old as the ages. I imagine that Adam and Eve were stressed when the Lord sought them out in the Garden of Eden after they had eaten off the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, that Moses was stressed when he had the Red Sea in front of him, and the Egyptians in hard pursuit behind him and the Israelites demanding to know how he could deal so with them; that Judas Iscariot was stressed at the realization of what he had done; and that each individual today is stressed with some of the pressures of everyday living.

Each year, 100 doctors in their prime years commit suicide due to stress. Fifty to 80 percent of all disease is attributed to psychosomatic or stress-related origins by most standard medical textbooks.

Stress has been defined as the rate of wear and tear caused by life. It can be specific (having an identifiable physical causal agent, noise) and nonspecific (it can occur due to a variety of causal agents).

Dr. Selye believes that there are three stages to stress. The first involves alarm. In this stage, the individual recognizes and reacts to the stressor (that which causes stress). After this stage, the individual either fights or he/she runs away from the problem (the second stage). But if the problem is not resolved quickly, exhaustion sets in (the third stage). With long periods of unresolved stress, the results are wear and tear on the body with some parts of the body left damaged (e.g., ulcers, high blood pressure, etc.).

There are many reactions to stress. Some people react to stress with withdrawal, depression, hyperactivity, compulsive behavior, headaches, insomnia (unable to sleep), fatigue, irritability, long hours of work, inability to make decisions, excessive daydreaming, increased drinking, etc.

But there is some relief that can be obtained from stress. Some of the recommendations include being in good physical health (fitness) and the exercise of balance. Being fit includes having a balanced diet that is not high in sugar, or toxic substances (caffeine, nicotine or alcohol), and it includes getting the proper amount of exercise. It also involves providing a healthy environment in which to work, play and live. This is important when one begins to seek balance. Balance is needed in the total life picture. The individual needs work, relaxation, exercise, and a proper diet in balanced proportions in order to live a good and less stressful life.

No one ever completely gets rid of stress, but one can be better prepared to deal with stress by being in good health and by having other aspects of his/her life in a healthy perspective.

—Barbara A. Dixon

Collective Mental Illness Cited In Americans

BY PATTI STEPHENSON
RIDGECREST (BP)—Charging that Americans suffer "collective mental illness" as a result of a "dissected value system," sociologist Mary Tillman called for Christians to "reflect Christ rather than a society which teaches 'to be somebody, they must always be somebody beneath me.'"

Speaking in a week-long "Witnessing Out of Personal Wholeness and Social Integrity" conference, the director of Tillman Associates in Atlanta blamed secular society's "exclusivity syndrome" for perpetuating racism, classism and sexism. Instead of being reconcilers, she said,

"Christians help maintain the walls between rich and poor, black and white, men and women."

"Both blacks and whites are guilty of 'worshipping the idols of money, middle-class status and achievement at others' expense,'" she said. "While Christ calls us to stay in the cities and love our brothers and sisters, society says we must leave if we want to succeed." Noting "cultural brainwashing" begins at birth and "permeates our churches," she called for Christians to "transcend the world's value system and remember we're already somebody in God's eyes."

Student Program Touches 3,000

BY MICHAEL J. DARRY

The annual Student Summer Youth program sponsored by the Department of Cooperative Ministries came to a close on Aug. 15.

The 47 students and adult workers commissioned this year represent one of the largest groups ever in summer missions. They served in 21 locations throughout the state. Their ministries touch the lives of some 3,000 children and adults.

Some of the areas of ministry included: work with the emotionally and physically handicapped at the Sara Barker Center in Durham and the Gaston Skills Center in Dallas; aid with a migrant program in Lillington; work with recreational programs in Raleigh and Murfreesboro. Other areas include serving in day care centers and churches in a number of areas throughout the state.

On the lighter side, there were some interesting statistics from the 25 college students who served: (1) there were 2 sets of sisters, all four young ladies former cheerleaders in high school; (2) there was one set of brothers, both enrolled at A&T State University and both ordained ministers; (3) four of the young men who served are pianists for their college gospel choirs, representing the following schools: Shaw University, Wake Forest University, Mitchell Community College and (4) there were 27 colleges represented among the 25 students.

The Department of Cooperative Ministries would like to say thanks to all individuals who have given spiritual and financial support to summer missions over the years. For it is only through the generous support of multiple thousands throughout the state that success in summer missions has been achieved.

Final words of thanks and appreciation go to both conventions for having a vision to see a real need for such a program.

LIMURU, Kenya (BP)—African Baptist leaders from across the continent concluded an intensive three-day exploration of ways to strengthen African evangelism and education by forming an All Africa Baptist Fellowship.

"The AABF will weld Baptist churches in Africa together in a strong fellowship," said Samuel T. Oia Akande of Nigeria.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Evangelism Conference To Be In Raleigh Nov. 6

We are calling all Baptist churches of the General Baptist State Convention to bring or send carloads and vanloads of young people to Raleigh, North Carolina, Saturday, Nov. 6, 1982, to participate in the FIRST Youth Evangelism Conference to be held at 9 a.m. at Martin Street Baptist Church, 1000 E. Martin St. Dr. Paul Johnson is pastor.

The young people, along with other conventional officers: Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, supervisor; Miss Percie Norman, associate supervisor; Dr. Priscilla Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, president; Mrs. Bronnie Daniels, young adult director; and Mrs. Luella Edwards, first vice president, have been planning for the Conference almost a year. The theme for the Conference is "God's Word: The Open Door to Evangelism."

Young people, as you plan for the Evangelism Conference, think of it as planning and drawing the blueprint of your lives. With God's strength and guidance, you can construct a life of faith, beauty and love. As you affirm the power and goodness of God, you uplift your hearts and minds. God-powered thoughts are the key to God's Word, the Open Door to Evangelism. You build productive thoughts and actions today. You are partners with God in the design of your future, you are the architects of your lives.

All youth are asked to bring a Bible and a sacrificial gift of \$2 or more.

How to get the most out of the conference...

- Come with your Bible
- Come with the Word expectantly
- Come surrendering to the truths here revealed
- Come expecting to use the truths here revealed
- Come unburdened
- Come with a proper emphasis
- Come with a prayer on your lips and your mind "Stayed on Jesus."

See you at Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, November 6, 1982 at 9 o'clock.

—Ms. Augusta White

Laymen's Retreat Largest Ever

The North Carolina State Laymen's League sponsored its annual Royal Ambassadors and Adult Summer Retreat Aug. 13-14 at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill.

The retreat opened at noon on Friday, and closed on Saturday at 6 p.m.

The number in attendance was the largest yet. There were 108 Ambassadors and MLK's, and 48 adults—making a total of 156.

The weather was truly ideal and in our favor because the numbers were such that we had to have three classes outside under the trees.

The text that was taught was "An Introduction to the Bible." We had five classes with each class being taught from the same book. These classes were well taught by five capable men. The teachers were: Charles Alston, Raleigh; Romas Hales, Fayetteville; M. L. Devane, Lenoir; Winston Bagley, Gastonia; and John

Stanton, Red Springs. Frank H. Marshall, Asheville, was chairman of our Summer Retreat. He did a marvelous job.

Everyone in attendance had a wonderful and enjoyable time. The food committee chaired by R. L. Cogdell, cooked and served delicious meals each day. Everyone loved the food.

The Assembly was made ready for the arrival of the group by Rev. Theodore Breeden, Assembly superintendent. Everything was in order when the delegation arrived.

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church of Waxhaw, Rev. W. T. Richardson, pastor, has the largest number in attendance. They had 18 Ambassadors and 10 adults. Hats off to Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church.

By O. A. Dupree, Study Commission Chairman
John W. McQueen, State Laymen's Interim Coordinator

BOOKS

Discipline

DISCIPLINE: THE ANSWER TO GOD'S CALL

"When I know myself called, summoned, addressed, taken possession of, known, acted upon, I have heard the Master. I put myself gladly, fully and forever at His disposal, and to whatever He says my answer is yes."

Glad? What's glad about discipline? Discipline conjures up images of soldiers standing at attention or of dutiful men and women gritting their teeth in martyrdom. To a surrender? In her newest book, **DISCIPLINE, THE GLAD SURRENDER**, Elisabeth Elliot shows her readers that, far from being a painful experience, discipline is the believer's pathway to true happiness.

Using Biblical illustrations, the author shows how God's training can be rigorous and even intellectually illogical at times, but the results have always been glorious. She also gives encouragement to readers from her life and from the lives of others who are striving to let Christ have control. In an age of irresponsibility and "do your own thing," Mrs. Elliot is inspiring the believer to stand firm for God.

Elisabeth Elliot is one of the most popular and respected Christian writers of our time. As lecturer, teacher, and best-selling author, she deals with themes such as faith, man's relationship to God, and our relationships with each other. She is associated with Gordon College, Wenham, Mass., as writer-in-residence. Her books include "Shadow of the Almighty," "Through Gates of Splendor," "Let Me Be a Woman," "The Journals of Jim Elliot," "No Graven Image," and "The Mark of a Man."

Farming & Gardening

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y. — "Farming and Gardening in the Bible," a 1951 Rodale Press publishing classic, is being reissued under the auspices of Marist College.

The 284-page hardcover book by Alastair MacKay has been described by actor Eddie Albert as "One of the most fascinating, important, and yet easy to read books I've enjoyed in years." As a home gardener and farmland preservation advocate, I was totally absorbed by the outstanding chapters on "Gardens," "Herbs," "Vegetables," "Flocks and Herds," "Field Crops," and "Flowers."

"Among the 21 carefully re-

searched chapters there's even one on 'Weeds' and a wonderful look at everyday family farm life 2,000 years ago entitled, 'The Farmer's Year.' I loved it."

Publication of "Farming and Gardening in the Bible" is part of Marist College's initiative to increase public awareness of the many interrelated political, economic, social, environmental and moral aspects of food and land oriented issues in our urban age.

In an updated introduction to the book, Dr. Michael J. Balick of the New York Botanical Garden raises the question, "Why concern ourselves with the agricultural practices of an ancient people?"

"First," he notes, "is that we still have a great deal to learn from the past and there are many valuable lessons in this work." Dr. Balick also stresses the need for a broad historical perspective, discusses the "Noah Principle" of species preservation and raises the age-old questions about priorities in agricultural land use that are as valid today as they were over 2,000 years ago.

"Although this book deals with serious issues, it is truly enjoyable reading for anyone who loves the soil," Marist College project administrator Glenn Van Brumer said. "And, by more fully understanding the commonly shared experiences of everyday life in the Biblical age, we gain deeper insights into our religious heritage."

Eddie Albert pointed out that many of the teachings in both the Old and New Testaments are illustrated by common agrarian parables. "Quite simply put," the veteran actor said, "the most complex theological truths had to be presented in the simplest possible terms. Remember, the Bible is not an age of widespread literacy and well over 90 percent of the people lived by working the land."

"And now," he concluded, "at a time when less than five percent of our nation's people are actually 'down on the farm,' far too many of these once universally understood moral teachings are becoming difficult for urban and suburban populations to understand."

The college's project director suggested that such concepts as the totality of the shepherd-flock relationship, the scope of man's stewardship of the land and, quite possibly, even a better understanding of the role of mankind can be grasped only when one fully understands the shared experiences and perceptions of the Biblical scries.

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Blessings and Birthrights

Families Must Face Jacob-Esau Syndrome

BY JIM NEWTON

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)—Christian families need to deal with the reality that in almost every family, one of the children receives the parents' "blessing" or "birthright," even though the parents may not do so consciously, a family life expert says.

Karl Olsson, author and authority on family life, spoke to Baptists at Gloria Baptist Conference Center.

As Baptists seek to strengthen families, we need to be aware that the biblical tradition of giving one child "the blessing" still exists unconsciously in most families today, Olsson said.

The unconscious "blessing" can cause rivalry, resentment, authoritative control taking, psychological problems among family members, and conflict within the family, Olsson said.

If Baptists are going to be effective in strengthening families, they must deal with this natural, human tendency with love, understanding and sensitivity, Olsson said.

Among the families in the

Old Testament, there was almost always the "chosen son" (and the "unchosen" son) who received the father's blessing and birthright, Olsson said. The classic example is the story of Jacob stealing the birthright from his brother, Esau, who was the "chosen one" in the family. Another classic example is the story of Joseph, and his "coat of many colors," Olsson said. In the New Testament, the best example is the story of the prodigal son who was the "chosen one" and the elder brother who was "unchosen," he said.

Even today, in many families, parents "choose" one to inherit certain family heirlooms or items with sentimental value. This often causes resentment among the other children who feel the brother or sister is loved more by the parents, and granted special privileges, he said.

Olsson said this is natural tendency among parents today and is not necessarily bad, "it is just human." But it does sometimes cause problems.

To deal with it, Olsson said

parents should show love to the "unchosen" and seek to assure them, "I'm going to give you as much love as I can possibly give you." But they also need to recognize "the blessing is a mystery that is beyond control," and to "accept that which they cannot change."

Another way to deal with such family problems is to invite all family members into what Olsson called "the family of grace," the church, where the separation between the blessed and the unblessed is transcended in Christ, and where all are spiritual equals.

Although Olsson said there is no data to back his hypothesis of the "blessed" and "unblessed," he believes many pastors and religious leaders turn to the church and ministry because they are the "unblessed" ones in their families and find their "blessing" by ministry in the church.

Olsson called for emphasis in the family and the church on "loving and leveling," in which all members of the family are loved and accepted as equals.

Christmas Gifts May Confuse Young Children

WACO, Tex. (BP)—Too many toys at Christmas may confuse your child, says a Baylor University psychologist.

According to Helen Benedict, assistant professor of psychology, young children can only focus on two or three colorful toys at one time. After that, they tend to lose concentration, she says. On Christmas morning, they may open their gifts too quickly because they are mentally unable to deal with so much novelty.

It is not unusual for a child to wander excitedly about the room because of too much stimulation, she says.

Parents who want to give a lot of gifts to their children at Christmas might put some of them away after they are opened, Benedict suggests. Then the child can focus on two or three favorite toys, and the others may be brought out one by one during the coming weeks, even until spring.

By age seven or eight, a child may develop more control over outside stimulation, she says. Belief in Santa Claus seems to wane by this age, too. Robbing children of the fantasy of Christmas too soon is not a good

idea, Benedict says, because young children need fantasy as part of the growing process.

Older children often experience peer pressure to get what their friends are getting for Christmas, but Benedict thinks parents should stick their own standards of giving. "I don't know a single child who has suffered psychologically from not receiving enough

designer clothes for Christmas," she says.

Parents can help their children by keeping the excitement in balance, Benedict believes. Spacing out the celebration is part of the secret.

"Whatever happened to the 12 days of Christmas?" she asks. "One gift a day was a pretty good idea, wasn't it?"

Financial Picture Not All Bleak At Colleges

BY LONNIE WILKEY
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Despite reduction of federal student assistance programs such as the Pell Grant (formerly the Basic Education Opportunity Grant), church-related colleges are finding ways to assist students wishing to attend Christian institutions.

A recent survey, "Recent Trends in Financial Aid to Students Attending Independent Colleges and Universities," by the National Institute of Independent Colleges and Universities (NICCU) shows a decline of almost 18 percent in

Pell Grant fundings to students attending independent colleges.

The report also indicated an almost 10 percent decrease in the number of Pell Grant recipients at these institutions.

Arthur L. Walker, Jr., a member of the secretariat of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), notes the report does provide a ray of hope for the student desiring a Christian education at a Baptist school. "The NICCU's survey has shown a major increase in institutional need-based aid," Walker said.

Singles Must Find Joy Of Christ

BY DUANN KIER
RIDGECREST (BP)—Decrying the stereotype that single adults are half-persons who achieve wholeness only through marriage, an Atlanta pastor emphasized that singles, like all persons become whole through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

William Self, pastor of Wieuca Road Baptist Church, said, "You are persons in your own right."

Self urged participants to develop specific goals for their lives and help other people even when they are hurting.

"Most people only know what they don't want out of life," Self said. "They know they don't like what they've got but they don't know where they want to go."

He noted that "the one universal thing that brings all people together is the fact that we're all hurting. Don't wait until you get perfect to serve."



Dr. J. B. Humphrey, pastor, First Baptist Church-West, in Charlotte, served as hosts for the Sunday School BTU Congress. Over 1,000 attended the three-day gathering.

Sunday School, BTU Congresses Termed "Successful"

BY DR. LEO WILLIAMS, JR.
Director
Department of Christian
Education

On behalf of the Department of Christian Education, the State Baptist Sunday School and the State Baptist Training Union Congress, I wish to express our warmest appreciations to the entire General Baptist State Convention constituency for another fruitful year of working with Christ in His mission.

Our most recent successful endeavor was the annual session of the Congress, held

with First Baptist Church-West, Charlotte, North Carolina, Aug. 10-12. We shall long remember, and shall be forever grateful, for the wonderful preparation made and the kind hospitality shown by First Baptist Church-West. Our special thanks are extended to Dr. J. B. Humphrey, pastor; Mr. Samuel Jones, chairman of arrangements; and Mr. Cedric M. Jones, church officer and president of the Mecklenburg General Sunday School Convention. Furthermore, the Congress officers and all of the program participants were strictly superb in their assignments and performances.

Our Congress theme was "Teaching and Growing Our Churches," with the emphasis, "Education." Where there is teaching, and hearing, and learning, and doing, then there is growing. We were impressed to keep this formula working throughout the year and in our future efforts of teaching and training.

Please be informed that we are asking each church to report its financial contributions for Christian Education during the last month of each fiscal quarter. The last months of the fiscal quarters are: November, 1982, February, 1983; May, 1983; and August, 1983. We are requesting that each church give a total of \$140 for the entire year. This will be at the rate of \$35.00 in November, \$35.00 in February, \$35.00 in May and \$35.00 in August. Each church will receive credit for its contribution on the suggested General Baptist State Convention quota. All monies are payable to: General Baptist State Convention.

Please prepare to attend the Church Life Enrichment Conference to be held at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, Saturday, November 20, 1982, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost for registration is \$10 per person. This includes a full-course meal and study materials.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (BP)—Members of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs—representing eight Baptist groups—issued warnings against proposals in Congress on prayer in public schools and a nationwide movement calling for a constitutional convention.

In a strongly-worded document on prayer in public schools designed to provide its staff with a fresh statement,

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Viewpoints Differ On

"Who Wrote First 5 Books In Bible"**Researchers Support Moses Tradition**

BY ELLEN DAVIDSON

HAIFA—Who wrote—or more precisely, how many authors wrote—the book of Genesis is a question which has troubled Biblical scholars for the past 200 years.

Scientists at the Technion, Israel's Institute of Technology, have given the problem to a computer, which has answered that Genesis had only one author.

A team of researchers, coordinated by Prof. Yehuda Radday, a Bible scholar in the Technion's general studies department, fed the over 20,000 words of Genesis into a computer, which conducted a painstaking and complete analysis of the book's linguistic makeup. After appraising the computer data, the scientists concluded that Genesis most likely was written by one hand.

These findings support the view held for centuries that the five books of Moses, which include Genesis, had one author. Traditionalists held that it was Moses himself.

In the past few hundred years, however, scholars have attributed the book to three authors, due to contradictions and repetitions in the text.

The most blatant inconsistency, they said, was the use of two different names for the Deity. Thus they defined two authors, according to the names each gave the Deity, as the Jahwist ("J") and the Elohist ("E"). The remaining sections, comprised of genealogies, treatises, learned writings, and the like, were credited to a priestly writer, designated as "P."

Today, this fragmentation of Genesis into J, E and P is widely accepted in biblical scholarship and taught at all the world's universities. The theory is called the "documentary hypothesis."

When the scientists at the Technion studied the computer's analysis of Genesis, they found the J and E narratives to be indistinguishable linguistically. The third, the P sections, did differ widely from both, but Prof. Radday notes that such a discrepancy is only to be expected, since dramatic accounts and legal documents by nature require two different language behaviors.

"If you compared love letters and a telephone directory written by the same person, linguistic analysis would point to different authors," says Prof. Radday.

OPPOSING VIEWS

The question of the unity of Genesis was first raised at the start of the 19th century by the German Protestant theologian Johann Wellhausen, who noted the contradictions, duplications and differences in style in Genesis. For example, there are two conflicting accounts of Creation in chapters 1 and 2. In one, man and woman are created at the same time; in the other, Eve is created from Adam's rib.

For these reasons, the "documentary hypothesis" propounded by Wellhausen, claims that not Moses, but a later editor, who may have lived at the earliest during or after King David's reign (about 1000 BCE), compiled Genesis, drawing from ancient oral traditions or written documents.

In another theory contradicting that of Radday's team, Richard Friedman, a professor of Hebrew and comparative literature at the University of California at San Diego, says that parts of the first five books of the Bible were written in about 600 BCE by rival groups of priests seeking to protect their political power.

Friedman says that two authors added the rival views of descendants of Moses and Moses' brother, Aaron. Since the groups differed in their interpretation of history, their additions to the Bible have left us with two intertwined stories that don't agree.

When the Bible was assembled into its present form, says Friedman, the editors—whatever they were—could not discard either version since both had become famous.

The California professor cites the story of Noah and the flood, in which Noah is told by God to bring two of every animal aboard the Ark. A bit later in Genesis, Noah is told to bring not two, but seven pairs of animals. These conflicting accounts, according to Friedman, are due to differing views on animal sacrifice held by the two groups.

STATISTICAL PROOF

The Israeli team, however, stands firm in its contention, backed up by 54 indicators obtained through a combination of statistics, linguistics, computer science and biblical scholarship. The indicators include word length, use of the definite article and of the conjunctive "and," vocabulary

richness and frequency of transitions between word categories.

"These criteria are a reliable gauge of authorship because these traits are beyond the author's conscious control and, what is more, are countable," says Radday.

Radday worked together with Dr. Haim Shore, a Tel Aviv University statistician; Prof. Moshe A. Pollatschek, an operations research specialist in the Technion's industrial engineering and management faculty; and Dr. Dieter Wickmann, a mathematician at the Aachen Technische Hochschule in Germany.

The team claims total objectivity, citing their previous analysis of the unity of Isaiah, Judges, and other biblical books, which, as opposed to the Genesis findings, pointed to multiple authorship.

"A computer does not take sides," they maintain.



View of Jerusalem showing section of the green belt, a planned landscaped area of native flora around the Old City.



One of the newly developed archaeological gardens next to the walls of Jerusalem's Old City. In the rear are buildings of the reconstructed Jewish Quarter. (See Story Page 8)

CANDIDATE PLATFORMS

EB. Turner presidential candidate

The following is the platform of Dr. E. B. Turner, a candidate for president of the General Baptist State Convention.

1. To Strengthen the Support for our Objectives:
 - a. Shaw University
 - b. Shaw Divinity School
 - c. State Missions
 - d. Foreign Missions
 - e. National Central Office
 - f. Our Baptist Headquarters.
2. To emphasize our Unified Program.
3. To emphasize our Constitutional Structure as the way and work of our Convention.
4. To involve our young pastors in the work of the Convention.
5. To reorganize our Evangelistic Committee and give emphasis to evangelism in the work of our Convention.
6. Our Christian Education Department to be a resource for Pastors, Church Leaders and Church Members.
7. Our Convention Meetings being an experience in teaching, learning and worshiping.

Haitian Sponsors

BY PATTI STEPHENSON
ATLANTA (BP)—A judge's ruling requiring the United States government to parole nearly 2,000 Haitian refugees held in detention centers has created an urgent need for Southern Baptist sponsors, according to Donoso Escobar, director of refugee resettlement for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The refugees' release was recently ordered by U. S. District Court Judge Eugene Spellman, who ruled the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service policy of detaining undocumented Haitian immigrants was illegal. Spellman ordered the refugees to be released to the custody of sponsors and provided with legal counsel pending hearings on their eligibility for asylum.

Peter Golinski, HMB national consultant on Haitians, praised Spellman's decision as "humane," but added, "This is just a temporary reprieve for these refugees. Many think once they're out of detention they're free, not realizing they may still be deported."

Once paroled, the Haitians must each prove sufficient political persecution in Haiti to warrant receiving legal refugee status.

J.B. Humphrey presidential candidate

My dear fellow Baptists of the General Baptist State Convention:

In March of this year, I announced through the Baptist Information my interest in becoming the next president of our State Convention. I still have that interest and do hereby solicit your vote on Oct. 27, at the time of the election of officers for our Convention.

For your information, I am committed to:

- "The objectives of our Convention."
- To uphold the mandates of the Constitution of our Convention as well as implementing its policies and programs.
- To a leadership that will utilize the resources of the auxiliaries, commissions, boards and committees in the implementation of the programs of our Convention.
- To work with and through other elected officers, the headquarters staff and the members of the Convention to achieve our Convention goals.
- To the relocation and the building of new facilities for our Baptist work.

• To the Cooperative Ministries as sponsored by the General Baptist and Baptist State Conventions.

• To working with and through other state, national and international religious bodies when possible.

• To a gospel that addresses itself to the total needs of man.

If elected president, I will do the following:

- Involve more of the Convention's 355,000 Baptist members in the planning and implementation of our Convention programs.
- Seek to organize a Statewide Ministers Fellowship for the purpose of ministerial growth and enrichment.
- Seek to enlarge our evangelistic program by involving the 1,700 churches and 60 associations in a personal approach of evangelism along with the mass approach.
- Seek to strengthen our state stewardship program with a hope of increasing the per capita giving of the members of our Convention churches.
- Seek to establish an architectural department to serve as a center of information for those churches of our Convention who plan to build or renovate their old buildings. This department will be manned by professional architects along with knowledgeable lay people.
- Seek to establish a

department on church building financing—church loans, church bonds, etc. This department will serve in an advisory capacity.

I also take this method to thank those moderators, presidents of Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congresses, state convention auxiliaries, pastors and Ministers Conferences for adjusting their programs to give me the opportunity to make known my interest in the office I seek. I am also grateful to those moderators who invited me to meet with their associations but because of conflicting schedules I could not accept.

I am aware of the awesome responsibilities that are involved in the office of president and the caliber of leadership our Convention has had and needs. Therefore, if the members of our great Convention see fit to elect me as their next president, I will do everything within my power to continue that progress that our Convention has realized under the able leadership of former presidents and executive secretaries.

Yours for the cause of the Convention.

J. B. Humphrey

J.C. Harris vice presidential candidate

The Constitution of the General Baptist State Convention sets forth the duties and responsibilities of the vice president-at-large.

1. I will preside over the deliberations of the Convention at the absence of the president or the request of the president.
2. I will assist the president in the carrying out of the work of the Convention.
3. I will preside over the General Board with dignity, honor, and in order with a prepared agenda.
4. The constitution provides for a committee to function under the leadership of the four vice presidents.
5. Article IV of the constitution spells out in detail the work of the committees and how they are appointed. As vice president at-large, I will give my full support to the functioning of all committees.
6. I will prepare a report to be submitted annually to the convention as required by the constitution.
7. I pledge my prayers and support to the staff in carrying out the convention's mandate.

8. I will encourage the use of the great minds of the men and women of the convention to write literature to aid the church in its mission and to market literature that is meaningful to the Black Church.

Our mission must extend beyond the four or five stated areas or objectives. The constitution provides room for growth and expansion, not only in a physical facility, but in materials that can be gathered and compiled from many experienced ministers and laymen.

General Baptists need a greater involvement in the NAACP in the struggle for freedom and equality.

10. I ask your support and vote to elect me vice president at-large on Oct. 27, 1982, in Durham, North Carolina.

Sincerely Yours,
J. C. Harris

W.B. Lewis 1st vice presidential candidate

If I am elected as first vice president, I pledge to carry out the duties of the first vice president as listed in the Constitution. They are:

1. To chair a committee composed from the General Board and Auxiliaries which will compose the Home Mission Board.
2. Its work shall embrace: Evangelism, Church Mission, Church Extension, and Institutional Ministries, Building Planning, Support and Interpretation, Cooperative Ministries.
3. This committee shall consist of 26 members, ten may be appointed by the president at the request of the Department.
4. I pledge my support to all of the objectives and the unified plan of the General Baptist State Convention of N. C. I pledge my support to the Constitution in its entirety. And also I pledge my support to the community of these programs that have helped our convention to carry out a broader Mission, and that will help to make the work of the Convention more effective among the churches and ministers of the state of North Carolina as well as our nation.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (BP)—Prominent Baptists have endorsed a joint congressional resolution which calls for a mutual freeze and reduction in nuclear weapons by the United States and the Soviet Union.

Introduced in the Senate by

H.L. Mitchell Again On Aging Body

GATESVILLE — Dr. H. L. Mitchell has recently been reappointed by Gov. James B. Hunt to serve on the North Carolina State Advisory Council on Aging. This is the second time that he has been reappointed to serve in this position.

He was also elected chairman of the North Carolina Senior Citizens' Federation, Inc., during the last quarterly meeting, which was held in Morehead City. He has served in this position for eight years.

Rev. Mitchell has served on several committees geared to add quality of life to senior citizens for more than 10 years and he considers this ministry very important and rewarding. He recently served on the steering committee of the North Carolina Interfaith Coalition on Aging. This report was presented to the Governor on July 29.

Dr. Mitchell is fourth vice president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He is also pastor of the Mill Neck Baptist Church, Como; Union Branch Baptist Church, Corapeake; and the New Hope Baptist Church, Gatesville. He has served as pastor for Mill Neck Baptist Church for 48 years, Union Branch Baptist Church for 41 years and New Hope Baptist Church for 40. He was agricultural extension agent for Gates County for more than 31 years. He served on the Governor's Commission on Housing for the Elderly and the Committee for the Quality of Life for the Elderly. He is chairman of the Committee on Aging of the General Baptist State Convention. He served as director for New Careers in the Home Improvement Council for four years. He has also been a volunteer in aging programs since 1966.

Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell have made three educational tours in the Holy Land. They operate Efficient Bulletin and Program Service, where bulletins and other materials are prepared for sixteen churches.

The three missionary Baptist associations in northeastern North Carolina nominated Rev. Mitchell for third vice president of the General Baptist State Convention.

Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., and Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., the resolution calls on the two superpowers to achieve "a mutual and verifiable freeze on testing, production and further deployment of nuclear warheads, missiles and other delivery systems."

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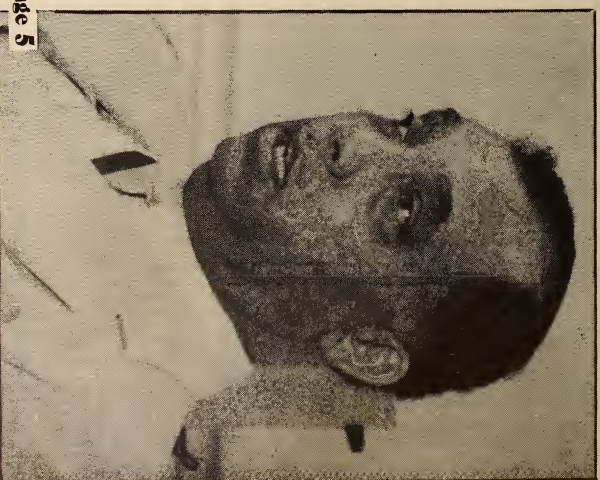
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Cureton Johnson
Editor

Minister,
farm agent,
or lawyer?
As a youth
John Manley
had to struggle
for an answer.



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2500 Baptists Attend 115th Convention

**Record 1406 Messengers
Register For Wed. Election**

\$1.85 Million Budget Set

BY CURETON JOHNSON
Editor

More than 2500 Baptists and a record number of messengers flooded the White Rock Baptist Church in Durham Oct. 25-28 to elect a president of the General Baptist State Convention.

Dr. E. B. Turner, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lumberton, garnered the presidential victory late Wednesday night in a runoff election after more than half of the Convention delegates had gone home.

The runoff was forced when neither of the three presidential candidates—Turner, J. B. Humphrey of Charlotte or J. Ray Butler of Winston-Salem—received the majority of the votes. Dr. Humphrey polled 660 votes in the first balloting, slightly ahead of Dr. Turner's 608. Dr. Butler accounted for 187, and was eliminated.

The balloting commenced at 3 p.m. It was 7:45 p.m. before results were announced. Balloting in the runoff election began at 9:15 p.m. and the announcement of Turner's victory was given shortly after 10:15 p.m. The 56-year-old Lumberton pastor came to ahead of Humphrey, 332 votes to 268.

Dr. Turner Blasts Gov. J.B. Hunt

At the closing session of the Convention Thursday morning, Dr. Turner made it clear that the Convention "would no longer be the instrument of the governor of North Carolina but would be an instrument of God." Speaking to members of the media on hand for the Convention, Turner said, "I resent Governor Hunt's role in the election of the General

Baptist State Convention," referring to a visit Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., made to the Convention before Wednesday's voting, in which he presented a plaque to outgoing President John R. Manley of Chapel Hill for outstanding service to the citizens of North Carolina. Manley, pastor of First Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, is a Hunt appointee to the Employment Security Commission.

Speaking to the Convention delegates Thursday morning, Turner said that "our commission has not come from Raleigh or Washington, and we look not to these places for leadership. I therefore call on you to join hands with God to walk in His way and do His will."

He said that the Convention "must influence the political structure, rather than 'them' influencing us."

C. Eric Lincoln Addresses Banquet

The Convention was kicked off at 5 p.m. Tuesday by the President's Banquet. Dr. John R. Manley presided.

The guest speaker for the occasion, Dr. C. Eric Lincoln, professor of religion at Duke University, took time to warn black church representatives present to make changes in their priorities or face a slow death.

"We have been running blind too long," said Dr. Lincoln. "The black church must look back to understand how to cope with what lies ahead."

"The black church clergy is not reproducing itself. The average age of the black clergy is 67. These men who have nurtured churches are now

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The Torch Is Passed
Dr. John R. Manley confers with Dr. E. B. Turner on the closing day of the GBSB meeting

in Durham as Dr. Turner began his reign as president of the 360,000 member body succeeding Dr. Manley.

Family Conference Explores

"God's Word: The Open Door To Family Unity"

BY MS. AUGUSTA WHITE

Approximately 300 persons, representing families from across North Carolina, attended the third annual Family Missions Conference sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, Sept. 26 at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh. The tone for the conference was set by an inspirational devotion, led by Mrs. Georgia Thompson, worship chairman.

Greetings were extended by Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, president of the Woman's Convention. She stated that as we look at the many problems in our state, nation, and communities, we seek answers to these problems confronting families. It is our hope that as we explore our theme, "God's Word: The Open Door To Family Unity," we will be better able to cope with the problems facing families.

Dr. Priscilla Brodie gave the purpose of the conference. "Many families have no commitment to the Divine, but they are to serve God and work for Him. The homes are no more stable than the families who dwell within. Share ideas which you receive today with your family members and friends who are not with us at this conference."

Christianity And Mental Health

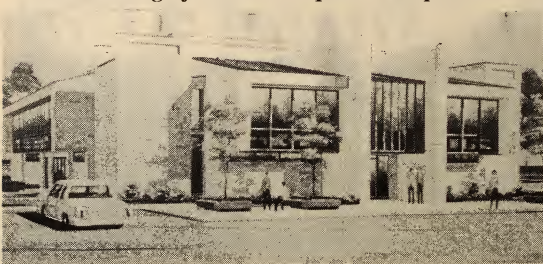
Mrs. Horton presented Dr. William P. Wilson, head of the Division of Biological Psychiatry and director of the Program for the Study of Christianity in Medicine at Duke University, to conduct Workshop Session I, "What Christianity Means to the Family's Mental Health."

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NOTICE!

Due to a mailing error, THE BAPTIST INFORMER did not reach subscribers in zip codes beginning with "272" for the month of October. To compensate, all subscribers in this zip code area will have one month added to their subscription period. We sincerely regret this error.—The Editor

Artist Drawing of the New Baptist Headquarters



Annual Report

The BAPTIST INFORMER

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Purpose

The purpose of The BAPTIST INFORMER is to disseminate information about the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (GBSC) and to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the Convention's programs and activities. In addition, the journal endeavors to undergird Christian Education and understanding as well as to foster unity among the churches of the Convention.

Activities

During the past year, the editor of The BAPTIST INFORMER has covered many of the activities of the Convention. Besides articles written by the editor, there have been many news articles sent from the churches and the associations during the past year. Articles have been written by pastors, laymen, young, old and by prisoners.

One of the objectives of The BAPTIST INFORMER is to highlight feature articles on leaders of the Convention. One such profile appears in the October 1982 issue on outgoing President John R. Manley.

The BAPTIST INFORMER staff began a special promotion among the members of the Woman's Convention beginning at the Woman's Annual Session held in Winston-Salem, July 1982. Our goal is to enroll 1,000 new subscribers from the women by July 1983.

Progress

At the 1981 Annual Session, the editor recommended a \$1 increase in the annual subscription rate to help compensate for spiraling postage and printing costs. The rate was raised from \$2.50 to \$3.50 without overly crippling the paper's subscription growth.

From October 1981 through October 1982, we have printed four 12-page editions (our normal issues are eight pages). During the previous year (October 1980-81), we printed only two 12-page issues. This represents a growth in our ability to generate news relevant to the Convention and to Baptists in general.

Statistics
During the past fiscal year, the number of subscribers has risen from 2,944 to 3,223 (despite the rate increase). This represents 279 more subscribers or almost a 10 percent increase for the year.

In the past fiscal year, the income from The BAPTIST INFORMER was \$8,251.55. This represents income from advertising, new and renewal subscriptions, other gifts and miscellaneous income. This amount is well above the \$3,127 total income reported for the

previous fiscal year and is probably the biggest year on record for total income from The BAPTIST INFORMER.

Thanks

Thanks be to God for His goodness and mercy, and to all who have supported The BAPTIST INFORMER and will continue to help advance the work of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina through the organ of The BAPTIST INFORMER.

Summary

The above activities add up to a vital link between the Convention's leadership and the 360,000 Baptists they serve. We have enjoyed serving you and trust that our labors have been satisfactory. Constructive criticism is always welcome.

With this spirit we pursue our motto: "...whatsoever things are of good report; ...think on these things."—Philippians 4:8.



Cureton Johnson, Editor

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents of District Conventions, other Leaders and Members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.:

Again I proclaim with Paul, "Thanks be to God who gives us the victory." For the fifth consecutive year, we have exceeded a million-dollar goal.

Our past fiscal year, 1981-82, was another banner year. We did not only reach our financial goal of \$1,378,047.54, but we exceeded it. Many thanks to all of you for your dedicated support, cooperation, best wishes and prayers. When we think about our accomplishments of the past, we can praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Our fiscal year for 1982-83, let us be a challenging one. "As we attempt great things for God, we can expect great things from God." It is amazing what God can do for us if we let Him have His way with us. God, who can make something out of nothing, is more than able to supply all of our needs.

As we move into the fiscal year, 1982-83, let us keep before us the "Unified Fight for the Unified Program." Every dollar contributed to the Convention through the Unified Program is divided in this manner: 44 percent for Shaw University, and 10 percent of the 44 percent is used for the Divinity School; 30 percent for State Missions; 20 percent for Foreign Missions, and 6 percent for the Central Office.

The Goodness of God

Psalm 34:8

To anybody who asks for proofs that there is a good God over us all, as well as with and within each of us, no better answer could be given than these words: "O taste and see that the Lord is good." Just as anyone can tell the goodness of short bread by simply tasting it, so the children of God can speak best of the goodness of God by the everyday experience and enjoyment of godly living.

In this world we find so many things which are difficult enough to think out satisfactorily or explain in words, yet they become elemental enough when we take them away from the classroom of theory and test them out for ourselves on the common ground of practical experience.

The truth is that no man or woman can grasp Christian theory except as he or she translates it into Christian experience and practice. Doubts and difficulties are not cured by brooding over them, we can resolve them by patient obedience to what we know already of the goodwill of God. Genuine religion is not a divine science, but a divine life. The gospel of Christ, the good news of God's forgiving grace and fortifying goodness, cannot possibly be understood and appreciated except in terms of life. For God, in His greatness, and gentleness, and generosity, and graciousness, and goodness, hides His secrets from the worldlywise, pious and prudent people and reveals them to babes.

In real religion, an ounce of personal experience is worth more than tons of borrowed theology. "God is best described by a spiritual touch." We must taste with our own tongue, see with our own eyes, hear with our own ears, and our own hands must handle the Word of life. For the soul has its senses as well as the body. And it is with the senses that those who worship God "in spirit and in truth" experience and enjoy Him. So the psalmist, when he would teach us to know and feel the goodness of God, calls not for speculation but for sensation, saying, "O argue and understand," but rather, "O taste and see that the Lord is good."

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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Church Circuit

Mrs. Eneshel Logan Is Funeralized

Mrs. Eneshel Robinson Logan, mother of Rev. A. D. Logan, Jr., assistant to the executive secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, died Wednesday, Sept. 8, at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

She was married to the late Rev. A. D. Logan, Sr., of Reidsville.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Logan Sept. 11 at the First Baptist Church in Reidsville, Rev. O'Kelly Lawson, pastor. She was a graduate of Shaw University and received her master's degree from North Carolina Central University in Durham. She was a retired librarian from the Danville, Va., city school system.



GBSC Congregation, White Rock, Durham

Big Ruin Installs Pastor

The Rev. Clyde Belving Walton was installed as pastor of the Big Ruin Creek Baptist Church in Henderson Sept. 26 at 5 p.m. Dr. W. B. Lewis, pastor of First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in Raleigh, delivered the installation sermon. Rev. Walton is a Shaw University graduate and holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the Shaw Divinity School.

Rev. Kemp Installed, Newton Grove



Rev. Kemp

BY MRS. PAULINE M. WILLIAMS
NEWTON GROVE — Rev. Benny Kemp of Bladenboro was installed as pastor of the Little Field Baptist Church, Newton Grove, on Sunday, Oct. 10. At 1:15 p.m., the installation service began with the Rev. David Flowers, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Whiteville, serving as master of ceremonies.

Rev. Kemp's pastor, Dr. W. J. Boykin, preached the installation sermon. He was accompanied by his choir and congregation of First St. Paul Baptist, Whiteville. The "charge to the pastor" was given by Rev. John Prince, Jr., pastor, Friendship Baptist, Whiteville. The installation prayer and the "charge to the church" were by Rev. F. R. Peterson, Western Union Association. Rev. Richard Smith was also on the program and Sylvester Mack served as minister of music.

Ebenezer, Wilmington, Calls New Pastor

The officers and members of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Wilmington installed the Rev. Leroy T. Stephens as pastor on Sept. 26 during an afternoon service.

Rev. Blackwell Ordained By Cedar Grove Association

ROXBORO—Ordination services were conducted by the Cedar Grove Association at the First Baptist Church on Sunday, Oct. 10, in which Rev. Wallace C. Blackwell was ordained for the Christian ministry.

The ordaining council, consisting of the Reverends Ois Chesnut, T. R. Sidle, W. V. McLaughlin, John Doe, Wallace Powell, and E. E. Abbott, convened at 4 p.m.

The ordination ceremony, which began at 5:00, was presided over by Rev. T. R. Sidle. Rev. J. W. Barnes delivered the ordination sermon and Rev. B. B. Blackwell brought the ordination prayer. The Bible was presented by Rev. Wallace Powell and Rev. Robert McGee presented the hymnal. Rev. E. E. Abbott led in singing the ordination hymn. Presenting Rev. Blackwell to the Christian community was Rev. Sidle. Rev. Ois Chesnut, president of the ordaining council, welcomed Rev. Blackwell to the ministerial brotherhood.

Rev. Blackwell, who holds a bachelor's and a master's degree from North Carolina Central University, is pursuing theological studies at Shaw University. He is married to the former Doris Smith of Granville County who now serves as president of the Person County Missionary Union. They are the parents of two sons, Reuben of Baltimore, Md., and Jay, a student at North Carolina Central University.

Rev. Blackwell serves as director of financial aid at North Carolina Central University and Mrs. Blackwell is a speech therapist for the Person County Public Schools. They reside at 1188 Durham Road, Roxboro.

Organization Takes Lead In Protecting Food For The Poor

WASHINGTON, D. C. — In response to increasing hunger in the United States, Bread for the World launched a campaign this month to protect poor persons from further cutbacks in federal food and nutrition programs.

As part of its annual "Offering of Letters" to Congress, Bread for the World, the national Christian anti-hunger movement, is urging church congregations to write their members of Congress in favor of a "Preventing Hunger at Home" resolution and to investigate hunger in their own communities.

"Due to rising unemployment, inflation and cutbacks in federal programs that provide for the basic needs of poor people, lines are longer at church soup kitchens, food pantries and community food banks this year," said Arthur Simon, executive director of Bread for the World (BFW). "For the first time, some churches must turn people away. If our nation's poorest citizens are to be safeguarded from hunger, we must make the best use of both government and private resources."

Letters to members of Congress this fall and winter from BFW members and church congregations will call for a "Preventing Hunger at Home" resolution to be introduced when Congress convenes in January. Letters in the winter and spring will urge passage of the resolution. The resolution would put Congress on record in favor of:

•Protecting this nation's poorest people—mainly children, disabled and elderly persons—from further cuts in federal food programs;

•Ensuring that the food stamp program can respond to rises in unemployment and

inflation;

•Supporting continued federal responsibility for all federal food programs which prevent hunger; and

•Ensuring that 250,000 low-income and poorly nourished pregnant and nursing mothers and their children can be removed from waiting lists and participate in the Special Supplemental Feeding Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

Along with the resolution, Bread for the World's 42,000 members in communities across the country are being asked to undertake "Hunger Watch USA," a BFW project designed to assess the impact of recent federal food program cutbacks on hunger in local communities. This information would be gathered to present to communities, local officials and members of Congress.

In Bread for the World's annual Offering of Letters, church members are asked to demonstrate their support for public policies to help end hunger by writing members of Congress about specific legislation. The letters are presented as an "offering" during a church gathering. Many churches tie the Offering of Letters to their Thanksgiving celebration as a way to give thanks for their citizenship.

Bread for the World's seven previous Offerings of Letters to Congress have helped pass key anti-hunger legislation including a four-million-ton emergency grain reserve for famine relief abroad, a right-to food resolution, reforms in U.S. food aid programs, provisions of a Hunger and Global Security Bill and the foundation for a U.S. nutrition monitoring system.

In September, Bread for the World members worked successfully to help pass a bipar-

tisan House resolution calling for all child nutrition programs to remain at the federal level. The resolution, which passed unanimously, was introduced in response to the most recent "new federalism" plan which proposed turning child nutrition funds to states for the first time. The Senate version, introduced by Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kans., has been sponsored by more than a third of the Senate.

A child's needs do not vary from state to state, but the ability and willingness of the states to respond to those needs varies enormously," said Simon. "The child nutrition resolution's strong support in the House and Senate represents Congress' response to citizen concern over changes in federal nutrition programs. Bread for the World's call for a 'Preventing Hunger at Home' resolution would provide further support for continuing federal anti-hunger efforts."

Bread for the World has published an information kit to help church congregations hold an Offering of Letters to Congress on the "Preventing Hunger at Home" resolution. The Offering of Letters Kit contains details on how to work with a church congregation, sample bulletin announcement, simulation games and suggests films for use in Christian education classes.

Guidelines for conducting a "Hunger Watch USA" community survey are also available. The package contains step-by-step instructions on how to gather information and present results are included.

Both "Hunger Watch USA" (\$6) and the Offering of Letters Kit (\$3) can be ordered from the Bread for the World office at 6411 Chillum Place, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20012.

Woman's Page

"The Depth of Thanksgiving"

BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRODIE

Time has passed very swiftly and here we are on the brink of celebrating another Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a seasonal holiday that we as Americans celebrate in commemoration of the Pilgrims' celebration of a good harvest in 1621.

The Pilgrims were persons from a distant country and then inhabiting a new land. Many of them were Christians and God had blessed them. Thus, they desired to express gratitude in a public celebration. Because of the living with which God had blessed them and of their living in gratitude, they felt the need to give thanks, thus Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving has a depth if it is rooted and grounded in "thanksgiving." "Thanksgiving" enriches, even empowers Thanksgiving.

Need we be reminded that as a Convention are we not only Americans, but Christians also; we are also Pilgrims who should express thanksgiving to Him who has taken us out of darkness and placed us in the marvelous light through His atoning death. For He left for us, and others who accept Him, a feast—the Lord's Supper. Is this not a Thanksgiving feast which helps us commemorate His ministry and which includes us in His harvest?

Are we "thanksgiving" that we can express sincerely thanksgiving? How do we spend our time, in a grateful or ungrateful way? Do we visit the sick, the shut-in, and witness to the unsaved? Do we share our blessings with others? We have the gift of the tongue, but how do we use it? God has given us talents, but have we given them back to Him? What of our money? How do we earn it, legally or illegally, fairly or unfairly, destructively or constructively? Why do we live, for fear, to receive praise? How do we give, a tenth, more, or less?

We may conclude then that in "thanksgiving" is the depth of thanksgiving. How deep is our thanksgiving? Will we continue to give and even give more for missions, lest forget the orphan (Central Orphanage—\$30,182.48), the distant unsaved brother or sister (Foreign Missions—\$39,882.41), the inquisitive mind and heart (Shaw University—\$43,582.41, Shaw Divinity School—\$25,982.52), the Christian retreat (Baptist Assembly—\$22,000), and the caretaker or custodian of our conventional missionary endeavor (State Missions—\$220,436.22)?

Happy Thanksgiving

Lott Carey. Persons desiring to attend the Lott Carey Woman's Auxiliary Convention next year should request reservation forms from our office immediately because it is our understanding that many, many reservations have been sent and are being sent already.

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Woman's Convention President Thelma C. Horton presents a citation to Dr. John R. Manley, outgoing president of the General Baptist Convention, during the Convention

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"There is a 'Humanist Movement' to destroy the family; they have the theory that they can change people and make them what they want to make them; this theory is wrong because God made us," said Dr. Wilson. He stated that the five reasons for happiness are:

1. A right relationship with God.
2. A happy marriage (husband and wife).
3. A right relationship with children.
4. A right relationship with friends.
5. Vocational achievement.

"A study shows that children in the ghetto in Boston who were delinquent came from broken homes; they were abused and their parents were often alcoholics. Non-delinquent children came from Christian homes and were well-adjusted. Twenty years later, delinquent children were still in trouble, had broken homes, were alcoholics, and abused children. Non-delinquent children were no longer in the ghetto. They had moved, were happily married, were well-adjusted, and Christ was present in their homes. If we love God, He will bless us."

Basic Principles of Christian Marriage

1. Stable, loving marriage. Genesis 2:24, 1 Timothy 3:2-21 (If you marry before age 19, your chance of a happy marriage is decreased.)
2. Love and order in the family (It's a two-way street.) 1 Chronicles 7:1-16, Ephesians 5:21-33.
3. Discipline. Teach your children the right things: the word of God, respect for other people's property, about drugs, alcohol and sex.
4. Correct values: Deuteronomy 4:9-10, 31:10-13, Romans 2:14-28.
5. Carefully delineated sex roles. Proverbs 31:10-31, 5:15-19.
6. Good communication.
7. Communicate God and the centrality of Christ.

"It's important for family members to know about God in the home. Glorify the Lord in everything in your home. What a difference God makes in our lives."

Sex And Pregnancy

Following Workshop Session I, Mrs. Horton presented Mrs. Ethel Jackson, health education instructor in the School of Public Health, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She conducted Workshop Session II, "The Christian Family Relating to Teenage Pregnancy."

Mrs. Jackson stated that a girl having an illegitimate child at 16 has 90 percent of her life taken because she will probably drop out of school even if her family decides to help her.

"Premarital sex among our teens has increased. Syphilis is 61 percent greater. Most

teenagers receive no medical help in the first three months of pregnancy; most teenage mothers keep their children even though they are unwanted.

"We must be sure that we know what is meant by the Christian family. We have to be born again. We must accept Jesus. We have peace with God through our love of Jesus Christ. Acknowledge Christ through prayer daily, morning, noon and night. If we grow close to Jesus in our families, we will be able to cope with all problems. How do we relate with our children? Discuss information with them so they get the correct information at home and not in the streets or from certain agencies that are waiting out there to supply the information.

"Parents, counselors, ministers, you are the model for the teens and they are looking to you for the right direction and teaching about sex and other problems they are confronted with. You must first establish with teens trust that they can depend on and they will be willing to talk with you. If you encounter teenagers in your family with a baby or are pregnant, don't turn them away because they need you now more than ever. All family members need help during this time; they need friends and loved ones to support. They need more Bible teaching. Christian families need to be led by God and not by statistics. Parents, change your agenda and spend more time with your children."

"UNITY"—A Baptist Need

Mrs. Luella Edwards, first vice president, is the audience in open discussion following the workshop sessions. The family dedicatory prayer was given by Mrs. Lillian Hall, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville.

Rev. Vincent Terry, from the Youth Department of the Woman's Baptist State Convention presented Rev. N. T. Davis, pastor, Bazel Creek Baptist Church, Fuquay-Varina, for this message.

Rev. Davis stated that many times, we blame problems on someone else, but we have no one to blame but ourselves when things go wrong. "Everyone is looking at the 'Love of Life' on TV some are looking at 'General Hospital,' 'Search for Tomorrow,' and 'Guiding Light,' but God has the answer. Some are living on the 'Edge of Night,' but Moses had the answer that God gave to him. 'And thou shalt teach them diligently thy children.' It is the responsibility of man and daddy to teach the scriptures.

"The theme, 'God's Word: The Open Door Family Unity,' is very appropriate for the time in which we live. When we walk in the highway, and hedges, we should have the Word of God with

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Dr. C. Eric Lincoln told hundreds attending the President's Banquet of the GBSC October 26 that they must use grace, power and responsibility to help shape the future of the black church in North Carolina. Dr. Lincoln is professor of Religion at Duke University in Durham.



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Professor Lincoln Challenges The Black Church To "REPRODUCE"

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aging and moving off the scene. And if we are not reproducing our leadership, we will soon be losing our youth.

"A church without youth is a dead church."

Dr. Lincoln said that most black churches are not maintaining their memberships and must cope with congregational shrinkage. But he said there are tools to be used by the black church in the days ahead.

"There is a biblical tradition that says that whom God calls to leadership, God gives a rod. The rod is the instrument by which the divine task is to be accomplished."

"The rods that the black

church has in its hand are grace, power and responsibility. Grace, because God ordained the black church to be a judgment and a light to a decadent civilization which bartered away its soul for the flesh of human slavery," said Lincoln. "Power, because the black church has not succumbed, so far, to the secular captivity which celebrates the depravities of this age. And finally, responsibility, because the black church must be God's witness in God's world."

"This is the challenge for a new relevance and a continuing mission of the black church," said Lincoln.

"And I tell you that the house

is full of smoke, but there is still a live coal on the altar."

During the Tuesday night session after the banquet, the messengers to the Convention voted unanimously to support the citizens of Warren County in their fight against PCBs.

The resolution, which was drafted by the Convention's Political Action Committee, said, "Because Warren County has been polluted by a PCB dump, the General Baptist State Convention endorses and supports the citizens of Warren County who are concerned about PCBs. We, therefore, urge Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., to use the power of his office to resolve expeditiously the concerns and anxieties of

Warren County's citizens."

The resolution was followed by an offering collected to help defray the legal expenses of the protestors, who began their fight in Warren County District Court Oct. 27. The Convention eventually contributed \$1,000 to the Warren County citizens' legal fund.

Hunt Praises Dr. Manley

Governor Hunt attended the Convention briefly Wednesday morning to pay tribute to outgoing president Manley.

"People do great things because of great leadership," said Hunt. "And I am so proud of him (Manley) for his dynamic leadership."

"You may let him go out as your president, but I'm not going to let him go out of the Employment Security Commission. On behalf of the people of this state, now the 10th largest in the country, I present this

silver pewter plate which is inscribed with the state motto; "To Be Rather Than to Seem." If there's anybody who has a right to use that motto, it's the president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina."

Convention leaders asked the governor not to make any political comments during his appearance in reference to the upcoming Nov. 2 statewide elections.

In making the tribute, Hunt called the Convention's Health and Human Services Program across the state "one of the most important things that any group in this state is doing for the health and well-being of our people."

Manley Calls For Convention Programs

Manley delivered his final presidential address around

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Newly elected officers of the General Baptist State Convention pictured above include (left to right): C. W. Anderson, parliamentarian; V. S. Thompson, historian; Westley Grant, chorister; R. T. Gilchrist, statistician; G. A. Jones, Sr., assistant recording secretary; Clifford A. Jones, Sr., recording secretary; J. D. Fuller, fourth vice president; H. L. Mitchell, third vice president; C. R. Mosley, second vice president; W. B. Lewis, first vice president; J. C. Harris, vice president at large; and E. B. Turner, president. Dr. Nilous Avery conducted the installation service. Officers not pictured are Mrs. Westley Grant, pianist; Ms. Georgia Guest, convention soloist.



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11:30 a.m., and said that though many things have been done, "much more needs to be accomplished."

Among the items mentioned were the following:

- A stepped-up program of Christian education.

- A coming to grips in the Convention with issues such as prayer in public schools, unemployment, crime, drug abuse, family deterioration, and pollution.

- Discussion of matters of doctrine and Baptist polity that bind the denomination together.

He called for a conference of pastors in the near future to discuss these last two issues.

"I trust that the new leadership, to which I here and now pledge my support, will give some consideration to these matters," said Manley.

During the Wednesday morning session, the Convention messengers adopted recommendations coming from the Convention's Executive Board which included the following:

- To give a unanimous vote of thanks to President Manley for four years of outstanding service to the Convention and to collect a love offering after his address in appreciation.

- To support a plan called the "Ten Commandments of Discipline for Black Survival" presented by former GBSC

President Dr. Joy J. Johnson.

- To consider the initiation of an education program across the state to aid the elderly in coming to grips with increased economic problems.

- To support a program to seek alternatives to incarceration within the criminal justice system.

- And to approve the \$1.85 million budget presented for the 1982-83 fiscal year (\$400,000 for the new Baptist Headquarters Building to be constructed in Raleigh).

The Convention exceeded its 1981-82 fiscal year budget by more than \$99,000. Total receipts for the year amounted to \$1,478,018.36. Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary treasurer of the Convention, said, "The Master has bountifully blessed our efforts for good."

Even though the Convention exceeded its budget for the past fiscal year, Dr. Craig said that funds for Shaw University were \$85,000 short. He said letters would be mailed to pastors requesting that they help meet this obligation to the Baptist university.

Record Messengers Crowd White Rock

The simple matter of balloting posed a difficult problem during the afternoon, with more than 2,000 Baptists at

the session in a church designed to hold 1,000. A record number of delegates (more than 1,400) had registered. Voting by secret ballot, the process was over in just a matter of 90 minutes without much confusion.

Election Results

In other races, J. C. Harris defeated George W. Dudley for vice president at-large. W. B. Lewis defeated J. D. Ballard for first vice president. C. R. Mosley nipped out S. A. Raper

for second vice president and H. W. Mitchell topped J. E. Perkins for third vice president.

Uncontested positions went to J. D. Fuller, fourth vice president; C. W. Anderson, parliamentarian; Clifford A. Jones, Sr., recording secretary; G. A. Jones, Sr., assistant recording secretary; R. T. Gilchrist, statistician; V. S. Thompson, historian; Westley Grant, chorister; Mrs. Wesley Grant, pianist; Georgia Guest, Convention soloist.



Dr. John R. Manley and Dr. E. B. Turner

BY DR. CLY
Chairman, Re

INTRODUCTION

There are numerous issues our lives and future: The end of hunger; world peace; the end of local community, and it is by the wilderness through you.

You are admonished as individuals and laypersons, to stay abreast of them with courage. You are local community, and it is by the wilderness through you.

This report will lift up seven

EMPH

WHEREAS, we are within national elections, let us not debate trivia, personalities, or mania—the issue is unemployment.

WHEREAS, we are experiencing average and many counties 15 percent unemployment due to factory production... "Are we going?" (These figures do not registered with Employment)

WHEREAS, "The dark clouds of 11 million of our friends"

WHEREAS, we are admonished our President to "stay the course" suffer high unemployment and unfulfilled promise;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(1) We are encouraged by the USSR commencing a relief to farmers who have been

(2) We are encouraged by the

HOWEVER:

(1) More opportunities needed for job training and employment

(2) Opportunities for child



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October 27, 1982

Head Start for children of the unemployed, underemployed and handicapped;

(3) Opportunities for single parents and the poor to attend technical colleges, junior colleges and universities to acquire needed skills to enter the labor market.

HIGHER EDUCATION

WHEREAS, significant numbers of low-income, poor, underprivileged and minority youth depend on scholarships, work-aid and loans to attend colleges and universities;

WHEREAS, a decrease in these loans and grants has caused large percentages of youths and especially minorities to drop out of school, enter the armed forces, or become statistics on the unemployed list;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(1) This Convention commits its continued support (financial) to Shaw University Divinity School;

(2) Local churches, black Baptist Churches of the General Baptist State Convention, set up scholarship funds to assist community youth financially;

(3) Community-based clubs, sororities, lodges, fraternities create scholarship and loan programs to assist black youth in higher education endeavors;

(4) We encourage our youth to spend more time in "bookings" rather than bragging;

(5) We seek and make available information about alternative work study, grants and scholarships for technical schools and colleges;

(6) We support our black colleges and universities financially and morally.

TYLENOL

WHEREAS, seven persons have been killed in the Chicago area through Tylenol poisonings;

WHEREAS, other injuries have occurred through harmful chemicals being played in eyepdrops, nasal spray and candy;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(1) Churches create/have an activity for youth during Halloween rather than running the risk of going to strangers for tricks and treats;

(2) We go on record deploring the senseless and sick mentality that seeks to mutilate and take human life.

FROM: The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.
Committee on Resolutions

TO: The Honorable James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor of North Carolina
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Governor:

The pastors and laity of the General Baptist State Convention commend and congratulate you for your positive leadership during your tenure of offices as Lieutenant Governor and Governor; especially for your conscientious concern and commitment to Minority Causes. The significant appointment of minorities to Judgeships, Boards, Committees, Commissions, and other decision-making positions is unprecedented. However, we like many blacks in the State, are disenchanted and disturbed over the high rate of black unemployment and the constant decrease of blacks in decision-making positions in State Government.

Presently, there is not a black cabinet member or black on the State Supreme Court. Further, in the Department of Corrections, Division of Prisons, there is not a single black in a top-level decision-making position. The percentage of black Probation and Parole Officers has declined in the past year. In the two most recent classes at Salemburg, Justice Academy, with a total of 30 enrolled, only one was black. As of September 30, 1982, there have not been new black employees hired in top-level positions at the Greene and Montgomery Prison Units. Although seven people were in this new hiring category, one of the positions filled from the outside was an Administrative Officer II. We are informed that no blacks currently serve in this position anywhere in the State.

Governor, we believe you can and will correct many of these inequities. Also, we urgently request that if given the opportunity, you appoint a black cabinet member and a black to the State Supreme Court before leaving office.

Be it resolved, that we urgently request your consideration of these matters!



I. H. Hilliard, outgoing president of the Laymen's League, poses with his wife after delivering a stirring address to the laymen who gathered at White Rock Church for the laymen's convention October 25 and 26. Dr. Charles Porter of Gastonia is the new Laymen's League president.

Laymen's Ex-President Gives Final Address

BY JOE L. WHITE
Laymen's Secretary

The Baptist Laymen's League of the General Baptist State Convention celebrated its 33rd Annual Session on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 25 and 26, at the White Rock Baptist Church in Durham.

The Convention was very successful and all business was conducted in order and on time. On Monday at 9:30 a.m., registration began. At 2 p.m., the afternoon session began with Bro. Clarence Davis as devotional leader for the entire Laymen's sessions.

Welcome to the White Rock Baptist Church was given by Dr. Lorenzo A. Lynch, pastor. All sessions went well and the Lord was in His house overseeing His handiwork.

On Tuesday, President I. H. Hilliard delivered his farewell address. Hilliard challenged the Laymen to serve the Lord, "for one day it will pay off. God will bless you."

"I challenge you to put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Stand today and vow like Joshua, 'as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.'"

We are very grateful to God

for His goodness and mercies for bringing Bro. Hilliard back to us from his long and intensive illness. It helps us realize that God is still in the healing, preaching and teaching business. For this we would like to pause and say thank you, Lord.

The officers elected to serve were: Charles Porter—president; Zeno Borders—first vice president; M. L. Devane—third vice president; Clarence Davis—third vice president; George W. Turner—fourth vice president; Joe L. White—recording secretary; Ernest Fryar—assistant recording secretary.

Other positions filled include: Weddell Gabriel (chairman); Thomas Smith, Ernest Dansby—finance committee; O. A. Dupree (chairman); Charles Porter (vice chairman)—Study Commission; Zeno Borders—banquet chairman; Dr. Charles Alston—Higher Education; Fran Marshall (chairman)—Retreat Committee; Charles Porter, Joe L. White—Executive Board representatives; M. L. Devane, Clarence Davis—General Board representatives.

Bazzel Creek's Rev. N. Davis Urges Baptist "Family Unity"

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us. When we lie down at night, we should have something to say. When we rise up in the morning, we should say, 'Father, I thank You.' God is love and where He resides unity resides. Where there is unity, there is strength.

"In the days of Moses, you could rule the house; the father had the say-so; whatever he said was heard. Today, things are different, but we need to go back to 'Our Father's Praying Ground.' Moses said that these are the Commandments that the Lord gave you. Keep all of His statutes which I command you, you and all your generations in the years to come. Many preachers in the pulpit are surrogating the Word to keep someone from falling out with the church. God is on the line and His word will not change. We know all about crime in the street, but we know so little about God.

"Unity is the state of being one, UNITED. In the Baptist Church, we are not united. We have all kinds of beliefs. God's Word will always open the door to family unity, but first we must listen. In times of trouble, God will hide you and will fight your battle. God's chosen family must first hear the Word of God. Paul said, 'One Lord, one faith and one baptism.' God's Word will open doors to family unity. It must first be taught to all God's children; it must be taught when men wake up in the morning and as they go out and come in. 'Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my pathway'; where Jesus leads I will follow. I'll go with Him through the valley, I'll go with Him all the way. We must follow the teaching of Jesus. God's chosen people are strayed, but were reunited with God. He made a way and brought them out of Egypt. As Israel returned to God, we must do likewise. Everybody wants to get to the mountain, but the work is in the valley. Let God use you. He may not send you where you want to go, but He will send you where you are needed."

Music was furnished by the Young Adult Choir of Bazzel Creek Baptist Church.

Following remarks from Dr. W. B. Lewis, pastor, First Cosmopolitan, the host church, a prayer of unity was offered as all family members joined hands.



Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., presented an award to Dr. John R. Manley during the

Convention for his outstanding service to the state of North Carolina.

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Keeping Your Smile "Natural"

There is nothing more pleasant than a nice, bright smile. Yet, how many of us are smiling with the teeth with which God blessed us? Losing your teeth is not something that must come with growing older. By taking good care of your teeth, you can save money on dental bills and dentures, while you save yourself a lot of pain.

Two major problems cause people to lose their teeth—tooth decay and gum disease (although other illnesses can affect your mouth, too). Both are caused by plaque (pronounced plack). Plaque is a sticky film which continuously forms on your teeth. It is composed mainly of bacteria found naturally in your mouth. Plaque is mostly invisible, but you can see it when you chew the "disclosing tablets" (red dye) your dentist can give you. Plaque forms mostly between teeth, and near and under the gum line.

How does plaque cause "rotten" teeth or tooth decay? The bacteria in plaque eat and digest sugar in your mouth from foods you eat. The bacteria then secrete acid. Concentrated acid is held on the teeth about twenty minutes after you eat. This acid will slowly dissolve the enamel layer (outer layer) of your teeth if gum and plaque are not removed.

The same acid causes gum disease. Plaque holds the acid against teeth and gums, causing your gums to become swollen and red. Eventually, the membrane fibers that hold your teeth in your gums will be destroyed. Your teeth become loose and may be lost.

What can you do to prevent tooth decay and gum disease? You can practice prevention by the following means:

1. **CONTROL PLAQUE** daily by flossing and brushing teeth properly. A dentist or dental auxiliary, or trained teacher can teach you.
2. **USE FLUORIDE** to make tooth enamel resistant to acid. A dentist or dental hygienist can apply fluoride to the teeth. Community and rural school water supplies can be fluoridated.
3. Eat a balanced diet, but **REDUCE SUGAR**, especially reduce the time the sugar is in the mouth, that is, the frequency of eating sugar.
4. **PREVENT INJURY** to teeth, and care for injuries immediately when they occur.
5. Get **REGULAR CARE** from your dentist.

It's up to you! And be sure to teach your children good dental health early, so they, too, can be blessed with a healthy smile!

Archaeologists Find Word "Yahweh" (God)

BY NANCY BARCUS

WACO, Tex. (BP)—A team of Baylor University archaeologists has discovered in modern Israel a rare message from 26 centuries ago.

Scrawled on fragments of broken pottery, the message is one of few ever removed from the Iron Age—700 years before the birth of Christ.

Five pottery fragments unearthed in recent weeks during the first stages of an Iron Age fort excavation shed light on the days of the prophet Jeremiah, according to Bruce Cresson, director of Baylor's Institute of Archaeological Studies.

The Baylor group, assisted by an archaeologist from Tel Aviv University, performed the excavation under an agreement with the Israeli government.

"Hebrew Scholars' eyes light up when we tell them of our find," Cresson said. The "ostraca," as the pottery fragments are called, are being studied closely to add to the little that is known about ancient Hebrew language and handwriting. They also confirm details of Old Testament culture, including such daily matters as food, supplies and family names.

The first translation of the Hebrew inscription released to the public is of three Hebrew names ending with the word for "Yahweh," or God: Adonai-yahu, Zezekyahu and Shema-yahu.

Some of the ostraca probably contain warnings of the eventual destruction of these people, Cresson speculated. At

the time the writings were made, people living in the fortress—today called Horvat Uza—were under threat of invasion from the Babylonians. They also feared their neighbors, the Edomites.

A similar fort just five miles away recently yielded the only other substantial messages from this period. Several ostraca found there contained warnings about such an invasion—perhaps the same one that destroyed Horvat Uza, Cresson said.

"So little is known about this period of Hebrew culture," he said. Although early Egyptian and Mesopotamian peoples left written records, fewer than 250 inscribed pottery fragments from the Hebrew Iron Age have ever been discovered—most of them in this area.

Writing on pottery fragments was the chief means of record keeping, for the flint-like desert stone was difficult to inscribe.

From 1973-1978 the overall Hispanic population in the U.S. grew 14 percent.



Dr. Paul H. Johnson, pastor of the Martin Street Baptist Church, will be honored November 21 with a retirement service. Dr. Johnson will end his pastorate at Martin Street Baptist Church at the close of the 1982 year. His friends are invited to attend the special service which will be held at 3 p.m. at the church.

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Ruth Vaughn, noted author and playwright, talks about the changes and challenges of growing into womanhood in her latest book, "To Be a Girl, To Be a Woman." God knows and loves who you are, the author says; there is no superiority or inferiority, there are only differences.

Emphasizing the importance of remaining true to yourself and Biblical principles, Mrs. Vaughn examines the problems of popularity, jealousy, pride, anger and worry. She also talks about those topics important to every teenager on the brink of womanhood, love, sex, home-making and careers.

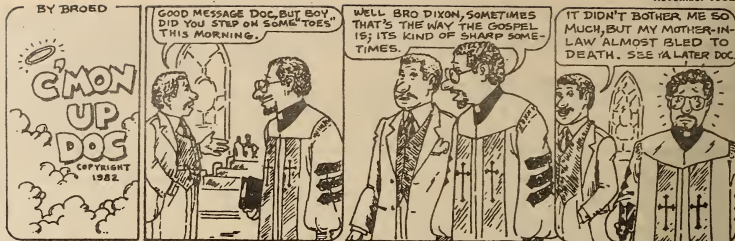
Best of all, the author asserts, "Give yourself to God's guidance. That is how you can be the best liberated you."

Ruth Vaughn is the author of 26 books, scores of articles and short stories, original stage plays and stage adaptations of books by Catherine Marshall, Eugenia Price and Joyce Landorf. She is also a minister's wife, mother, homemaker and author.

"Parenting With Love"

"My teenagers have caused me to develop inner strength. Because of them, I had to admit failure as the mythical model parent."

To parents of teenagers, there is no better expert than someone who's weathered the same storms... and surviving with a smile. "Have You Hugged Your Teenager Today?" is a how-to book on the subject of parenting with love and without guilt.



Based on her own experiences, Patricia H. Rushford provides a six-point strategy which includes turning on the power of positives... turning weakness into strength... learning how to be a good loser... loosening up and laughing... being real, not ideal... loving your teenager as yourself.

Mrs. Rushford's honest confessions, personal anecdotes, Biblical insights and sense of humor contribute to a good read as well as to practical help for the often frustrated, bewildered parent. The author also provides specific, practical steps at the end of each chapter which enable the parent to step out of guilt and into good parenting.

Pat Rushford is a wife, homemaker, registered nurse, singer-songwriter, and the mother of two teenagers. She uses her singing and speaking engagements to encourage the formation of support groups for parents of teenagers.



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"Galilean Poor" Are In Our Midst

WAKE FOREST—"The Galilean multitude can be found everywhere," Orlando E. Costas said recently at the 1982 Pace Lectures here at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Costas, professor of missiology at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., said that Galilee serves today as a symbol of the poor within the United States, Latin America, and the rest of the world. He noted that Jesus grew up in Galilee and did the majority of His preaching and healing there rather than in the religious center of Jerusalem. He said the Jews to the south of Galilee "rejected and despised" the Galileans because of the racial and cultural mixture there. "To them," he said, "Galilean" became synonymous with "fool." As Galilee was on the periphery of the nation of Israel, the poor today are on the periphery of the majority of the Christian world.

"The differences between the poor in Latin America and poor white, Spanish-speaking and black people in the United States," he said, "are far less than similarities." But Costas said there was good news for these people because, "According to the New Testament, the Gospel is first for the poor and outcast." He said that by, virtue of their lives, are "closer to the understanding of God's grace. They are blind who receive sight, the dead brought from the grave. They are those who 'Labor and are heavily laden.'"

"Evangelism," according to Costas, "has become the propaganda arm of the ruling class." But he said he believed some of the leadership of both church and state in Latin America are beginning to see the relationship between Christ and the poor. He felt the poor there, as well as those in depressed areas of the United States such as Appalachia, are now "receiving the good news."

Costas called for a world-wide mission emphasis, one always seeking "to expand beyond one's own frontiers." He said, "Christian missions should not

be limited to the local situation. Missions should be geared first and foremost to the periphery of the nations." He asked what he called "the fundamental question" for the poor and outcast, "Does religion have a liberating effect on them?" He said, "The answer is in the affirmative."

Concluding the second lecture with a question-and-answer session, Costas remarked, "You can only understand the Scriptures if you situate yourself in the underside or periphery," adding, "Biblical theology in the West has been imprisoned in the Ivory tower of academia."



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YOUTH NEWS

Youth Ministers Should "Inspire Trust": Prof.

BY GAIL ROTHWELL
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Inspiring trust should be a priority for youth ministers, a seminary professor says.

Dan Aleshire, assistant professor of religious education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, told a group of youth ministers attending a Sunday School Board seminar that youth are more open to trusting in Jesus Christ if they have been exposed to an "environment of trust."

"If youth ministers and leaders are trustworthy, they will have modeled that environment of basic faith when they tell youth they need to trust in Jesus Christ," he said.

Aleshire explained trust is a relationship word and a person cannot trust in something abstract. "The first thing youth ministers should be concerned with is nurturing youth in their ability to trust Jesus Christ," he said. "Faith starts in relationships and is lived out in our thinking, feeling and doing."

The task of helping youth realize their faith relationship will grow as they mature should also be part of the youth minister's responsibility.

Aleshire said youth can

believe in Jesus as Lord without understanding all the "believe that's" associated with the Christian faith. "For instance, children can believe in God and that He loves them without a complete understanding of the virgin birth," he said.

"It is important as youth grow and mature that leaders help them refine their thinking. Help them come to know the Lord but also help them realize they don't know everything there is to know about God. Their relationship with Him will expand and change as they grow."

Aleshire said the church is the place where the family and the youth should be able to develop realistic expectations of what family life is all about.

"Common to all families with youth is the conflict caused by teenagers separating themselves from close family bonds. For 13 years the child has gone to the parents for advice and now he turns to his peers. This change is painful for parents," Aleshire stressed.

"The church can teach families how to deal with conflict instead of ignoring it. The relationship between parent and child must be one of give

and take," he said.
Youth ministers were told they need to help parents learn to give increasing degrees of freedom to youth while maintaining some controls.

Aleshire said the Bible emphasizes children should listen to their parents. "Therefore, parents are to teach and

discuss with their children," Aleshire said.
Parents need to set parenting goals that are true to the gospel, Aleshire said. "These goals include the value of right living, the need for God's presence in their lives, service, caring and, above all, love and trust."

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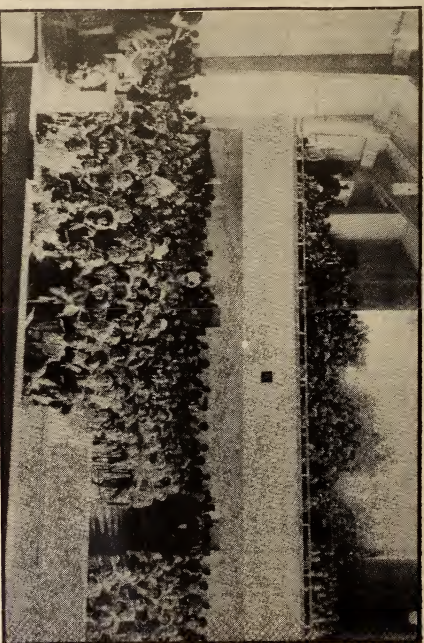
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To wish you the special gifts of Christmas
— peace, joy and happiness.

Christmas: A New Song

BY DR. P. A. BRODIE

Gratefully we are witnesses of another last month, December, in another year and the season of Christmas. With the very first Christmas came a new song. Yet this song is as new to us Christians of this generation as it was to Christians of the many days before yesterday. For the coming of Jesus into our lives gives us a new song which we can sing all the days of our lives. Christmas brought a new song because the Great Promise of a Messiah and a Savior's coming had been kept in the Word's becoming flesh. Before the Incarnation, persons could only sing in great anticipation, but now can they sing as never before, "Joy to the World! the Lord is Come;..." Even the coming of Christ gave a song to the heavenly host, as well as the earth inhabitants, for they did sing at His birth, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

Missions! Will we join hands together with Christ in sharing His love and His Gospel with others that they too can sing, feel, live and share His New Song that He is King, Lord and Savior? For in His coming, need we not fear the night because we can sing, "Silent night, holy, night, All is calm..." "O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"

HE CAME WITH MUSIC

He came with music. And with music He
Will rock the rafters of eternity.
When all of heaven rises to proclaim
The august splendor of His rightful name.
Then man will find His music, His lost chords,
In Christ the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords."

—Helen Fraser Bower

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From CHRISTIANITY TODAY

Martin Luther King

Memorial Banquet

The General Baptist State Convention's Annual Banquet in memory of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 14, 1983 at the Royal Villa Hotel and Convention Center on Highway 70 west of Raleigh.

Each church, association and union will be given credit for donations and the money will be credited toward the Convention's financial goal of \$1,852,486.41. Tickets are available for \$15 donations.

It is imperative that each church request from the Baptist Headquarters the number of tickets needed for the banquet on or before Jan. 7, 1983. Make your check payable to the General Baptist State Convention. Your tickets will be sent to you upon the receipt of your check.

First Youth Evangelism Conference Draws Almost 1000 To Raleigh Church

"Courtship And Dating" First Discussion Topic

Almost before leaders of the Youth Department of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention could take their seats, the church pews were jammed packed with children, teens, and adults awaiting the start of the Convention's first Youth Evangelism Conference.

Raleigh's Martin Street Baptist Church, Dr. Paul H. Johnson, pastor, was the scene as upwards of 1,000 Baptists from across the state converged on the area.

"We didn't know how many to expect," said Dr. Priscilla Brodie in her opening remarks. The executive secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Convention was gratified by the turnout. She called upon the throng of Christian witnesses to enjoy the purpose of the gathering: "spiritual renewal, revival and evangelism. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life."

Dr. Johnson welcomed the congregation and WBH&FMC President Thelma Horton gave greetings.

"Many came and left behind cartoons, football games that were won or lost last night, and other activities," said Mrs. Horton. "But you came because you want to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

The theme for the conference, "God's Word: The Open Door to Evangelism," was addressed by five workshop speakers. They used the sessions as vehicles to move the youth to plan and draw maps for their Christian lives.

"I believe this is going to be instrumental in your Christian growth," said Mrs. Jewell Dunn of St. Matthew, Raleigh. She discussed Christian courtship and dating.

"Every date starts in front of the mirror," she said. "If somebody says something positive, we react positively. You can witness by the way you act. You don't have to walk around with a Bible in your hand. When you go bowling, dancing and to games, remember you are a child of God."

She asked the young people, "Why not choose a God-sent person (as a date)?" And remember, this is for dating, not for marriage. She told them to "Shun youthful passions and aim at righteousness, faith, love and peace" (II Timothy 2:22). Aim for righteousness in dating and always remember God is your first priority.

Other suggestions included: (1) study the Bible together with your date and pray silently together; (2) keep your parents as a higher priority than dating; (3) and give ministry in your church a higher priority than dating.

"We must ask for strength to control sexual desires—necking, petting and making out. Ask God for help. Cling tightly to your faith. And remember, everybody is not meant to be married. God may have another purpose for you."

YOUTH AND SALVATION

Dr. J. C. Harris, pastor, First Baptist Church, Statesville, said young people need salvation in order to live a better life with their peers.

"You can have some salvation right here on earth. We aren't grown as Christians but we're always becoming. To become a Christian, we must allow the Spirit to mold us."

In describing three ways of expressing Christianity, Rev.

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Observations From The

EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY

Dear Brother Pastors, Moderators, Presidents of the District Conventions, Unions, other leaders and members of the General Baptist State Convention:

Let me again thank you for the remarkable way that you have responded to the appeal for the support of our objectives. You have scaled heights and reached new plateaus. You have shown a cooperative spirit and you have exhibited a willingness to give of yourself to promote the program and the cause of our Lord and Master.

Our Financial Challenge

Our Financial Challenge for the fiscal year 1982-83 is \$1,852,406.41. This is the greatest challenge that we have ever had in the history of our Convention. However, I say again that whenever we attempt great things for God, we can expect great things from God. In an effort to reach this financial goal, we will send to each church a suggested quota for the fiscal year 1982-83. A positive response from your church will help the Convention reach the goal.



DR. C. C. CRAIG

Gratitude

In return for what God has done for all of us during the past 11 months of this year, I invite you to join me in expressing our gratitude to Him. Psalms 91 says, "I will praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will show forth all Thy marvelous works."

The British actor, Robert Morley, had this to say about gratitude: "I am not an introspective man, but I am, I hope, a grateful man. Life has treated me kindly, and should she withdraw her favors, I hope I shall always be mindful that for over 50 years the sun has shone on my back."

For how many years has the sun shone on your back? For how many years have you been or were healthy? For how many years have you had God to eat and clothes to wear? For how many years have you had a good relationship with members of your family, sisters and brothers, a mother and father? For how many years have you been a Christian? For how many years have you been a preacher or teacher or a loyal member of the church of Christ? When we consider all of our piled up blessings, how can we fail to say with the Psalmist, "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all Thy wonderful deeds."

Someone has said that we should not take life for granted but for gratitude. For it is our gratitude which is pleasing to God and which keeps us in a right relationship with God. Gratitude keeps us from feeling self-sufficient. It recognizes our dependency upon God. Gratitude makes us spiritually healthy and brings us even more blessings from God. "I will give thanks to God with my whole heart; I will tell of all Thy wonderful deeds."

Thank You, Thank You

To The Editor:

There are emotions of the heart that defy words to express them, but the time honored words, THANK YOU! come closest to express my heartfelt appreciation for all the warm well wishes, plaques and love offerings that I received at the 115th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc., in Durham,

N. C., October 27, 1982.

I shall ever be grateful to the constituents of this great convention, for all the kindness shown me during my tenure as president of our beloved convention.

My best wishes to each of you, and you have my continued support.

J. R. Manley

CORRECTION

In our recent Annual Report, First Baptist Church, Kenansville, was given credit for \$502, the Rev. Alfred Shapless, pastor. This should have been credited in the following manner: First, Kenansville, \$500, Rev. C. W. Wright, pastor. First, Kenansville, \$102, Rev. Alfred Sharpless, pastor. We regret this error and apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused.

LETTERS
Pastor Critical
Of Runoff

To The Editor:

I was much disturbed by the turn our Convention has taken in electing a president at our Convention. I think that we have reached a new low when we must have a runoff in order to elect a president. The person who gets a simple majority, rather than fifty-one percent of the votes.

Dr. J. B. Humphrey won on the first ballot by a majority of 52 votes—660-608. In the runoff, the vote was 332 for Dr. Turner and 268 for Dr. Humphrey. Dr. J. Ray Butler got 187 votes on the first ballot, and was eliminated. One thousand four hundred and fifty-five people voted in the first ballot, but only 600 voted in the runoff. This meant that 855 people, who voted on the first balloting, were not present for the second. These people had gotten off from work, and probably lost a day's pay, in order to cast their votes, only to have them nullified in the runoff. This really polarizes our Convention, which we do not need as we seek to build a new headquarters.

Back-room politics should have no place in our Convention and the fifty-one percent requirement of the votes should be eliminated as a process of electing a president and return to the simple majority.

The only loser in the election was the Convention, and several persons left the Convention promising not to return unless the necessary changes are made to make our election process look more like a body of Christians and not a political, maneuvering and self-serving group, that destroys fellowship and harmony.

Leon C. Riddick, Pastor
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
Charlotte

"Remarks"
Disliked

To The Editor:

Although I am aware that you have to report the news as it happens, I regret that the newly-elected president, Dr. E. B. Turner, "blasted" Governor James B. Hunt, at the closing session of the convention. Nor do I believe that the convention is "an instrument of God." I have been going to conventions too long to believe that.

The ill-considered remarks of Dr. Turner call for an apology, and say more about the new president than about Mr. Hunt.

The governor's appointment of Dr. Manley was, as far as I know, acceptable, if not commendable.

Sincerely yours,
E. R. Echerd, Jr.

Lanes Creek Assoc.
And Auxiliary Meet

By A. E. WATSON

The 86th Session of the Lanes Creek Missionary Baptist Association and the 69th Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary convened at the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Charlotte, Oct. 19-22.

The host pastor was Rev. Preston Pendergrass; moderator, Rev. L. D. Parker. The theme was "Teaching and Growing Our Churches Through Education."

The session was opened on Tuesday evening with a Singing session sponsored by the youth choirs from the churches in the association. The youth choirs sang praises to the name of Jesus, and uplifted our hearts. The theme speaker of the evening was Mr. Felton Pendergrass of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

The Wednesday evening session was sponsored by the ushers and laymen of the association. To open the session, Bro. Fred Cruse, superintendent of St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church Sunday School Department, gave a short inspirational talk on prayer. He stressed the fact that we should pray more. If we would pray sincerely, things would be all right and things would change, because prayer changes things, he said.

The evening message was brought by Rev. H. E. Johnson, pastor of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church. "Have You Searched the Scriptures?" (Timothy 2:15, John 23:29) was his subject. He urged us to search the scriptures; read the Bible because it is a book within a book and you can get all you need from God's word.

The Thursday morning session was opened with Rev. Fisher speaking on the theme of the session. This was followed by the educational sermon by Rev. P. C. Holland, pastor of First Baptist Church Kannapolis. His subject was "Faithfulness is Required." He

urged us to be faithful until death and receive our crown. Did our hearts burn while the man of God proclaimed God's word?

Thursday afternoon, Rev. H. L. Nicholson, pastor of Macedonia and Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, spoke on "Christian Growth." His theme speech was well received. Rev. David Cook, Jr., pastor of Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church, brought the Doctrinal Sermon: "Life's Insurance Policy." Rev. Cook continued to put wood on the fire that had been burning since we started.

Roll call of churches followed Dr. Cook's message. There are 22 churches in the Lanes Creek Missionary Baptist Association. All 22 churches reported to give us 100 percent representation for 1982.

Thursday evening, Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, held a workshop on things in general about the Baptist church and its operations. The workshop was very educational.

Thursday night was Moderator's Night. After a few recommendations, Moderator Parker spoke on the subject, "How to Accomplish Our Mission." After listening to all the other ministers of the gospel speak, Dr. Parker was really on fire for the Lord. Being the moderator, God had prepared him to let the other ministers know he was their leader. I have heard him speak many times, and this time he preached as I have never heard him preach before. He urged us to put on our shoes, crown, robe, etc., here, and do some shouting before we get to heaven. Truly this was the climax of the association.

Friday morning's theme speaker was Rev. Brice Horton, pastor of Belmont Missionary Baptist Church. He spoke

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Hundreds Salute Dr. Paul H. Johnson At Service

BY DELORES MASON

Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green named him the state's honorary lieutenant governor.

President Ronald Reagan sent a letter of congratulations for his almost four decades of community service.

Gov. James B. Hunt sent a certificate, in which he called the honoree "a good shepherd" for having served on the Board of Trustees of Shaw University for 25 years.

The Raleigh City Council and the Wake Board of Commissioners, in separate resolutions, declared Sunday, Nov. 21, Paul Harold Johnson Day.

Dr. C. C. Craig brought greetings from the General Baptist State Convention.

Even if the Rev. Dr. Paul Harold Johnson had tried, chances are that he could not have imagined how his 39-year congregation, family members, Baptist leaders and government leaders would turn out in droves to salute him on the day celebrating his retirement, which will be effective Dec. 31.

Members of Martin Street Baptist Church presented him a "token of appreciation" to the tune of more than \$11,000. Total cash gifts during the retirement ceremony held at 3 p.m. in the church last Sunday totaled in excess of \$12,000.

The show of admiration left the Oxford native all but speechless.

"I am accustomed to speaking to large audiences," Rev. Johnson said to the congregation of about 700 in his brief thank-you address, "but this time my words leave me, and I can't say much."

During the morning worship service, also a tribute to Rev. Johnson, more than 800 members and friends of Martin Street Baptist came to hear a special message from guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Percy High of Durham.

Dr. High, a Raleigh native and former member of Martin Street Baptist Church, delivered to the congregation a conscience-tugging message on giving thanks to those to whom it is due. He said he was inspired to go into the ministry because of Rev. Dr. Johnson.

But it was only natural for so many to show up. For many members, Rev. Johnson is as much as part of the church as the podium from which he has spoken hundreds of times, or the bright red carpet that crawls down the aisles and into the pulpit to rest beneath his feet.

"I've been there for at least two whole generations," Rev. Dr. Johnson said this week from his church office. "I've seen them (the members) born, then married them, and then watched them have grandchildren."

"I'll miss it," he said, adding that not to do so would be impossible.

Church Approves Title — Pastor Emeritus



Benjamin Ruffin, special assistant to Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., reads proclamation making Nov. 21, 1982, Dr. Paul H. Johnson Day in the state of North Carolina.

Rev. Johnson began his ministry in 1933, a 19-year-old boy born into a family where being called to preach was not new. His father had preached for many years in Granville and Warren Counties. One of his uncles, also a preacher, had been active for years in the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

So Rev. Johnson began his ministry and received his first church five years later in Granville County. During the six years he preached at Hardie Grove Baptist Church, he preached at two others in nearby locations.

Rev. Johnson was also an educator, teaching sociology and English in the now-defunct Warren County Training School, a school for

blacks.

He brought his ministry to Raleigh in 1943, becoming the leader of the flock of 300-400 members of Martin Street Baptist Church.

And so it has been. The church membership now harks around 1,200 and the \$20,000 building Rev. Johnson found upon his arrival is now worth an estimated \$1 million.

What he will do with the balance of his time is a mystery to even him at this point. But there is one thing he has already decided: "I'm not going to go home to sit."

Rev. Johnson received Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity degrees from Shaw University. He also earned a Master of

Divinity degree there.

In 1961, the university presented him with an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

The retiring minister is a past member of the Raleigh Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and served as vice president of the Raleigh Ministers Association for two years. He was treasurer of the Raleigh Ministers Alliance for 10 years, and spent three years serving on the Medical Review Board of Wake County Hospital.

He is married to the former Miss Susie B. Cureton of South Carolina. They are the parents of four children.

Rev. Eugene Watson Honored For Work

MERRY HILL—On Oct. 24 at 7 p.m., the Pastor's Aide Club of the Peterson Chapel Baptist Church in Merry Hill gave honor to the Rev. Eugene C. Watson for his pastorage for the past three years. The history of Rev. Watson's pastorage was read by Mrs. Sheila Law Cooper. This history consists of his organizing a vacation Bible school, young adult choir, young women's board, young innovative committee, worship service second and fourth Sundays; and training workshops at least twice a year for all church auxiliaries.

Music for the occasion was provided by the three choirs of the church—seniors, young adults and juniors.

The message for the evening was brought by the Rev. J. W. Law, moderator of the West

Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association, and pastor of First Baptist Church, Kelford; Sandy Point Church, Windsor; and Melton Grove Baptist Church, Windfall. He is also a member of the Peterson Chapel Baptist Church.

His text was taken from II Timothy 4:5. His subject was, "Do the Work of an Evangelist." Many fine and good points were brought out in the sermon as Rev. Law challenged Rev. Watson to do the work of an evangelist. Then Rev. Watson was presented a box which contained gifts from each church auxiliary and members and friends. Rev. Watson also pastored First Baptist Church, Severn, and Saint Elmo Baptist Church, Windsor, both of which were present and made a presentation.

Church Circuit

Hospice Aids Hundreds Facing Death

"I wish I had known about Hospice when my mother was sick."

"I could never have cared for my husband without the help Hospice gave me."

"It meant everything for her to stay at home."

After a long day and an exhausting week, these are the kinds of comments that affirm the work we have done with dying people and their families. Our efforts to give them nursing, emotional, social and spiritual support have helped them cope with some of the most emotionally and physically draining weeks they have ever experienced.

Most hospice programs in North Carolina are oriented toward caring for people at home, although there are several hospital-based

programs. The reality is that death comes to all of us. When the time comes that aggressive treatment—surgery, chemotherapy, radiation—no longer yields positive results, then goals change from curing to caring.

Most people say they want two things—to be comfortable and to go home. Hospice exists to support patients and families in carrying out these wishes. But anxiety is ever-present: "Will I be able to keep him comfortable?" "Who would I call if I get into trouble?" "Will I be able to handle this emotionally?" "Will he? Will the children?"

Working with the patient's own physician and coordinating the services of home health agencies, the hospice team seeks to fill the gaps in current home-based care. The services

that differ from what is readily available are: coordination of services, volunteer support, 24-hour on-call nursing consultation, and bereavement counseling.

In all of our care the spiritual dimension is present. Even if unspoken, the eternal question is there: "Why me?" "Why now?" "What is God's plan for me?" Hospice staff and volunteers are sensitive to these issues; we do not promote any particular faith but remain open to each individual's needs.

Hospice care is for a unique group of people: those who know that their time together is limited and who are struggling to manage that time in the best way possible. We hope to help them live their lives as fully and richly as possible until the very end.

Woman's Page

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

MID-YEAR SESSION. On Saturday, Dec. 8, 1983, this session will convene at the Civic Center here in Raleigh, beginning at 9 a.m. Some features of the program are Bible Study with Dr. James S. Alexander, dean of the Shaw Divinity School; the awarding of the 25 or more years' certificates; conventional information; and preaching by Dr. Clarence B. Gray, pastor of Davis Chapel and Triumph Baptist Church, Washington.

If you have begun preparations for this day, great! If not, please begin making arrangements now. Do include prayerful, mental, and financial preparations for this day of missions. Our financial goal is \$25,000 for this session. We can do it if we pray sincerely, think positively and work earnestly.

LOTT CAREY CONVENTION. Please send to our office for your housing reservations now so that you can secure housing. It is our understanding that many, many housing reservations have been received already.

The convention will be in Indianapolis, Ind.

Dr. Brodie Leads

North American Bapt. Seminar

BY PRESIDENT THELMA HORTON

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, executive secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N. C., was praised by many for the dynamic manner in which she led the seminar during the North American Baptist Woman's Union of the World Baptist Alliance. The Continental Assembly was held Oct. 20-23 at the Municipal Auditorium Arena, Kansas City, Mo.

Amid the pomp and splendor some 3,500 women, representing 17 countries and provinces, shared in the "unique values" which continue to be carried out as the purposes of this union. They are: (1) to promote fellowship, deeper sympathy, and fuller understanding among Baptist women of North America and the world; (2) to exchange information concerning activities and methods of work; and (3) to promote and participate in the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.

Mrs. Marena Williams, the first black woman in history to lead this assembly, completed her term as president with grace and dignity as she called attention to the general theme: "What We Yet May Be," I John 3.

From her seminar theme: "Christian Women's Responsibility in Today's World," Dr. Brodie presented "Being But Becoming Loving People" as her sub-topic. She stressed three main points in her introduction: "(1) as Christians we have not matured yet in love, because we are in the stage of becoming the children of God; (2) we are called to be loving people, not a religious people;

and (3) Johannine writings often express the theme of love, an attribute of God." She included these questions in her presentation: "Who is love? What is love? Where does love serve? and How can we be love through missions?"

Other persons attending the Assembly from the Woman's Convention were President Thelma C. Horton, Dr. Johnnie B. McLeister, Miss Ethel Stanfield, and Mesdames Rosa Holloway, Ruth Torain and Clara Ballance.

The newly elected officers of the Assembly are Mrs. Dorothy Neal of Toronto, Canada, of the Baptist Women's Missionary Society of Ontario and Quebec, president; Mrs. Cynthia Ray of Brooklyn, N. Y., of the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., vice president; Mrs. Carolyn Carlson of Rockford, Ill., of the Baptist Conference of Women, secretary; Mrs. Jo Witten of Ardsley, N. Y., of the American Baptist Women, treasurer; Mrs. Jean Hewitt of Calgary, Alberta, of Baptist Women, Baptist Union of Western Canada, member-at-large; Mrs. Dorene Walth of Citrus Heights, Cal., of the Woman's Missionary Fellowship, North American Baptist General Conference, member-at-large; Mrs. Mary McGee of Los Angeles, Cal., of the Woman's Auxiliary, National Baptist Convention of America, member-at-large; Mrs. Bernice Troy of Columbus, Ohio, of the Woman's Auxiliary, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention, member-at-large; and Mrs. Margaret Clayton of Montrose, Colo., of the Women's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist Convention, member-at-large.

Christmas Spirit Can Be Shared By Those Who Know Jesus

BY PRESIDENT THELMA C. HORTON

As we approach the Christmas season, may I challenge each of you to continue to share the Spirit of Christmas everywhere you go.

The Spirit of Christmas can best be shared by those who have experienced Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, and are "born-again." The Spirit of Christmas is the Spirit of God working through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever be- lieveth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world

through Him MIGHT be saved," John 3:16-17. It is "God's Word: The Open Door to Enlightenment, Involvement and Commitment." "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life," John 6:63. It is the spirit of eternal life, hope, love, joy, peace, truth, brotherhood, the spirit of giving, reconciliation and fulfillment.

The 1982 Christmas season should find every Christian Missionary urgently concerned about the condition of the world. As I attended the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Church Women United and the Continental Assembly of the North American Baptist Women's Union of the Baptist World Alliance, I listened to the "world-wide" echoes, stressing the plight of our brothers and sisters, God's children. Here in America, many merchants were busy preparing their Christmas displays long before the "trick or treaters" returned home with their bags of goodies. Our news media continue to provide us with messages of "Shop early for Christmas" and "capture the Christmas Spirit."

"Come-on commercialism" is not a new idea. It has been filtered down through the years. In addition to the gigantic commercial influence, we get pressure from the sports world to capture the Spirit of Christmas through the entertainment they provide. The most pathetic note of all may come from the fact that less than 50 percent of the world's peoples will be celebrating Christmas as non-Chris-

tians.

To many people, the Spirit of Christmas has been captured by giving toys, preparing and eating delectable foods, sipping various drinks, displaying decorations, exchanging gifts and through family gatherings, revolving around "Jolly Ole Saint Nick."

There is a story told about a foreign child who went to an American church to celebrate Christmas, the birthday of Jesus. Watching the many activities, she became puzzled because she did not see the baby Jesus. After searching for Him, without finding a baby, her question was, "Where is Jesus?"

This is the same question that many are raising today in all of the fanfare and activities that are carried on during the

Christmas season. The true spirit of Christmas can never be realized until men, women, boys and girls find Jesus and make Him the center of their Christmas and their everyday.

Our Woman's Convention theme, "God's Word: The Open Door to Enlightenment, Involvement, and Commitment," offers us hope for the future and the present. When I addressed the Convention in Winston-Salem during our annual session, I stated that God's Word is the solution to every need; therefore, as Christians, we need to share our witness that others may experience Him, the spirit of Christmas.

May I offer you and your loved ones my sincere wishes for a most enjoyable, Spirit-filled Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mrs. Lala Williams Honored By Union

The Person County Missionary Union recently hosted a recognition banquet honoring Mrs. Lala Webb Williams of the Cedar Grove Baptist Church of Roxboro for outstanding, meritorious service as a missionary on the state and local levels.

Presentations, expressions of gratitude, and congratulations were made in the form of tributes, plaques, gifts and flowers. Representing the East Cedar Grove Association was its moderator, Rev. Dr. Harold Timberlake. The Woman's Federation was represented by Mrs. Nannie Lyons. Mrs. Dorothy Okeke represented the Women's Auxiliary. Representing the District IV Sunday School was Mr. Josiah P. Thomas. Missionary Circle from Caswell, Granville, Durham and Person Counties were in attendance. Also in attendance were representatives from the Conference District IV, Group III, of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. The significance and beauty of the occasion were punctuated by the presence of many of Mrs. Williams' relatives and friends from out-of-town locations such as New York, Connecticut, Maryland, Ohio, Washington, D. C., Virginia and North Carolina.

Mrs. Bernice Booker presented Mrs. Williams with a scrapbook of letters and

memorabilia.

The speaker for the occasion was Miss Virginia Wagstaff, young adult director of the Person County Missionary Union. Mrs. G. C. Ragland and Mrs. Dorene Sammons were soloists and Mrs. Bertha Whitted was accompanist.



MRS. LALA W. WILLIAMS

Mrs. Williams is the widow of the late Ulysses Williams, who was a prominent Person County farmer. She is the mother of four children: Robert, a principal in the Fayetteville City Schools; Mrs. Eurydice Smith, librarian in the Person County school system; Cassius, a farm extension agent in New Bern; and Adriel, manager of custodial services at Duke University Medical Center.



Full House Witnesses Graduation For Health And Human Service Project

Even with rain in the area that evening, there was standing room only for the latecomers who attended the Health and Human Service Project graduation at the First Baptist Church of Lucama on Friday, Nov. 12. The pastor, Rev. Odell Forte, welcomed the graduating class of 115 along with a capacity crowd of relatives, friends and other supporters. As the Wilson Association Choir set the tone for the evening, the speaker, Dr. C. R. Edwards of First Baptist Church of Fayetteville, inspired the graduates to continue their learning process because the world is looking for competency whatever one does. He highlighted the graduates'

unique position in the church community as well as the specific health knowledge and skills that they have gained during the many weeks of training. He told them that he was impressed both with their numbers and enthusiasm, and wished that he had brought others to witness the magnitude of the Project's impact.

The evaluation of previous graduates shows an increase in health knowledge, skills, helping networks, and feelings of competency regardless of educational background. To date, 615 graduates have completed training in more than 130 churches in the project area.

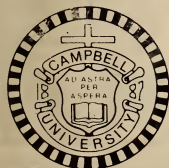
Presently, the Convention is

outlining strategies and seeking support to make the HHSP a Convention program that will reach its statewide membership.



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"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is His reward." Psalms 127:3 KJV.

Pregnancy begins when a single ovum (a tiny cell) from the female unites with one sperm cell from the male. This union is the beginning of life for a new creation. In an effort to give this new creation every chance to survive and grow healthily, there are several protective actions that should be taken.

Prenatal Care. As soon as a woman suspects that she is pregnant, she should immediately see a doctor. The baby that she is carrying develops many of its vital organs very early during pregnancy. The doctor will be able to monitor the proper growth of this baby and will be able to monitor the health of the mother (which affects the health of the baby).

Diet. Every mother-to-be should remember that "What you eat, your unborn baby eats." It is very important to eat a complete and well-balanced diet. Extra foods rich in proteins are very important during this time. Foods rich in proteins are lean meats, fish, chicken, cheese, eggs, and milk. Other foods to be eaten include fruits of all kinds, vegetables (cooked and uncooked)—especially fresh, leafy green ones, and grain products (cereals, breads, etc.). Salt should be used moderately during pregnancy (or as little as possible). Several glasses of water should be drunk every day.

To avoid intestinal gas, chew foods slowly and thoroughly to minimize the amount of air swallowed. Certain foods such as cabbages, beans and fatty foods produce gas as does eating a large meal.

Exercise. If a sport was engaged in before pregnancy and the doctor has not advised it be stopped, it is all right to continue it. Walking is a good exercise that helps circulation and aids in digestion.

Weight Gain. This is an aspect of pregnancy that should be discussed with the doctor. Different doctors recommend different amounts of weight to be gained. But most doctors would agree that pregnancy is not the time to go on a diet to lose weight. So please don't starve the baby in hopes of losing weight. Wait until after the baby is born.

Sleep. During pregnancy, naps during the day and eight hours of sleep every night are recommended.

DO stay away from people with fevers and infections!

DON'T drink alcoholic beverages during pregnancy!

DO tell everyone who takes care of your health that you are pregnant (especially your dentist).

DON'T take any drugs without your doctor's okay (even aspirin).

DO see your dentist early in your pregnancy.

DON'T drink a lot of tea, coffee and colas (more than six cups a day) as it may affect the delivery of the baby and the baby's appearance.

DO report unusual bleeding or other problems to your doctor.

DON'T wear tight, uncomfortable clothing and high-heeled shoes.

DO communicate with and include your partner in on the pregnancy.

And finally, **DO HAVE A HEALTHY PREGNANCY AND A HEALTHY BABY!**

Submitted by:
Barbara Dixon

Health Project Is Presented In Canada

The American Public Health Association selected the GBSC's Health Project to be presented at its 110th Annual Meeting in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Cited as one of the most promising approaches to changing health status,

the Health and Human Services presentation met with a barrage of "how to" questions. The project director, Curtis Jackson, was the Convention's official representative to this conference which was held Nov. 14-18.

Toys Amused Many Youngsters Years Ago In Jesus' Time

BY ELLEN DAVIDSON

JERUSALEM—Children greeted by the bleeps and bloops of electronic games on Christmas morning might find equally intriguing an exhibit in Jerusalem, Israel, that reminds us of the kinds of toys that amused youngsters centuries ago—among them a clay rooster on wheels from Jesus' time.

Modern marvels notwithstanding, kids' basic ideas of fun haven't really changed much, judging from the ancient board games, dolls, and pull-toys on display at the Rockefeller Museum of Archaeology in Jerusalem.

One main difference, though, as evidenced by the millennia-old ivory-headed rag dolls and carved stone race games, is that in "the good old days" playthings were made to last.

Rockefeller Museum curator Michal Dayagi-Mendels decided to organize the exhibition a year and a half ago when she learned that no serious research had been done on the subject of ancient games. The exhibition, a compilation of items gathered from various Israeli museums and private collections in Israel and abroad, is believed to be the first of its kind anywhere in the world. Many of the 40 items on display were uncovered in archaeological digs in Israel during the past half-century.

DAINTY DOLLS

Many millennia ago, girls dressed, fed and loved their dolls as much as they do today. An they could choose from a variety of little companions. Tiny dolls from Greek and Roman times are a highlight of the Rockefeller Museum show. Made of bone, alabaster, wood, clay, ivory or marble, the dolls range from 3 to 17 centimeters (1 to 6 inches) high and most of them seem to have once had movable limbs, some of which have been found in excavations.

So-called Coptic dolls from the 6th and 7th centuries CE are made of bone with movable arms. Many times, the head is intricately carved, while the lower part has an unfinished look. Archaeologists assume that this is because the doll was later covered with rags and mud.

ANCIENT MONOPOLY

Most of the games excavated by archaeologists in this region have been "board" games, incised on floors of houses or carved on stones in fields. They fall into three categories: race games (the winner must finish ahead of his opponent); war games (the winner must remove his opponent's pieces from the board); and hunt games (the opponent must be eluded). The use of dice added an element of chance to the games, but skill was another important factor.

One pastime which apparently kept the kids occupied while their parents were busy praying was found scratched on the floor of the courtyard of the 2nd-century synagogue at Capernaum in



An Israeli toddler admires a second century clay rooster pull toy, restored with a new set of wooden wheels.

the Galilee. Called the Mill Game by curator Dayagi-Mendels, it resembles an ancient English game called Nine Men's Morris. It is comprised of a grid of concentric squares with diagonals. The players take turns to occupy the corners. The idea is to line up three counters which form a mill, thus saving them from attack.

Two other board games in the show, 5,000-year-old Senet and 4,000-year-old Tau, were played in both Babylonia and Egypt before they reached Canaan and Judea (the Holy Land). Both were race games, with hazards and penalties for landing on certain squares, just as in Snakes and Ladders or Monopoly. "Go back to square one" is a phrase that can be traced all the way back to the game of Senet, for that's what happened in this game if you landed on square number 27. The complicated rules of these games pointed to the probability that they were played by educated adults who could not only count, but total up and record results; most likely they were games for aristocrats and courtiers.

The oldest game discovered by an Israeli archaeologist here was found near the Santa Katerina Monastery in the Sinai Desert. A form of Stone-Age checkers, it was one of the original hunt games, played 10,000 years ago. It consists of a stone slab with 14 cuts in two rows and is very similar to a game played by Beduin children in the Sinai sand today.

The clay pull-toys on display are reproductions of sheep, horses, otters and cows. They have holes pierced in their noses, probably for attaching a string, and holes in the feet for a small axle and wheels, which could have been clay or wood. Very few still had wheels when they were found, but the museum experts have fitted most of the pull-toys with modern wooden wheels.

Also included in the exhibition are clay bird whistles and baby's rattles, filled with seeds and pebbles. These items were found in children's graves of the Israelite period, buried alongside those who died young, in order to provide the children with playthings in the "next world."

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Pastor Gets Salary After 49 Years

RUBY, La. (BP)—Forty-nine years after R. H. Whittington served as pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church, the church paid his salary.

Whittington, who was to preach the special 86th Homecoming sermon, was called to the platform by Gene W. Thon, pastor. Thon, A. B. Porter came to the front and said, "We have something for you."

Porter read from the minutes of 1933 which showed the church was behind in Whittington's salary. "We owe you \$75 and

this morning I have a check here to pay our debt."

Whittington became pastor in 1931. In 1933 they were behind in the salary of \$15 per month. "I remember one time they proposed to pay \$7.50 on the salary and \$7.50 on the debt. I tried to get them to cancel it. But the debt remained through the years."

When Whittington received the \$75 in back pay, someone in the congregation asked if that included interest.

"No," Wilson said. "We wouldn't have enough money."



This limestone game board is from the Canaanite Period (1900-1500 BCE). It was found near Beit Shamesh in the center of Israel. The game pieces were found in the hills west of Hebron. (Photo courtesy of the Israel Museum)

YOUTH NEWS

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Harris said the "hidden influence" of a silent faith with little or no outward expression is not enough. He advocated "personal relationships" living by "divine grace and love in all our contacts." The "cooperative effort" means Christians must "get involved in the struggle to do God's work. You must feel you can lead your friends away from the crowd that is heading in the wrong direction."

"To be baptized will not save you," he said. "It is only an act of obedience. To be saved, you must accept Christ as your personal savior."

YOUTH AND BAPTISM

Rev. Vernon Thompson, pastor of First Calvary, Durham, told the youths that Christ promised that "I am going to die, to be buried, and to rise again." He described baptism as the symbol of this event, saying: "...all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death" (Romans 6:3-5).

"You can go in the water a dry devil and come up a wet devil," said Rev. Thompson. "It's an outward show that I confess Christ in my life."

He said charismatics say "It's the way you shout or sing. It's not what you do but what God has done for you."

YOUTH AND MISSIONS

Rev. Percy Chase, pastor, Community Baptist, Durham, emphasized the importance of communicating the gospel of Jesus Christ.

He said that missions are the doing arm of the church; Sunday School is the teaching arm. The missionary department actually calls us to do what we learn in Sunday School.

"To communicate the gospel as young people, everybody must be authentic," he said. "A fad comes and goes, but Christianity is not a fad. Then you must trust in the power of words. Use words that have strength, vigor and concreteness to communicate the gospel."

"You must also learn to come to grips with and recognize agony in the world," he said in closing. "Our video games are not true expressions of war because the agony, suffering and pain are left out."

"GOD'S LIVING WORD"

Rev. John Mendez, a native of New York City and pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Wendell, brought the conference sermon, "God's Word can help men in 1982." Rev. Mendez emphasized. He used as his text Isaiah 40:8, "The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever."

"The Bible contains the living Word, shedding fresh light on our human situation. We see a lot of religious groups using the Bible as a tool for mind control and intimidation. If you have a \$100 donation, they send you a healing blessing."

"Some think the Bible is anti-intellectual. But the Bible is a book of faith, not science or history. There is no contradiction between faith and science."

Rev. Mendez closed by saying that many young people call Christianity a white man's religion. "They're just showing their ignorance. Everybody is included in the Bible, and everybody is somebody."

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Sen. Bond To Keynote NAACP Banquet For Dr. Charles Ward

When Georgia State Sen. Julian Bond comes to Raleigh to speak Dec. 9, 1982 for the Annual Freedom Fund Banquet, the man who will be on the pedestal for recognition will be Dr. Charles W. Ward, retiring president of the Raleigh-Apex branch, NAACP.

The pastor of First Baptist Church in Raleigh, Dr. Ward has been president of the chapter for 11 years. During that time, he has seen the chapter grow from less than 50 members (since 1970) to more than 900 now.

The annual banquet will be held at the Student Union Building at St. Augustine's College at 7 p.m.

Dr. Ward graduated from Morehouse College with a degree in English. He attended Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. He attended Howard University in Washington, D.C., where he received the Doctor of Ministry degree.

He has served as Dean of Missions for the Southern Baptist Convention and later pastored the First Baptist Church of Macon, Ga., from 1951 until 1959.

Dr. Ward came to North Carolina in July, 1959 to

pastor First Baptist in Raleigh.

Since taking the helm of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP, he has led active efforts that created the Barry Wright Defense Fund; led the march that confronted Ku Klux Klansmen rallying in Ra-

leigh; led the protest against hiring practices at Howard Johnson's Motor Inn-North; and was vocal in discussions concerning the magnet schools concept.

Dr. Ward also spearheaded the building of the Rich Park Housing complex.

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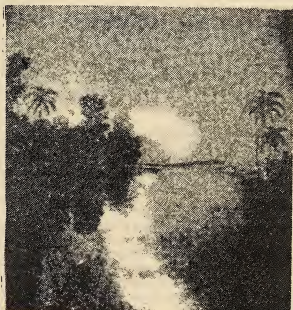
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The family of the late Mrs. Omelia R. Johnson would like to thank their many relatives, friends and fellow church members for the beautiful and comforting expressions of love and sympathy displayed during their recent bereavement.

Mrs. Johnson, who died November 10, 1982, was a member of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh and was married to the late Reverend Alonzo B. Johnson. She was a devoted Christian worker, having worked with her husband at the Berry O'Kelly Training School in Method and later at the State School for the Blind and Deaf in Raleigh. She was employed by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention for 34 years.

A native of Oxford, she also lived more than a decade of her life in Washington, D. C.

She has fought a good fight. She has finished her course. She has kept the faith.

(Paraphrased)
THE FAMILY OF OMEMIA R. JOHNSON



Mr. O. A. Dupree receives a plaque from John W. McQueen during ceremonies last September. McQueen presented the award on behalf of the General Baptist State Convention and the Laymen's League.

Layman O. A. Dupree Honored By Friends Throughout State

Friends and colleagues of Ollen A. Dupree (better known as "O. A.") held a testimonial banquet to honor the longtime educator and humanitarian Sept. 26 at Shaw University.

Dupree, 72, a leader in the Laymen's League of the General Baptist State Convention, saw more than 350 people turn out to fete him and praise him.

A native of Pitt County, Dupree has served as principal of four North Carolina high schools and has worked at three colleges. He is well liked by students and faculty alike at Shaw University, where he has taught and worked for the past 14 years.

As assistant to the director of church relations at Shaw, Dupree said, "I have a great deal of love for Shaw because I don't think its birth was an accident. It was anointed by God to lift the burdens of thousands and thousands of people."

And for many years, Dupree has spent time lifting the burdens of his fellow man—especially youth.

"Everywhere he goes he adopts children to be his own," said Ethal Thomas of Greenville, who once lived with Dupree and his wife, Bessie, while attending college. "He'd see them through elementary, high school, college and even to graduate school."

"He's extended his work beyond his job to continue helping youth," said Thomas E. Key, Shaw's vice president of university relations. "His dedication to young people is outstanding."

Dupree grew up in Pitt County and attended N. C. A&T State University in Greensboro. He has taught at A&T, Florida Normal and Industrial Memorial College, and Shaw.

In 1963, while principal of Sanford High in

Clinton, Dupree began a program to fight hunger and absenteeism among children.

Under the plan, teachers adopted families, and helped with family finances. Teachers used to visit the homes, and the parents knew what was going on in the schools. Dupree still teaches this approach in his classes, urging future teachers to develop innovative programs "to develop the personality rather than just academic work."

Dupree served as president of the state branch of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in the early 1970s and at that time directed a program for disadvantaged youths.

As president of the SCLC, he concentrated on a program to help prison inmates take part in community activities under the supervision of volunteers. He remains involved with prison work, teaching a class at Butner Federal Correctional Institution on values and responsibilities. He also has a radio show on Shaw's WSHM-FM called "Innovations in Learning," which airs Mondays at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Margaret Rose Murray, coordinator for the testimonial steering committee, said Dupree is a "great man."

"He's admired because he really is an honest and sincere role model of a man who does things not because he has to, but because it's in him," she said.

According to Dupree's daughter, Crystal Dickson of Fayetteville, "The Lord gave daddy a gift of wisdom and a gift of love. He's able to share it with many, many people."

Those attending the banquet paid \$12.50 each for tickets. The money raised will help establish an O. A. Dupree scholarship for a student entering Shaw.

God's Word: Door To Enlightenment

(Ed. Note: The following excerpts are from an address made by Mrs. Annie Y. McKinnon at the annual session of the Hoke County Missionary Union at Buffalo Springs Baptist Church, Raeford, N.C. James Kelly, pastor. Mrs. McKinnon is president of the Union.)

Sub Topic: God's Word Gives Light and Knowledge

God's word makes men wise with the knowledge that is golden and brings eternal salvation. No matter how simple one may be, he can become the possessor of eternal life. The Psalmist says that the entrance of God's Word gives light. It gives understanding to the simple. The greatest light came to the world when the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Let us not forget the affirmation of the Psalmist when the darkness of suffering, discouragement, grief and anxiety are in our pathway, but let us read and meditate on God's Word and it will give light that darkness cannot comprehend. Our world is desperately in need of the floodlight of God's Word.

There is no giant switch to pull for the light to shine. If Christians would read the Bible, believe it, practice its teaching and let their little light shine, the gleam would be seen around the world. When we find ourselves walking in darkness, we need the humbleness of heart to ask God to keep us from stumbling, and as He shines the light from heaven on our souls to take out all evil and strengthen us that we may inspire others to come to Him. I

challenge you to read and practice God's Word. It is a light to our pathway.

There are three blessings that one can receive through employing God's Word as an open door: (1) Enlightenment—When we accept God's Word as revealed in the Bible, we can also understand our relationship and responsibility to God and our fellowman; (2) Involvement—Enlightenment inspires involvement. Some Christians claim enlightenment but hesitate to become involved. God has given each of us a talent. Becoming involved will help us discover our resources. Those who become involved will often be criticized but we must remember that Jesus admonished us to work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work; (3) Commitment—To put our trust and ourselves completely in the hands of someone else. Jesus was the example when He was dying on the cross. He prayed, not my will but Thine be done. When we become totally committed, we will find ways, means and resources to accomplish whatever task is before us.

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further on our theme and urged everyone to decide to do his or her best for the Lord.

To close out the afternoon session, Rev. Nathaniel Workman, pastor of Watts Grove Missionary Baptist Church, brought the missionary sermon. He preached the word of God so forcefully that our cups ran over. This opened the way for the Woman's Missionary Auxil-

iary, who were in charge of the evening session. Mrs. J. B. Crowder, president, presided. In this session, we had representatives from all missionary departments in the association. Each representative spoke or sang as a way of representing his or her church. This was enjoyed by all.

The record shows that the 86th Session of the Lanes Creek

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